



Newsletter 13

9 December 2022

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Christmas Service at St Luke's ~ it is always a special time of the year both in the delivery of the Christmas story but also the unpredictability of the 'live' performance. All credit goes to our fantastic children for their enthusiasm in participating in whatever role they wished. I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Reverend Michael and the team at St Luke's for making us feel so welcome, and to Mrs Greenstreet for her behind the scenes support in making all three performances run smoothly. We are very much looking forward to our final Nativity with Nursery very soon!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year. We are below our target.

This week	92.17%
Week beg 28 November	93.55%
Best week to date	Week beginning 03 October 2022 ~ 97.5%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 05 December:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON	94%		
FOX	93.33%		
BADGER	89.33%		
ROBIN	94%		
KINGFISHER			96.33%
HEDGEHOG	89.31%		
WOODPECKER	92.67%		
RABBIT	88.67%		
OWL			96.33%
SQUIRREL	89.11%		

Well done to **Kingfisher Class** and **Owl Class**.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

As well as monitoring attendance, we also monitor lateness. If your child arrives 5 minutes late each day over the course of the week they will have missed 25 minutes of learning time. Over a period of 4 weeks that is 100 minutes and over a term that is 325 minutes (almost 5 ½ hours). Punctuality is important in all walks of life and we encourage the children to be good time keepers.

This week 05 December 2022	326 minutes = 5 hours and 26 minutes
Last week 28 November 2022	291 minutes = 4 hours and 51 minutes



Our punctuality has slipped again, please ensure you are leaving adequate time to travel to school now the winter months are upon us. Children start learning as soon as they come in to school and continual lateness will impact this.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Subhan</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Anaya</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Ava</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Myla</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Imogen</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Akyra</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Aadam</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Ayla</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Jessie</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Saffron</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Riyan</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Devansh</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Laila</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Ileyla</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Fallon</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Maadhav</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Vilte</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Nadia</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Conrad</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Raffy</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Sahin</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Nakshatra</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>
<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Waniah</i>	<i>Heron Class</i>	<i>Aviraj</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>
<i>Katya</i>	<i>Hedgehog 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>Alice</i>	<i>Heron</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 3</i>
<i>Seth</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Chief Scout's Bronze Award</i>
<i>Thieran</i>	<i>Robin</i>	<i>Tamil Learning Award</i>
<i>Thea</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 1</i>

PHONE FREE FRIDAY

This week we had 5 responses to the question of the week! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

Favourite Answer			
Question	Answer	Pupil	Class
<i>If you joined the circus, what would your circus act be and why?</i>	<i>'I would be a lion tamer because I have the same hair as a lion'</i>	<i>Albie</i>	<i>Squirrel</i>

This week's question is:

Would you rather ride a horse or an elephant? Why?

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

FINAL INFORMATION FOR THE PANTOMIME

We are all very excited about our trip to see the pantomime on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

We are aware the temperatures are dropping so please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the walk to the theatre by providing them with a coat, hat, gloves, a scarf and suitable shoes such as trainers.

In order to ensure we are at the theatre in good time we will be leaving school promptly.

Children need to be in class at the earlier time of 8:30am.

We are all very excited...Oh yes we are!

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY ~ Friday 16th December 2022

Just a reminder another favourite event is taking place next week. Children may come in their Christmas Jumpers or special clothes with a donation to Save the Children.

Donations can be made on the classroom door in the morning or via the Gateway; all proceeds will go to Save the Children.

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The children will also be celebrating with their Christmas Dinner too!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

These will be taking place in the last week of term, children may come dressed to impress on their party day:

Monday 19th ~ Year 1 and Nursery

Tuesday 20th ~ Year 2

Wednesday 21st ~ Reception

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Applications for our after school clubs are now open. More information about the clubs offered, days and times can be found here: [After School Clubs](#)

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2023/24

A reminder that all applications for our Reception class intake for September 2023 must be completed by the 15th January 2023. If you are in our nursery or have a sibling in our school or the junior school and have not yet applied please do so via the County website. Here is the link: [Reception 2023 Applications](#)

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Full Governing Board met for the second time this academic year on Monday 28th November; it was great to be able to welcome our new parent governors in person.

During the meeting we covered the following:

- A link governor visit covering English was carried out. The visit found that the long term English plan was revised and a greater emphasis placed on grammar. There was a focus on developing reading and comprehension and plenty of opportunities exist to write, even outside the classroom.
- The school continues to improve the facilities it offers the children in the outside space. We have purchased new gym equipment, scooters and space hoppers for the children to use.
- The school had a visit HIP review (Hertfordshire Improvement Partner). An external consultant from Herts for Learning conducted the review. The visit focused on curriculum planning and the impact of the curriculum. The overall findings were positive. The HIP report noted that the curriculum is broad, balanced, ambitious and activities are planned to give all pupils, including disadvantaged and SEND pupils, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed.
- The Board also discussed parent consultation visits. It agreed with the Head and other school representatives that the 10 minutes time allocated was adequate given that teachers have to speak to 30 parents.
- An update on staff training was detailed.
- Governors had an update on the 'Great Representation' Project the school is currently part of involving Herts Education and 29 primary and secondary schools within Hertfordshire.
- Attendance and punctuality was discussed.
- The Governing Board received a termly Safeguarding audit.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY SALES

Thank you to everyone who donated. The total raised this year was an amazing £359.51 which is more than £100 over last year's total of £237.20. Thank you very much for your support.

STREP A AND SCARLET FEVER UPDATE ~ A message from the Department for Education

"Strep A and scarlet fever – what are they and what are the symptoms?" is a post, with relevant information for parents, which has just been published on The Education Hub blog. We are seeing an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating. Read the new post: [The Education Post](#)

END OF TERM

Just a reminder that the end of term is approaching; the final day for Nursery is Tuesday 20th December (usual timings) and Wednesday 21st December for the remainder of the school. **Please note the earlier finishing time of 1:15pm.**

BEEZEE BODIES FAMILY COURSES

What is BeeZee Families?

A free healthy lifestyle programme for families with children aged 5-15 years who are above the ideal weight for their age. Families will learn about healthy eating, fun physical activity, cooking sessions, top tips for healthy lifestyle, and how to make healthy habits for life!

Their next round of programmes starts soon.

HERTFORDSHIRE LIBRARIES ~ a message from Hertfordshire's Early Years Librarian

Your child is learning to read at school and reading together every day will really help them build their skills and confidence. Children learn best when they enjoy what they are learning. As well as helping them with their class reading book, do try to read other books with your child. This could be picture books, other 'beginning to read' stories and fact books, longer stories or information books – whatever they are interested in.

Do explore your local library?

They have thousands of exciting books to discover. Library membership is free and reception aged children will receive a My First Library card and a special certificate when they join the library. Your child will enjoy being able to choose their own books, helping to make reading fun. Because you borrow books rather than buy them, your child can gain confidence by trying out lots of different books, plus you are helping the environment too!

You can find out more by watching the special library video: [Time to Read](#)

PARENTING COURSES

Please find attached to this week's newsletter a number of courses which are being offered in the local area. These cover a range of topics and you are welcome to book on to as many as you find useful. All booking details can be found on the attached flyer and courses are booked directly with the service teams.

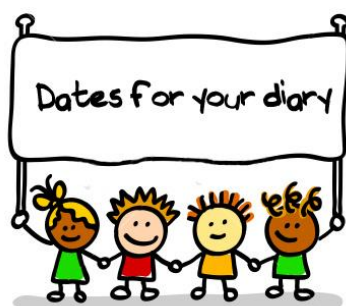
ATTACHED FLYERS:

1. Parents, Carers and Families Newsletter

Have a lovely weekend.

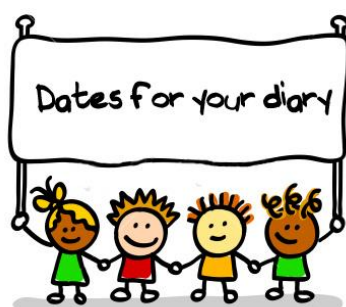
With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Autumn term 2022

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wed 14 December	Christmas Pantomime		
Fri 16 December	Christmas jumper and dinner day		
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		



Spring term 2023

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Thu 5 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils		
Fri 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils		
Fri 27 January	Heron Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk beg 30 January	National Story Telling Week		
Wed 1 February	Y2 St Luke's Workshops	St Luke's	In school event
Thu 2 February	Book at Bedtime	Classes	TBC
Wk Beg 6 February	Well Being Week		
Tue 7 February	Internet Safety Day		
Fri 10 February	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wed 22 February	World Thinking Day ~ Children		
Fri 24 February	Learning together morning	9am	Classrooms
Thu 2 March	World Book Day		
Fri 3 March	Kingfisher Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Wk beg 13 March	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 14 March	World Maths Day		

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Fri 17 March	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 21 March	World Poetry Day		
Wed 22 March	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 23 March	EYFS parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 24 March	Badger Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 27 March	KS1 Reports to Parents		
Tue 28 March	Y1 Spring Extravaganza	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 29 March	Y1 Spring Extravaganza	School Hall	2pm
Thu 30 March	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Fri 31 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm		



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These dates are the same as the junior school.

AUTUMN 2022

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