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**'Improving outcomes for all our pupils
through high quality teaching and learning'**

Parent Newsletter – 25th September 2026

It has been great to meet so many parents this week whilst I have been on the gate in the mornings and after school. I have enjoyed listening to feedback from parents and children about the school and this is helping me to shape our vision for the future. Year 5 have enjoyed their swimming lessons this week and Year 2 have had a wonderful Florence Nightingale Day today pretending they are in the Crimean War! Year 3 are swimming next week and they are looking forward to their lessons.

Tea, Talk & Tales / Tea, Maths & More

Next week we are hosting 'Tea, Talk & Tales' – an opportunity for parents to come into school, to see the school in action and to take part in reading activities with their child. During each of these sessions I will also be holding an 'Introduction to Miss Hunter' session so that parents get to know more about the new Headteacher of Hobbs Hill Wood. This will be followed by Mrs Green's presentation on how we teach reading in KS1. Please come along!

- 29th September: Tea, Talk & Tales Parent Session KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 9am – 10.15am
- 1st October: Tea, Talk & Tales Parent session EYFS – Nursery & Reception 9am – 10.15am

We are also hosting 'Tea, Maths & More' – an opportunity for parents to come into school and take part in maths activities with their child.

- 22nd October: Tea, Maths & More parent session LKS2 – Year 3 & 4 9am – 10.15am
- 22nd October: Tea, Maths & More parent session UKS2 – Year 5 & 6 10.45am – 12pm

Changes to KS2 Gate End of Day Collection

I communicated with parents earlier this week about changes to our collection process for Year 3,4,5 and 6 parents. On Monday, parents will need to come onto the Year 3/4 Playground via the Year 3/4 or 5/6 gates. There will be signs and adults on the playground to help guide you to the new dismissal space for each of the classes. The gates will open at 3.25pm and children will come outside to meet you on the playground at 3.30pm. Teachers will need to hand over children to an adult unless a parent has completed the Year 5/6 survey giving them permission to walk home on their own. Please be patient with us as we are likely to have teething problems in the first few days but hopefully in time this should lead to a calmer, safer transition at the end of the day.

Helmets for Cyclists

All children cycling to and from school need to be wearing a suitable helmet. This protects children if they were to have an accident whilst riding their bike to and from school, especially with such a busy road outside. Please can we ask parents to support us with this so we can keep children safe when commuting to school.



Parents' Evening

Last week we sent out communication to parents about Parents' Evening. Please remember to book your Parents' Evening slot through Arbor. We are running two dates:

- Monday 12th October until 7pm & Wednesday 14th October until 6pm

Changes to KS2 Morning Gate – From Monday 2nd November

A reminder to parents that the KS2 gates will open from 8.25am from Monday 2nd November. This is a change as currently the gates open at 8.20am. This will continue until half term.

School Nursing Newsletter from the Herts Nursing Team:

The newsletter contains health and wellbeing information, practical advice, and details of local support services available to children, young people, and their families. By sharing this information, we can help ensure families have access to trusted resources and know where to seek support when needed.

Newsletter Link:

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/7BK1-CJ6/hct-school-nursing-a26>

Parent Governor Vacancies

Would you like to play a greater part in the future of our school? We are currently looking for three parents or carers to join our Governing Board as Parent Governors. We are keen to hear from people with a range of experiences and backgrounds who are committed to supporting our school and helping every child to thrive. You do not need to be an expert in education. What matters most is your enthusiasm, willingness to learn and commitment to our school community. To find out more, please contact the school via the front office and we can arrange for a telephone call or meeting to share what the role involves. We look forward to hearing from you !

School Association Help Needed!

I met with the wonderful School Association this week who have fundraised over £20,000 for the school over the last year. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help at events and to join us on the School Association Team. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting on **Monday 5th October at 6.30pm in the Myatt Room (next to the main school office).**

School Association Upcoming events:

Thursday 8th October – 'Mini' Disco for Nursery & Reception with their Parents/Carers 5pm – 6pm

Wednesday 21st October – Halloween Disco for Year 1, 2, 3 from 5pm – 6.15pm

Wednesday 21st October – Halloween Disco for Year 4, 5, 6 from 6.30pm – 8pm

Christmas Gift Shop – Time to get ordering:

The online shop for Christmas cards and other gifts is open now until 12 noon on 1st October. Get some of your Christmas shopping done early and raise funds for the school at the same time! All the details are on the card that came home with your child. Happy shopping! 🎄 🎅 🎁

My NameTags:

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 24% to our School. Please help us to return lost items and support School Association fundraising by placing an order for labels with My Nametags. Use the My Nametags link

<https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=4234> and enter the School ID 4234 when placing an order.

School Lottery



Welcome to the Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - please see our Facebook page and School Association news letters for specific targets.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school>

School Association Facebook Page

To join the School Association facebook page use this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/731531916907279/?ref=share>

	Class Teacher Award	Handwriting Award	Special Achievement Award
Comets	Haani Qaiser	Naksh Kumar	Ivy Van Der Ploeg
Stars	Marnie McCarthy	Kayaan Khan	Marie Stedman
1C	Harrison Kinsella	Albie Marshall	Emilia Umurski
1W	Ralphie Holder	Willow Backhouse	
2G	Sofia Corodi	Sophia Law	Amara Hussain
2H	Frank Fletcher	Freya Wood	Benjamin Riley
3A	Alaia Lowther	Hallie Carrington	
3M	Annabel Chainey	Max Oprea	Oscar Souter
4C	Noah Uddin	Milana Lariceva	Alfie Cormack
4S	Henry Howie	Huxley Jennings	Montague O'Malley-Lewis
5B	Alicia Rutherford	Lea Nurce	Zoya Bilal
5M	Riley Marvel	Jackson Gott	
6G	Alissa Schiopu	Elliotte Ball	Rosie Panos
6T	Alice Mennie	Joy Wattam	Elijah Goodway

Excellent Work Awards:

Rua Gardiner-Taggart 2G

Gwen Bannister 3A

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hunter

Headteacher

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