



Newsletter 2

16 September 2022

Dear Parents

It has been lovely this week to see the children more familiar with the routines of their new classes and a special well done to our Year 2 monitors who are enjoying their new roles.

HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II

School will be closed on Monday 19th September for the bank holiday in respect of the Queen's funeral.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is vitally important for the children to achieve their full potential. Attendance is monitored on a daily basis and the school office team will be following up any unexplained absences. All attendance data is shared with our Local Attendance Improvement Officer as well as the Department for Education. Each week I will share with you the attendance of the classes in the chart below and the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a class attendance and certificate each week; watch out for the Tweets from classes, they get very excited!

Where attendance is causing concern, you will be invited in to school to meet with myself, and on occasion, the Local Authority Attendance Officer.

REMINDER ~ SCHOOL TIMINGS

Your child should be in class between **8:45-8:55am.**

If you arrive after 8:55am you are late and will need to enter via the school office and sign in stating the reason why you are late. Lateness is monitored and affects overall attendance marks.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 3:10pm.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. This week we have made it!

This week	96.8%
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ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 12 September:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
BADGER			99.3%
FOX			97.9%
HERON		95%	
HEDGEHOG			96.1%
KINGFISHER		95.5%	
ROBIN	92.6%		
OWL			98.5%
RABBIT			96.7%
WOODPECKER			99.3%
SQUIRREL			97%



Well done to **Woodpecker Class and Badger Class.**

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GOLDEN BOOK

I have a 'Golden Book of Achievement' to celebrate the fantastic learning which is taking place throughout the school. If an adult is exceptionally proud of the achievement a child has made then they are encouraged to bring their book to me or to come and tell me what they have done. I can celebrate the achievements too by rewarding the children with a golden Headteacher's award and a copy of their learning is placed in the golden book. This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Alice</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Aarav</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Aziq</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Alexa</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Kyle</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Mathilda</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Isha</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>
<i>Aleeza</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Asher</i>	<i>Kingfisher Class</i>		

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
<i>Kyle</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Learn to Swim Award ~ Stage 3</i>
<i>Zakariya</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Summer Reading Challenge 2022</i>
<i>Ammar</i>	<i>Rabbit</i>	
<i>Thieran</i>	<i>Robin</i>	
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Heron</i>	
<i>Jessie</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Learn to Swim Award ~ Stage 4</i>

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 3 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>If you could be invisible for one day, what would you do?</i>	<i>Fly in to the sky</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Hedgehog</i>

This week's question is:

What is your favourite fact or memory of Queen Elizabeth II

[Remember to Tweet your answers, use this link~ @HeadCassInf](#)

UNIFORM

A reminder that any previously loved school uniform can be donated to the CSA to support a re-sale and fundraising. Please drop any donations in to the school office.

Please only use the textile recycling bin for non-school uniform items.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

This week we sent out information about the Parent Governor vacancies that we currently have. Please watch this short clip about what is involved: [The role of a Governor](#) or speak to either myself, Miss Applegarth or Mrs Macnish for more information. Alternatively information about governors is on our website: [Our school Governors](#)
Our election nominations closes at 9am on Thursday 22 September 2022.

JEANS FOR GENES ~ Friday 23 September 2022

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

On Friday 23 September we are inviting all children to come to school in jeans (trousers / skirt / shorts) on the lower half of their body and keep their uniform on the top in exchange for £1 donation towards the charity.

£1 donations can be given as cash on the classroom door or payment made via the school gateway.

RECEPTION COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting a coffee morning for all Reception parents on Friday 23 September at 9:15am in the school hall.

This is an opportunity to meet other Reception parents as well as myself and some members of the senior leadership team. There will also be more opportunity to find out more information about Parent Reps.

We look forward to seeing you.

INCLUSION MANAGERS

We are very fortunate to have both Mrs Macnish and Mrs Parker to support with inclusion throughout the school. To ensure good continuity and communication we have allocated an inclusion manager to each class. This is to ensure they build strong relationships with families and professionals involved. Please contact your class's inclusion manager for support and advice in the first instance.

MRS MACNISH	MRS PARKER
Heron	Badger
Fox	Hedgehog
Robin	Kingfisher
Rabbit	Owl
Squirrel	Woodpecker

OPEN AFTERNOON

You are invited in to school on Friday 23 September at 2:45pm to your child's classroom to have a look at their learning that has taken place over the first few weeks of school. Please enter and exit via your child's external classroom door.

ESAFETY

In a digital world it is important to keep our children safe online. Please have a look at our esafety information on our website: [Esafety](#)

Also attached is the termly newsletter from Herts for Learning Education. Much of the information on this newsletter is for older children, however it does not harm to be prepared!

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Please have a look at our 'social media guidelines', these have been devised by our parents for parents: [Social Media Guidelines](#)

Any class 'Whats App' groups that are created are done so through the parents and is not something that is managed or controlled by the school.

WEAR PURPLE DAY ~ Friday 22nd July 2022

On the last day of the summer term we dressed in purple or wore butterflies in aid of the DEBRA charity ~ DEBRA is the National Charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa. We are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing **£173.90!** All of this money will go direct to the charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.

PARENT PIT STOPS

Our parent 'Pit Stops' will begin this term. They are an opportunity to find out more information as to how to support your child at home with their learning / information about school. The sessions are planned and delivered by school staff. Following on from parent feedback we will be delivering 2 sessions for each topic; one at 2pm and one at 6pm, both sessions will be in the school hall. Please see details below.

DATE	Time	FOCUS	INFO	TARGET AUDIENCE
Tuesday 20 th September	2pm and 6pm	Early Years Foundation Stage	How learning happens in the Early Years and how you can support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents with children in Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 5 th October	2pm and 6pm	Read, Write, Inc	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.Any parent who has not previously attended.Any parent who would like a refresher.
Tuesday 8 th November	2pm and 6pm	Reading	Purely focussed on supporting children with reading skills and development and comprehension skills. (This is different to the RWI session above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All parents
Wednesday 23 rd November	2pm and 6pm	Maths	How our sessions are delivered in school and how you can support at home. This is a repeat of the session delivered last term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mainly parents in Reception and new to the school.Any parent who has not previously attended.Any parent who would like a refresher.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Just a reminder if you have not already had the chance, please follow the link to see if you are eligible for additional support for your child in school: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals.

This information is confidential and will not be publically shared.

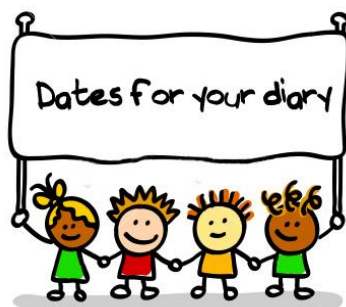
XTRA TIME WRAP CARE

Please ensure that you contact Nicole at Xtra time in person to arrange wrap care for your child. They are very busy at the moment and may not have availability for your child to attend at short notice. It is recommended to pre-book in advance to ensure provision is available.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Tue 20 September	Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop		
Tue 20 September	Early Years Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Wed 21 September	National Fitness Day		
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Fri 23 September	Jeans for Genes		
Fri 23 September	Reception Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9am
Fri 23 September	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Mon 26 September	Nursery Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9:15am
Tue 27 September	Cycle to School Week		
Mon 3 October	Black History Month		
Mon 3 October	Year 1 Parents Coffee Morning	Hall	9:00am
Wed 5 October	Read, Write, Inc Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Thu 6 October	Individual School Photos		
Wed 12 October	Harvest Festival		
Wk beg 17 October	Discovery Focus Week		
Fri 21 October	Focus Week Dress Up Day		
Fri 21 October	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Wed 2 November	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 3 November	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 4 November	Learning Outdoor Day		
Mon 7 November	No Electricity Day (Switch Off Fortnight)		
Tue 8 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Wed 9 November	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Mon 14 November	Well Being Week Road Safety Week		
Fri 18 November	Children in Need		
Mon 21 November	Maths Week		
Wed 23 November	Maths Parent Pit Stop	School Hall	2pm & 6pm
Fri 25 November	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Thu 1 December	Christmas Deco Day		
Fri 2 December	School Closed ~ Occasional Day		
Wed 7 December	Reception ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 7 December	Year 2 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	10:45am
Thu 8 December	Year 1 ~ Christmas at St Luke's	St Luke's Church	9:30am
Wed 14 December	Christmas Pantomime		
Fri 16 December	Christmas jumper and dinner day		

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Wk beg 19 December	Christmas Parties		
Tue 20 December	Nursery Nativity	School Hall	9:15am
Tue 20 December	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Wed 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2022/23**
These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2022

Mon 24 Oct – Fri 28 Oct	Half term
Friday 2 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 21 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2023

Thursday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 9 January	Spring term starts
Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb	Half term
Friday 31 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17 April	Summer term starts
Mon 29 May – 2 June	Half term
Friday 30 June	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 21 July	End of summer term 1:15pm



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AUTUMN 2023

Friday 1 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 4 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 23 Oct – Fri 27 Oct	Half term
Friday 1 December	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2024

Thursday 4 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Monday 8 January	Spring term starts
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils