



Hertford Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the fine weather continues over the next 2 weeks and that you all enjoy a really lovely holiday with your families.

Spring Holiday Dates - final reminder

The last day of term is Friday 4th April - School ends at 3.05 pm.

Children return to school on **Monday 21st April** - Start 8.50 am.

School Dinners- Mmm!

Did you know that we provide hot lunches which are freshly cooked on the school premises? Our cook Brenda adjusts menus to cater for what our children like and dislike and she can also cook vegetarian and dairy-free options.. The cost of a school dinner is £1.75 per day (£8.75 per week). (We ask that if your child has a school dinner, then they are to have dinners all week, as this is to save confusion for the children). Thank you.

Ladybirds Outing To Plumpton College - Yesterday

We thoroughly enjoyed the day trip to the farm - Ladybirds were a real treat to be with and were fascinated both by the newly born calves, lambs, piglets and chicks, and the pungent smell! Thank you to all parents who came and helped on both the Ladybird and Butterfly class trips and made them such a success for the children.

Great News

Butterfly class have finally 'flown' back to their own classroom - with new carpets, vinyl flooring, pink walls and ceilings (the children's choice of colours!!) Thank you to everyone for being so accommodating over recent moths and to Mr Johnson and his staff who have set up the 'new' classroom.

Double Great News

Hoorah! The reception garden was re-opened today! The children really enjoyed returning to their garden.

Attendance This Week - The same as last week

92.32%

(Local Authority target for the year = 94.6%)

Family Reading - Mondays 2.40pm (Reception and Key Stage 1)

Please come to the office to sign in and then go along to your child's classroom to share books together.

Family Learning

For all Reception and Year 1 parents. This is an 11 week course running every Tuesday morning from Tuesday 29th April until Tuesday 15th July. A group of parents and children will be working on fun activities with 2 very experienced Early Years teachers, developing skills and strategies to help children with their reading and writing.

An introductory 'family fun workshop' will be held in the main hall on Tuesday 22nd April from 2.00pm - 3.00pm when parents can come along to meet the 2 teachers, work together with their child on activities and decide if they would like to sign up for the remainder of the course. Younger children are welcome but parents will be responsible for them whilst they are at school.

Numbers are limited so please return the slips at the bottom of the letters which were sent out with your child yesterday.

Hearing Children Read At Home

Did you know research has shown that children who read regularly with a consistent adult (e.g. parents and grandparents) make the best possible progress with their reading? Home support really can make all the difference so please aim to read with your child every day - including books from school and at home reading labels/signs when you are out and about. Thankyou.

After School Clubs

Letters have been given out with details of each after school club that will be running after the Spring holiday. The clubs are as follows:-

Yoga Bugs - Mondays

Music Club - Wednesdays

Art Club - Thursdays - (**NOW FULL but you can still put your child's name on the waiting list**).

Multi-Skills - Fridays

If you would like to sign your child up for any of these clubs, please see Sarah in the office.

Artwork In The Playground

I do hope you are all enjoying the new art work in our playground. The mosaics on the entrance ramp, the painted wooden circles and the acetate window collages were all done by children in Sparrow class as part of their creative project with 2 artists in residence. All represent the 4 elements - wind, earth, fire and water and help make our playground more colourful and for the children. Thank you to all Sparrow class children, staff and parents for their very successful art work and particularly to Ms Bartlett for managing the arts project.

NUT Teachers Strike on Thursday 24th April

All parents will be given a letter tomorrow explaining the effect of the strike on our school.

Oil Collection

The next date for the 'Slick School' oil collection will be Friday 23rd May from 8.45 - 9.30 am. Please bring in your used vegetable oil in a well sealed container, to put in our special oil collection bin. Your oil is then recycled into bio-fuel. This is a valuable contribution to our ECO work. Thank you for your support.

Hertford Junior After School Club

Reminder to all parents - There will be no after school club at the juniors on Monday 21st April as the Junior school is closed for an inset day. Thank you.

Bob The Builder Visit

Bob the Builder visited our school today and saw many of the children in class. He left leaflets and stickers in the office regarding his visit to Brighton in June. Please collect from the office if you would like information about his show. Thank you.

Achievements - These are recorded weekly in our Achievement Book which parents are always very welcome to come and look at in our office.

Penguins - Harley, Ali and Justin.

Puffins - Archie, Albert and Tiegan.

Sparrows - Tilly, Harvey and all of Sparrow class..

Ladybirds - Josh, Iyleisha, Megan, Fin and Lola.

Butterflies - Marmar , Ben F. and Chloe.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Thompson
Head Teacher