

## Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior Newsletter 12.12.2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Hello/Hallo*

We are nearly on the countdown to Christmas. Next week, **Elfridges** will open for the children to purchase a gift for a family member. We currently need more gifts to enable all the children to participate. **Please can you check to see if you have any unused and wanted items at home that we can add to our collection.** This year, we are inviting all children to participate in all the events for £5 each. The money will include entry to our **colouring competitions** [look in book bags], the **fete** with a **goodie bag**, a **trip to see Santa's little Elf** in the Infant and Preschool, a **raffle ticket** [this year we have some Babyliss Elegance straighteners, a £24 voucher for The glossy Stop, a Costa coffee voucher, a homemade pirate quilt, a photography voucher, free swimming session, an assortment of alcohol and a Hartford Staff hamper packed with goodies] and **one present** from **Elfridges**. Junior children are invited to pop to the grotto to see Santa's Lil Elf on **Thursday 15th December** between **3.15pm and 4.15pm**. We appreciate that for some families this may be expensive especially if you have more than 1 child, please pop to the office to talk discreetly with a member of staff who will be happy to support you further. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes/Besten Wünsche  
Rae Lee [Headteacher]

This month we are learning German in the Infant school we would love any resources especially books for our display.

### *Nativity in Year 1/*

Parents and Carers of children in **Year 1** [Classes 3 and 4] are invited to the **Christmas Nativity Play** on **Tuesday the 13th of December** at **9:15 a.m.** Each child will bring home 2 tickets for family members to attend for this short production. Please remember that the children's voices are quiet, so we kindly ask that younger siblings stay at home. We cannot accommodate buggies and prams and there will be **no** filming of this production. Please know that we will video the dress rehearsal and upload it to our school You Tube channel and at this performance our preschool children, Reception and Year 2 classes will be invited to watch.

### *School Council/Schulrat*

All children across the **Infant** and **Junior** were invited to participate in **School Council Elections** this week. The children were able to vote for their favoured classmates and I am pleased to announce that the following children were successfully voted into the role for the next year. Congratulations! Their first meeting will be happening soon.

Class 1	Harriet & Elijah	Class 3	George & Isabella	Class 5	Klaudia & Connor	Beech	Isaac K & Scarlet	Pine	Alicja & Joshua	Oak	Ola & Yahya	Willow	Coby & Bella
Class 2	Colton & Vicky	Class 4	Talia & Bryce	Class 6	Ollie & Akif	Chestnut	Dylan & Lotta	Sycamore	Isie & Corey	Ash	Reuben & Lia	Holly	Ewan & Elif

### *Swimming and PE in Year 3 and Year 6/Schwimmen und Sport in Jahr 3 und Jahr 6*

After the Christmas holidays, **Year 6** will be moving their **PE day** to a **Tuesday** and will be going to St Peter's Pool every Tuesday afternoon. How exciting! That means **Year 3** will now have their **PE sessions** on a **Monday**.

**Mrs Wright** was very impressed with the progress the children have made over the past 6 weeks in **Beech** and **Chestnut** classes. Considering these children have not changed their clothes for PE in school since Autumn 2019 before the start of the pandemic they have done so well to become more organised. They have also been brave in the water with many children quickly moving up groups as they have been like Perseverance Parrots and become confident swimmers. Well done!

### *Healthy Selfie/Gesundes Selfie*

If you are out and about and your child is involved in any healthy activities for the mind and body, we would love a picture to put on our **Healthy Selfie** boards.

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### Dates for the Diary

Parent Evenings	Infant School	Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December 3.45pm-6.55pm	A letter was sent to parents on <b>Thursday 24th November</b> regarding booking a slot on School Cloud – check emails
Elfridges Opens	All schools	From Monday 12th December	Children can purchase a gift for a family member for £1.00 from our designated Elfridges shops across the schools.
Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Year 1 Infant School	Monday 12th December	All Year 1 children will need their costume – see overleaf for more details
Y1 Nativity Performance for Parents	Year 1 Infant School	Tuesday 13th December	2 parents can attend for each child [no filming allowed]
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	All Schools	Wednesday 14th December	Children and Staff can wear Christmas jumpers, wear their school made Christmas hat, eat a School Festive Lunch and pull a PATHS Cracker
Christmas Fete	All Schools	Thursday 15th December	All children will access Christmas style activities in the School Halls, they will receive a goodie bag and chocolate treat with a possible visit to see the Santa Elf
Christingle Service	All schools	Monday 19th December time to be confirmed	All children are invited to make a Christingle after school and then attend the service at Hartford All Saints Church – numbers are limited - more details to follow
Christmas Parties	All Schools	Last week of Term dates to be confirmed	Children can wear their party clothes on designated party days - more information to follow
End of Term	All Schools	Wednesday 21st December 3.15pm	[Back to school on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8.45am]

### E Safety/E Sicherheit

Another **Top Tip** from **Mrs Beecher** the **Infant Computing Lead**:

Did you know? 25% of parents of 4-5-year-olds are concerned about the time their children spend online, and this figure is likely to have increased since the data was collected (\*Source: Internet Matters Screen time report: Look both ways 2018). So, you are not the only one who may be worried. [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) has lots of information, resources and top tips, giving advice by age in a clear, concise way. Take a look and you may find something which allays your concerns or helps to support your family with regard to your digital use. If we can support in any way, please come and speak to us in school.

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### Preschool

This week, **Preschool** children have begun learning some Christmas songs, what a fabulous start they have made! Songs are so important to the language development of children of this age group. We have also used our super fine motor skills to make some paper chains to begin to decorate the Preschool room as well as decorating the Christmas tree and painting some pasta ready to thread to make tree decorations. **Next week**, we will continue with our songs and explore our core Christmas book, "Father Christmas needs a wee" by Nicholas Allan.

### Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we had lots of fun designing and making our very own felt finger puppets! We have also been working on our festive homemade paper chains! In maths we have been investigating ways to compose and decompose 3, 4 and 5. In literacy we have used our phonic knowledge to segment and blend words to label pictures for the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. **Next week**, we are looking forward to learning Christmas songs and creating our own musical instruments with junk modelling materials! If you have any kitchen roll tubes or small boxes you could donate to help us with this project, we would be so grateful!

### Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been busy rehearsing our nativity play. Our English lessons have focussed on handwriting and improving our writing. In maths we have been naming and sorting 2d and 3d shapes. We have been scientists investigating materials for a raincoat and finished off our hand puppets. **Next week**, we will continue practicing our singing, acting and dancing as well as beginning our Christmas crafts. Please remember to bring in your **costumes** by **Monday 5th December** at the latest – please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure what your child needs or you are unable to find something suitable.

### Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we planned and wrote a recount from the story 'The Way Back Home'. We hope you enjoy reading them on Tapestry. We incorporated expanded noun phrases and ensured it was in chronological order. In maths we solved x2, x5 and x10 problems. We enjoyed using musical instruments to explore a fast and slow tempo. **Next week**, in English we will be learning how to edit and improve our recount work in English. In maths we will be dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Children should keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In enquiry we will be musicians by arranging a piece of music and performing it with a partner.

### Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we have been doing NFER Tests for reading, grammar, spelling and maths. Children have remained calm and tried their best, which is all we can ask of them. The children read their manifestos (if they wanted to be on the School Council) and the pupils voted for one boy and one girl to represent their class. In English, we have been reading and writing setting descriptions from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. **Next week**, in maths, we will continue focusing on column methods in addition and subtraction.

### Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been working hard on solving a range of subtraction problems and applying our reasoning skills to some problems. In English we have started our new text 'Stark Street' and have been thinking about the characters and plot of the story. In PSHE we have heard some brilliant manifestos, exploring the qualities of a School Councillor and the children shared their manifestos with incredible confidence! **Next week**, in geography we are looking forward to continuing our work on the United Kingdom, exploring national identity and symbols.

### Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we were proud of the effort our pupils have put into their assessment papers. In between demonstrating how much they've learnt this term, we've continued to tell the Nativity story in our RE lessons, with a focus on the Magi and their three gifts brought to the baby Messiah. In history, we watched dramatic re-enactments of the eruption of Vesuvius and drew storyboards to retell the account. In English we have been focussing on adverbial phrases and writing our own. And finally, we all enjoyed listening out for the 'on' sound in French songs about the world cup! **Next week**, we'll begin the preparations for Christmas with many winter themed crafts to make, and possibly even some miniature festive visitors!

### Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we carried out a practical investigation into how different beak shapes are suited to different food to understand Darwin's theory of natural selection. In English, we are almost at the climax of 'The Secret Garden' and are enjoying finding out how the characters of Colin and Mary change as they spend more time in the secret garden. We are looking forward to reading the end of the story next week. In maths we have learned about the order of operations and will move on to fractions next week. **Next week**, we will have a visitor from St Peter's School who will be able to deepen the children's understanding of adaptation to help us in our science work.



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