

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Welcome / Accogliere*

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had many absences with this new infectious Covid-19 variant affecting staffing and children's absences. Thankfully we have the superb Mrs Richards and Mrs Rankin who can work in any year group, pick up the planning and create a seamless learning experience for the children.

Today was the **Easter Fete** and the hall was buzzing with children engaged in a variety of activities. We had a visit from the Eater Bunny and every child has brought home a goody bag. Thank you to EVERYONE who has paid for the fete experience and those families who added a little extra, it really helps to ensure all the children are included. We are still running the **Easter Colouring Competition** [£1 / entry] and the **Easter Tombola** [children bring in eggs and we raffle them off for £2/strip of tickets] and the **Easter Raffle** [ this year we have a **Hotel Chocolat Velvetiser**, a **£10 Hotel Chocolat voucher** and some large runner up Easter eggs – £3 per ticket or £5 for 2!], all **competitions close on Wednesday 30th March**.

Hopefully all **Y1 and Y2 parents** were able to speak to a class teacher on Tuesday or Thursday evening for our **Spring Term Consultations**. Please engage with our survey so that we continue to improve: <https://forms.office.com/r/MNQdB6373Z>. We look forward to our rescheduled **YR** [Class 1 and 2] meetings after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mrs Rae Lee [Headteacher]

*Pre School / Scuola Materna*

**Preschool** have made super Mother's Day cards and decorations where they practised their fine motor skills and creativity, they enjoyed the book 'My Mum Is Fantastic' and thought carefully about what their Mums do, 'Give me chocolate!', "Go on bike rides with me.' and 'she takes me to school', were some of their thoughts. **Next week**, the children will be meeting Mrs Coffin the Crossing Lady with her lollipop stick. They have already made 'stop' and 'go' signs in preparation.

*Year R / Anno R*

This week in **Class 1 and 2** the children have been busy singing, dancing and rehearsing for our special **Easter Concert** we are filming next week **please give permission** for your child to be filmed: <https://forms.office.com/r/YvnAd8aCWc>. We have enjoyed developing and improving our **art** skills and creating a self-portrait with pencils in the style of Pablo Picasso. In our **maths** learning we have been using mathematical language to describe where things are and thinking about one more and one fewer than a given number up to 20, using lots of practical resources to support our understanding. **Next week**, we will be completing a final dress rehearsal before filming our Easter Concert for everyone to enjoy! Our **RE** learning will focus on special books and stories from Christianity and Islam. **There won't be any PE in Reception next week.**

*Year 1 / Anno 1*

In **Class 3 and 4**, we have had fantastic fun with all the **Easter Fete** activities today! We have been joining words and clauses with the conjunction 'and' in **English**, ready to write our own character profiles of 'Gerald the giraffe' next week. In **maths** we have been comparing numbers, by thinking about the tens and ones and have also been comparing lengths and heights, which we will look further at next week. We have been Involved Iguanas in **science** by looking at the structure of reptiles, birds and mammals. In **RE** next week, we will be looking at what miracles are and the Easter story. **There won't be any PE or Forest school in Year One next week.**

*Year 2 / Anno 2*

**Class 5 and 6** have had a busy week writing in **English** a sequel to 'The Pea and the Princess' and revisiting addition in **maths** but this time solving everyday problems. In **science** they have investigated food chains and had a great time at the **Easter Fete**. **Next week**, they will have **RE** and learn about why Jesus is important to Christians and Muhammed is important to Muslims. **There won't be any PE or Forest school in Year Two next week.**

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*Dates for Diary/Date per il Diaric*

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| Week beginning 28th March          | <b>YR</b> [Class 1 & 2] <b>Easter Concert</b> [on video via YouTube to be released]  |
| Friday 1st April                   | <b>Term ends</b> and <b>Easter Bonnet Parade</b> [children bring in Easter bonnets from home and parade in them at the end of the school day]<br><b>YR</b> at <b>2.30pm</b> on the <b>front</b> playground, <b>Y1</b> at <b>2.45pm</b> on the <b>front</b> playground and <b>Y2</b> on the <b>back</b> playground at <b>2.45pm</b> . |
| Wednesday 20th April               | <b>Summer Term</b> begins with our <b>Spark Start Day</b> [bright colours to be worn on the Wednesday]   |
| Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st April | <b>Spring Term Parent Consultations</b> for <b>Year R</b> parents [Class 1 and 2]  |

*School Uniform/Uniforme Scolastica*

After the Easter Holiday, we will expect **all** the children to wear their **Hartford Infant and Preschool uniform EVERYDAY**. Children need to bring in their named PE kits [white t-shirt and blue or black leggings/shorts and suitable footwear] on PE days. On Forest School Days, they must wear their uniform albeit with long sleeves and have their legs covered with tights or trousers [it is shady in Forest School with brambles and insects]. If Forest School is wet the children will wear the school's waterproof suits and their wellies over their school uniform. If you need any support with school uniform, please let us know. Our **School Uniform Policy** is on the school website. Please can all clothing be clearly named and checked regularly for fading. Thank you.

*Easter Concert/Concerto di Pasqua*

Next week, the children in **Year R** [Class 1 and 2] will be filmed singing the **Easter Concert** songs. Please give permission for child to feature in this video, which we will upload to our school YouTube website, via our survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/YvnAd8aCWc> and agree to the terms and conditions of only viewing the performance with your family and not uploading the video to any other social media sites. How exciting!

*Easter Bonnet Parade/Sfilata del cofano di Pasqua*

On the last day of the Spring term, we traditionally have a **Easter Bonnet Parade** at the end of the school day to a favourite song, 'Spring Chicken'. All children make a bonnet *at home* and bring in their creations to school on the last day to 'show off' and we have a lovely time parading them to everyone. Do come along [see the times above] because it is a nice way to end the term together.

*Maths Videos/Video di matematica*

**Mrs Smith** our **Maths Subject Lead** has created two short 10 minute videos to support parents and carers with maths in **Year 1 and Year 2**. They are fast paced so you may [like me] have to pause the video to watch a technique. These recordings are designed for adults so that you can understand the way we teach maths in school. Mrs Smith has also put up a wealth of resources on her **maths subject page** on the school website. Do please look at them, ask us any questions as we are only too willing to help. If there are a lot of views she will make some subtraction videos. As you will appreciate they are time consuming to make so we need lots of hits to know they are a worthwhile resource.

- **Year 1 video:** <https://youtu.be/PT8Zw0YOmZs>
- **Year 2 video:** <https://youtu.be/f6JNHUxyPV4>
- **Maths page on School Website:** <https://www.hartfordinfantschool.org/parent-carer-and-pupil-information/curriculum/subjects/maths>

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