



Newsletter 19

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

I cannot believe we are heading in to the last week of the spring half term already ~ they do say time flies when you are having fun!

‘Gong hei fat choy’ to all our families celebrating Chinese New Year over the next couple of weeks; we wish you enjoyable celebrations.

Well done to Hedgehog Class today ~ a fabulous sharing assembly. I was so proud to see how confident our children are and clearly love their learning!

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	<b>94.9%</b>
Week beg 29 January	<b>94.4%</b>
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ <b>98.65%</b>



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			<b>98%</b>
FOX	<b>94.3%</b>		
BADGER			<b>97.3%</b>
ROBIN	<b>92%</b>		
KINGFISHER		<b>96.3%</b>	
HEDGEHOG		<b>95.7%</b>	
WOODPECKER	<b>93.2%</b>		
RABBIT	<b>92.4%</b>		
OWL			<b>98%</b>
SQUIRREL	<b>91.3%</b>		

Well done to **Heron Class** and **Owl Class** who had the highest attendance this week; two weeks in a row!

### HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

<b>This week: 9 February</b>	<b>378 minutes = 6 hours and 18 Minutes</b>
<b>Last week: 2 February</b>	<b>237 minutes = 3 hours and 57 Minutes</b>



### GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Jacob M</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	<i>Zara</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Ava</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Anaya</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Saskia</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Thieran</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>
<i>Farong</i>	<i>Fox Class</i>	<i>Asher</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Maisie</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>
<i>Isha</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Sara</i>	<i>Badger Class</i>	<i>Otis</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>
<i>Pak Man</i>	<i>Robin Class</i>				

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## 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
Akyra	Fox	<i>Giggling Panda Chinese Pirate ~ Level 7</i>
		<i>Swim England ~ Level 2</i>

## 40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL VERTICAL LINE.

**Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

## WEEKLY WELL-BEING

Each week we will share one idea to promote family well-being. Please let us know if you enjoy it and if you have any other ideas that we could share!

This week's well-being idea: **Face your fears! Talk about something you are scared of or worried about with an adult from your Network hand and let them help you to find a solution!**

## LEARNING TOGETHER MORNING

Our second Learning Together Morning will take place next week on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. From 9am there will be a 'Head's Up' meeting in the hall for parents. The aim of this session is to give you a quick update of how we are progressing as a school and any new information (it is also to save you loitering in the cold!). At 9:15am the classes will be ready to welcome you in to share their learning. The session in class will end at 9:45am.

Please note, we are **NOT** able to accommodate younger siblings at this session.

## GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Full Governing Board met on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

During the meeting we covered the following:

- The Headteacher's update of the premises, citing that lettings continue to be strong. This provides much needed income for the school.
- The subject of parking again came up for discussion. Local residents continue to complain about their driveways being blocked and cars idling at school drop-offs. There has been a presence of a parking warden in the run up to Christmas, and so we would ask again for parents/guardians to be considerate when parking.
- The Governors received updates on linked Governor roles - this is where a governor will come into school and observe a subject or a subject matter and report on their findings and where applicable, raise items that need attention.
- For our current year to date, we are marginally below the 96% target for attendance. This has in part been due to colds etc, but as we start to approach the longer Easter and summer holidays, parents are encouraged not to take holidays during term time.
- Looking ahead, the Governors will be in attendance at school on 4 March for their Annual Governor Day.

## ONLINE SAFETY

The children were reminded about the importance of keeping themselves safe on-line on Tuesday as part of National Esafety Day. 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 in this newsletter is for older children, however it does not harm to be prepared!

Please can I remind parents that they should have in place measures to keep their children safe outside of school. Children speak in school about computer games that they play at home that are not age appropriate. Please be

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mindful of the age restrictions that are on computer games and ensure that your child is only accessing a game that is appropriate. Each game has an age 'logo' similar to those found on DVDs and looks similar to this:



Your child should not be playing or viewing a game that is above their chronological age as the material in the games will be unsuitable.

**CSA LOGO COMPETITION**

Attached to this newsletter is an exciting competition from the CSA to design a new logo! This is open to all children in both schools. The closing date is the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and entries can be handed in to the school office. Good luck and I look forward to seeing the new design!

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please be reminded that we expect children to attend school in either their school uniform or PE uniform on PE days. Below is a reminder of our uniform policy. Please remember that you are able to wear both logo and non-logo uniform in the school colours; non-logo school uniform can be purchased in most high street shops and supermarkets.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)</li> <li>School sweatshirt/cardigan</li> <li>Grey trousers / grey shorts / grey skorts / Grey tunic / grey skirt</li> <li>Grey tights</li> <li>White / grey / black socks</li> <li>White / grey / black leggings or 'cycling shorts' maybe wore under uniform for modesty Light blue and white check dress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy coloured jogging bottoms</li> <li>Navy coloured hoodie or jumper (with or without school logo)</li> <li>Coloured T shirt (linked to the child's house team; red, blue, green or yellow)</li> <li>Black shorts</li> <li>Velcro trainers</li> </ul>

**JEWELLERY**

The wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted unless it is a necessary reflection of religious beliefs. Ear studs are acceptable but only plain and small in type. Earrings that dangle or hoops are not allowed as they can cause nasty tears to ears in the playground. The wearing of jewellery in PE is prohibited for safety reasons. All children are required to remove earrings before taking part or tape them up with micropore tape to avoid accidents. You will need to provide micropore tape in your child's PE bag.

**NURSERY APPLICATIONS**

Our Nursery applications for September 2024 close on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. If you have not yet applied you can find more information here: [Nursery Admissions](#)

**ANTI-IDLING**

Please be reminded that as a school we support the anti-idling campaign. Idling is when you have parked your car but you keep the engine running. By idling you continue to pollute the air around the school meaning our children breathe this in as they walk or cycle to school. Please turn off your engines while parked and be an anti-idling champion!

**CLUBS**

A reminder that there are still some places available at our after school clubs. Please look here for more information: [After School Clubs](#)

## NO OCCASIONAL DAY IN JUNE

A few parents have asked me about an occasional day in June similar to last year. There is NO day off in June this year, our term dates were set well in advance and we have used our allocated days to enable an early finish to the school term in July. Here is our summer term dates:

### SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery end of summer term ~ usual time
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

### Reminder

#### FANCY DRESS CLOTHES AMNESTY ~ SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT

Fancy dress costumes often have short lifespans. While most are worn only twice, a shocking 2 in 5 are donned just once. This results in an estimated 7 million costumes being discarded annually in the UK, intensifying the environmental concern.

So in a drive to be more sustainable and support families with the cost of living, we are continuing our 'Fancy dress clothes amnesty'. We will collect in unwanted fancy dress outfits clothes, with a pop-up shop taking place the week beginning **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, enabling you to purchase pre-loved costumes in time for World Book Day!

Please send donations onto school via your classroom. Many thanks for your support.

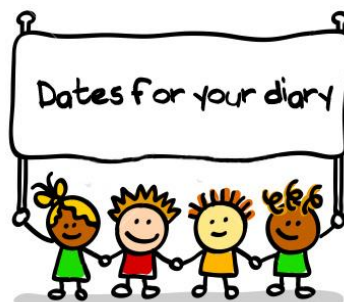
#### THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

1. Herts for Learning ~ Esafety Newsletter
2. DSPL Newsletter
3. School Nursing Team Newsletter
4. CSA Logo Competition

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

*Charlotte Cooper*  
*Headteacher*



## Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Well-Being Week		
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 St Luke's Workshops		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Wk Beg 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pop up Fancy Dress Shop		
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day ~ Scout / Brownies Uniform Day		
Wk Beg 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Waste Awareness Week		
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day		
Wk Beg 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2023/24**  
These dates are the same as the junior school.

### SPRING 2024

Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb	Half term
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery end of Spring Term ~ usual time
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

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#### AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

#### SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

#### SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 21 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils