

# Hartsbourne Herald

## Holiday Play Scheme



Hartsbourne  
Primary School  
Hartsbourne Road  
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### GROUNDWORKS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

Groundworks are holding a two day event in our nature reserve on 22nd and 23rd December 2016. To book a place contact Carolyn Mallott reference Hertsmere Playscheme on 01707 260129. (See the PDF e mailed earlier this week).

### ACHIEVEMENT LAST WEEK (OUR VALUES)

**Year 1:** John is a great role model and always tries his best.

**Year 2:** Sabawon has resilience and perseverance.

**Year 3:** Kian is always a supportive friend.

**Year 4:** Aryan always demonstrates a mature attitude to learning.

**Year 5:** Isobel has great confidence with all subjects.

**Year 6:** Elena has an independent approach to homework.

### CHRISTMAS CARD ENTRY; ARMED FORCES COVENANT

The winning school this year was Green Fields JMI in St Albans. Pictures from every school went to HMS St Albans and are brightening up their Christmas on board. In addition pictures have also gone to other local armed forces units including 254 Medical Reserve Regiment in Hitchin, and the Joint Strategic HQ in Northwood. **John Birch, Corporate Policy Division.**

**CHRISTMAS SHOWS:** We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas shows next week. If at all possible, please don't bring toddlers and babies to the shows; they get bored and it can be distracting for the children who have worked hard on their performance.

Please remember: KS1 siblings see the KS2 show during the day and should **not** be brought to the evening performance. This helps to ensure we have enough seats for adults.

### NOVEMBER CLASS ATTENDANCE

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	CLASS	% ATTENDANCE
RECEPTION	98.6%	YEAR 4	94.7
YEAR 1	98%	YEAR 5	97.4
YEAR 2	97.4%	YEAR 6	96.9
YEAR 3	96.4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97% (Our target)!</b>

Have a lovely weekend from Valerie Hudson and all the staff at Hartsbourne.

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### OFSTED 2016:

The Headteacher has established a **very caring culture** for these pupils, and **all staff fully subscribe to it**. Pupils have **total confidence** in adults to deal with **any issues** that arise either in class or in the playground. School leaders are..... **constantly striving to seek ways to support individual pupils.**



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* = parents invited	
<b>AUTUMN TERM (2ND HALF)</b>	
Rec/KS1 Show* 2.00pm	12.12.16
Rec/KS1 Show 9.30am	13.12.16
KS2 Show* 2.00pm	14.12.16
KS2 Show* 6.00pm	15.12.16
Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day £1	16.12.16
Christmas Panto in school	20.12.16
<b>NO SKIPPING CLUB</b>	<b>21.12.16</b>
<b>END OF AUTUMN TERM 2.00PM</b>	21.12.16
<b>SCHOOL RETURNS FRIDAY (!)</b>	6.1.17
Close of Primary School Applications	15.1.17
Friends' KS1 and KS2 Disco Thurs.	25.1.17
Termly Governors' Meeting 6.00pm	25.1.17
Themed Week	6.2.17
Reducing Sugar in Children's Diets talk	7.2.17
Friends' Valentine's Day Cake Sale	10.2.17
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>13.2.17</b>
Parents' Evening (early) Tuesday	7.3.17
Parents' Evening (late) Thursday	9.3.17
Mothers' Day Sale Wednesday/Friday	22/24.3.17
Y6 to PGL	27.3.17
<b>End of Term: Friday: Close 2.00pm</b>	<b>31.3.17</b>
<b>INSET:</b>	<b>18.4.17</b>
<b>School Opens 8.45am</b>	<b>19.4.17</b>

**COLLECTION FROM CLUBS:**  
Please collect from the following areas:

- Football Club should be collected from the playground.
- Sports clubs, dance and drama in the hall should be collected from the hall door.
- Art Club should be collected from the Y5/Y6 double doors (side entrance).

Hertfordshire County Council have developed a directory of parenting courses, which is available on the website at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport).

TESCO; WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED AN £8,000 GRANT TO IMPROVE OUR NATURE RESERVE!

BIG THANKS TO ALL THOSE PARENTS WHO SHOPPED

<b>PRIMARY APPLICATIONS</b>	
Primary applications for new Reception open	7.11.16
Close of applications	15.1.17

**MESSAGE FROM HCC RE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:**

We want to improve how and where we provide you with information and advice if you have a child with special educational needs or a disability (SEND). Please tell us what you think or what your experiences have been by completing our short online survey at:

<http://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/SENDIAG/> We look forward to hearing from you before the deadline of 31 December.

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# Writer of the Week

Year 1: Mackenzie for great focus with researching the features of non-fiction writing.  
 Year 2: Henry for brilliant work writing a calligram.  
 Year 3: Jaxon for his planning of a recount and lovely handwriting.  
 Year 4: Libbi for focusing hard on neat presentation.  
 Year 5: Aaron G. for work on the poetry unit.  
 Year 6: Eli for a noticeable improvement in the quantity of work produced.

# Mathematician of the Week

Year 1: Jessica for excellent effort ordering time events.  
 Year 2: Jessica for great work finding fractions of a shape.  
 Year 3: Fin for super effort understanding capacity and volume.  
 Year 4: Lana for excellent presentation of division questions.  
 Year 5: Aaron de J. for work with fractions.  
 Year 6: Karina for accurate line graphs and pie charts.



## FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE DIARY OF EVENTS 2016—2017

WHAT	WHEN	TIME/WHERE
Christmas Colours Day	Friday 16th December	School £1.00
KS1/KS2 Disco	Wednesday 25th January	School Hall
Reducing Sugar in Children's Diets (talk)	Tuesday 7th February	School Hall
Valentine's Day Cake Sale	Friday 10th February	School Hall
Mothers' Day Sale	Wed 22nd/24th March	Classroom
Movie Night	TBC	TBC
Spring Tidy Up	Saturday 6th May 2016	Grounds
Fathers' Day sale	Wed 14/16th June	Classroom
Bring a bottle/dress down	Friday 30th June	School
Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July	School Grounds
Crazy Hair/Ice Cream Sale	Wednesday 19th July	School

# Housepoints Congratulations!

**Sika**      **Roe**      **Muntjac**      **Fallow**

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# Parents' Forum Notes

WHAT'S GOING WELL	EVEN BETTER IF....
Playground equipment, eg outdoor gym	There was an even more competitive sports day.
School lunches	More continuous assessment, they stay at the same levels for a long time.
Book challenge in Year 4	More times tables practise especially in Y3
Classroom blogs and website	More clubs, especially at lunchtimes.
My children are happy to come to school!	There was a lost property box.
Open door	
QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	
Could we have after school tennis lessons, a school netball club or rounders?	The multi-sport club in summer term sometimes play tennis.
Do teachers keep a record of Friday certificates? Some children get more than others.	Teachers do keep a record, there are 3 certificates per class per week.
Are records kept of the Headteacher's sticker awards?	No; but teachers are encouraged to send children for a golden sticker.
What was the outcome from the Tesco vote?	£8,000 has been awarded to improve the nature reserve.
Do the children have IT lessons?	Yes, this is timetabled weekly.
Is there a standard policy for learning a musical instrument?	The children learn recorder in Y3 and djembe in Year 4 and Year 5. Peripatetic teachers come in to teach guitar and piano.
Why are school dinners allowed a dessert but packed lunches aren't?	Packed lunches are allowed dessert; they are <b>NOT</b> allowed chocolate bars/sweets (eg milky way stars) and chocolate biscuits. Plain chocolate cake is acceptable.
What play equipment is planned for KS1?	Adventure trail or similar in the music area. Eventually the boat will be removed.
Do you put out balls, skipping ropes etc at playtime?	Yes; small balls for tennis (not footballs) or catching games. We may restrict equipment if the playground is very wet and slippery.
Could we have a choir, chess club, swimming?	We have had two choirs at Hartsbourne, sadly attendance starts strongly and falls off quickly. We do not currently have any adult in the school who plays chess. The vast majority of parents do not like to pay for the coach to go swimming which takes an afternoon. We will re-visit this with Governors.
Do children read to the Head teacher?	No, but it's a nice idea! I'll try it.
Are all parents aware of the birthday book scheme?	Possibly not, Friends will see if they can re-activate in the spring term.