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# Hartley Primary Academy Newsletter

## 26 January 2018

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## Full STEAM Ahead!

### Mrs Sarah Goosani, Principal

It feels like yesterday that we came back following Christmas but already we are over halfway through the term. I would like to thank all of you who have been so supportive of my letter regarding the parking on yellow lines and the turning zone outside the main entrance to the school.

There has been a significant reduction in traffic in this area and a marked improvement in visibility and therefore child safety. I would like to request that we now show the same consideration at the top gate into Fairby Lane where we also get congestion and cars parking on the yellow lines. Several parents have come forward to suggest strategies to ease the situation and raise the profile of safe driving and parking around the school. Thank you to all of you who have shown such interest and support; we are considering your ideas and may put some into practice.

The hard work of our PTA is really visible this week with the construction of our outdoor classroom. All our teachers have received updated training on outdoor learning activities this week and we are all very excited about our new resource and making the most of it with

the children. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our PTA and to all of you who have donated at different events to help raise the money for the classroom. This building will make such a difference to our ability to use the outside in all weathers. The next stage will involve sourcing and laying paving in front of the classroom and making a pathway from the playground. Any parents who can help by donating unwanted paving or who could give their time to help with any of our site projects – please do let us know!

Planning for our STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) is gathering pace! Building on the success of the week held back in July last year, we have a number of projects and workshops for the children to enjoy from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The Leigh UTC will be lending us their robot during that week, we have Sphero programmable robots in school and Mr Higgs will be running Science workshops. Mrs Bransgrove will host Safer Internet workshops, classes will learn how to use Virtual Reality goggles and we have matchstick model making plus vehicle design and build! Keep an eye out for details of the poster challenge competition – winners from our academy will be entered into the UK-wide National Science Week poster competition!

### Dates to Add to Your Diary

Confirmation of Term 4 Clubs –  
**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January**

PTA Movie Night – to 5.30pm  
**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

STEAM Week  
**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Eagle Heights Visit – in school -  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**INSET Day – School Closed –  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**Half Term –  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb inclusive**

Start of Term 4 – Clubs start this week  
**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Book Week – Parents Stay and Play  
**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Parent Consultation Evenings –  
**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> February and Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March**

World Book Day – We celebrate on -  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Year 3 Chocolate Workshop  
**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> March**

## Parent Survey - Spring

Thank you to all those parents who have given us your feedback online over the past few terms. You can look at the results of the latest survey here: [Results Autumn Term 2017](#)

The survey for this term is now open! The survey will be open for your input for the remainder of this term and during Term 4.

### [Term 3 Parent Survey](#)

As always, please let us know if you have any concerns you wish to raise. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, a Monday afternoon 'Pop-In' can be booked via the School Office.

## Attendance

Regular attendance in school is essential; the Department for Education has made the decision that if a child's attendance drops below 90% they will be considered a 'persistent absentee'. Most children's attendance is 95% or above. Punctuality is also important. Every day, between 8:45 and 9:00am, children have either 'early work' or in some cases our Teaching Assistants will be running intervention groups. It is therefore extremely important that children arrive on time at school. Children who arrive **after 9.00am** must be signed into school by an adult, via the School Office.

ATTENDANCE FIGURE  
CURRENTLY AT:

**96.54%**

Should your child be absent from school you must inform us before **9.00am** that morning and then on each day of any subsequent absence unless discussion has taken place about your child's specific illness or condition. Please bring in confirmation of the appointment so office staff can photocopy the details. This will assist us in deciding how to record the absence; whether it is authorised or unauthorised.

## PTA Movie Night

Will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb immediately after school.



Play4Ages will not be running on this evening.

Collection time is **5.30pm** from the school hall.

## Sports Relief 2018

Please put the date in the diary! With the support of our School Council and Sports Crew, we are planning a Sponsored Fun Run on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Further details and sponsor forms will be coming home soon.

## Eagle Heights Visit

During our STEAM week, we will have the pleasure of a visit from Alan Ames from Eagle Heights.



If you haven't already done so and would like your child to have their photograph taken, please complete the request which came home by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. The cost is £5.00 per photograph – if you have more than one child in school you can also request a sibling photograph – please remember to provide the right amount of cash! £5.00 = per copy, thank you.

## Ofsted Online Safety Webinar

You may have already seen an email sent out to you detailing an online webinar, hosted by Ofsted and The Breck Foundation. Starting at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**, the webinar is open to all school staff and parents. Please register via the web link below. The webinar lasts for an hour.

### [Ofsted Online Safety Webinar](#)

## Allergies/Olive Dining

We have implemented a new system this term – children with known allergies who currently have school meals are given a **blue wristband** to wear at every lunchtime so the Olive Dining team can more easily identify them. Other schools have a system like this in place – be it a wristband or a lanyard – it's working well so far – especially for our younger pupils.

If your child would like to swap from a packed lunch to school dinners, please inform the School Office – giving us at least one week's notice as food supplies are ordered at least a week in advance. The cost per day is now £2.25, that's **£65.25** for Term 4. Please ensure payment is in school **for the week ahead**, thank you.



## School Closure in the event of bad weather...

We always hope that once we're out of January, then we're out of the woods! The UK weather being as it is, this is no guarantee...

We keep a close eye on weather forecasts at this time of year and will always endeavor to keep the school open.

However, in the event of school closure, we will text and email alerts to parents and update our website via the news ticker on our home page – please can we ask that you keep us informed if your mobile number or email address has changed, thank you.

Confirmation will also be published on [www.kent.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter) (parents can also register with KCC for SMS/email alerts).

### School Office Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm, Fridays 8.30am – 4.00pm.

To report a child's absence please ring 01474 702742, selecting Option 1.

For general enquiries you can email

[office@hartleyprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@hartleyprimary.org.uk)

For Attendance/ Breakfast Club enquiries you can email [attendance@hartleyprimary.org.uk](mailto:attendance@hartleyprimary.org.uk)



### Water Bottles!

A reminder!

All children must have water bottles in school please!

**November's  
Scholastic Book Fair**  
Raised **£1,212** worth of books  
to stock our Library!



## Our PTA

The PTA is busy organising the many events still on course to take place this year.

Having met this week to review previous fundraising events and looking forward to the next ones, we are pleased to be able to confirm the Christmas Fair raised a staggering **£3750.00** in December! That's a big increase on previous years' profits and we owe a huge debt of thanks to our PTA who worked tirelessly to make it the best one yet! What with donkey ride sales, Christmas trees to order and collect as well as the usual stalls and competitions we have added to the current funds. It's not all about the money either – we provided the refreshments for the Carols and Coffee Afternoon, set up for local residents to the school and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

We don't stop here – The PTA Quiz Night will be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Hartley Country Club** (more details to follow), the Mother's Day Stall will be open for business, as will the Ready to Wear Rail and our attentions have also started to focus on the Summer Fair!



## Fundraising so far this year...

Tea towels, Christmas Cards, Bags2School, Christmas Craft Morning, Christmas Discos, Christmas Production Refreshments.

Want to get involved?

Email: [hartleyprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:hartleyprimarypta@gmail.com)



**\*\*SPRING DATES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS\*\***

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	PTA Movie Night – Collection at 5.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Week of Clubs
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	STEAM Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Eagle Heights Visit in School <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed to Children</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-Term Break</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Library Visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 2 Library Visit
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book Week – Parents Stay and Play
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 RAF Museum Visit Parent Consultation Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception Children – Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Testing in school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National Offer Day – Secondary Schools Parent Consultation Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Celebration Day (for HPA) PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Library Visit
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Library Visit
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Chocolate Workshop in school
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Library Visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Library Visit
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Library Visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 Library Visit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief/Sports Crew Sponsored Run
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Week of Clubs
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Library Visit
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Library Visit
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April Inclusive</b>	<b>Easter Break (Good Friday 30/03/18 and Bank Holiday 02/04/18)</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First Day of Term 5</b> <b>Clubs Start</b> National Offer Day – Primary Schools

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### Mrs Creed and the School

**Councilors meet on a regular basis to discuss new initiatives, fundraising and other school matters.**

Our main focus at the moment is recycling around the school. Councilors and their classes will be instrumental in managing food waste which children generate during break-times. With the aid of school staff, we will have collection points in KS1, Lower and Upper KS2 and in both Cherry and Apple Tree classes. Paper/plastic recycling is well underway in each classroom.

Our councilors discussed at the last meeting their concern that there are a lot of children playing in the woods at collection time and in the quiet area on the top playground. These areas are out of bounds and councilors have been asked to remind their classes of this. Please can we ask parents and carers for their support in upholding these school rules, thank you.

The School Council will be working with Mrs Fewell's Sports Crew to publicise and promote a sponsored run around the school field on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Councilors voted to raise funds for new outdoor benches, as well as giving 25% of the proceeds from sponsorship to Sport Relief 2018.



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Our current library is moving! We are hoping the renovation/relocation – to the ICT suite will be in place by September. We will keep you updated on developments.



## Our School Councilors:

Oak Class - George Taylor

Elm Class - Havana Pease

Beech Class - Ruby Taylor

Sycamore Class - Jack Hollis

Ash Class - Noah Galinis

Maple Class - Carys Freeman

Rowan Class - Francesca Morrissey

Willow Class - Haarishkar Jeganmohan

Chestnut Class - Harrison Flint

Silver Birch Class - Lola Russell

Redwood Class - Hannah Fletcher  
and Brandon Spires

Cedar Class - Conor Morrissey  
and Calum Plant

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On Monday 8th January, a contingent from Year 6 took part in a 'Solutions for the Planet' challenge at Longfield Academy. The aim of the day was to develop creative and leadership skills in finding a solution to major sustainability problems involving energy, water or waste.



'Solutions for the Planet' bring together businesses and schools to design solutions to major social, environmental and economic challenges.

Our children worked alongside groups of Year 7 and Year 8 students as well as Year 6 children from other primary schools.

The solutions focussed on using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) principles and had to be 'achievable', 'beneficial' and 'clever and creative'.

Each team was asked to present its solution to the other delegates.

The ideas put forward were assessed based on whether they were innovative and how new or existing technology could be applied to achieve the end goal. Mr Dutton supervised the day for our pupils and commented on the professionalism and enthusiasm demonstrated by our delegation.



For further information

please visit: [www.solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk](http://www.solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk)



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## take PRIDE



On Wednesday 10th January pupils from Year 6 took part in an athletics event organised by our Take Pride partners and Mrs Fewell. The event was held at Cobham Hall and we participated with children from other primary schools in the local area.

Mr Dutton and Mrs Masters looked after the children during the day and provided expert coaching as needed! The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition - we need to work on trying to beat St Johns' Primary School next year !!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who kindly transported our children to and from the event - we couldn't enter these competitions without your help, thank you.

