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NEWSLETTER 3



Headteacher
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18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations which were sent to the Broxbourne Foodbank.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 25th October

On Friday 25th, the last day of the half-term, there will be a non-uniform day to raise funds for our PTFA. It will be a 'Yes!' day and children may come to school in their favourite outfit. The usual donations apply. Thank you for your support.

Fire Safety

With the forthcoming Hallowe'en and Bonfire nights ahead, please see the attached information Newsletter from the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Library Adventure - For parents and carers of Reception children

Has your child visited the library to take part in the My First Library Adventure? Please see the flyer below with details.

Reading Passport Successes!

Congratulations to the fifty-five children who have completed reading passports this term. Keep reading!

Smoking / e-cigarettes / vapes in school

Please be aware that our school site is a strictly no smoking area. This includes the smoking of e-cigarettes/vapes. Please do not vape on our school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Dogs in school – further reminder

We are continuing to see parents with dogs in school. This is against our school policy. Only assistance dogs are allowed on school grounds with the permission of the Headteacher.

Autumn Parent Consultations

The dates for the parents' consultations are the 23rd and 24th of October. These meetings will be face-to-face meetings in school.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 21st October to take individual and sibling photos. Please can all children come to school in their school jumper/cardigan.



Secondary Admissions 2025

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of Thursday 31st October 2024. We recommend that parents complete it by Friday 25th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents of Year 6 pupils should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Any applications received after Thursday 31st October 2024 will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

Playground equipment – reminder

All of our playground equipment is for use only during school hours, under the supervision of the teaching staff. These areas are out-of-bounds for all pupils before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

NHS Healthy Start

For those families expecting a baby, or with children under 4, and in receipt of benefits, please see the attached flyer.

Parking in Rose Court and Jacksons Drive

Rose Court parking is a private car park with a large sign clearly visible at the entrance. Unfortunately, some parents are ignoring the sign and are clogging up Rose Court's visitor parking every day. Some parents are also parking by the main entrance, which means anyone driving out has no safe way of exiting as the view to the right is blocked.

Please be aware that this is a residential development specifically for elderly people and as such, the few visitor spaces are for daily carers, nurses and family members. Also, people like the gardener, window cleaner and maintenance staff need to have a place to park. Please be considerate of our near neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Jacksons Drive residents are also becoming increasingly frustrated with the inconsiderate parking and, in some cases, the aggressive behaviour of some of our parents. We would again ask that you show consideration to our neighbours.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Our poppy appeal will start next week on the 21st of October and run until the 11th of November. This year, as well as the traditional poppies, the Royal British Legion has provided the school with some extra items to sell (reflective poppies and wristbands). The recommended donation for all items is £1. The poppies are 'sold' in class and are not available via the school office.

Wishing our whole school community a restful half-term.

*Yours sincerely,
Mr G. Gaidoni,
Headteacher*



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Halloween and Fancy Dress

Do you know the dangers around Halloween costumes catching alight? It is good to know the likelihood can be avoided with a few simple steps.

Advice for parents

- Check that all Halloween and fancy-dress costumes you buy carry a CE or UKCA mark on the label.
- All Halloween and fancy-dress outfits should always be kept away from fire, lit candles, and all other naked flames.
- Do not carry pumpkins with lit candles inside, consider using battery-operated candles instead.
- Children should always be supervised by a suitable adult.
- Homemade fancy dress costumes or those not tested to the same flammability standards may ignite easily and burn quicker.
- Ensure children can be seen in the dark. Think about wearing something reflective such as a reflective strip, and carry a torch.



[Fire Chiefs urge care and caution with children's costumes \(nationalfirechiefs.org.uk\)](http://nationalfirechiefs.org.uk)

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



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Fireworks

Firework displays at home can be great fun, but it is important they are used safely. Children tend to get hurt rather than adults so you must keep them safe!

Sparklers can get almost 5 times hotter than cooking oil and should not be given to a child under 5.

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop and ensure they conform to British Standards – check they have BS7114 written on the box.
- Do not buy them from an unlicensed market stall or anywhere you are not sure about.
- The public can buy and set off most fireworks that fall under categories 1 to 3.
- Always read the instructions carefully.
- Ensure you have plenty of room to set them off.
- Make sure there is only one person in charge of the fireworks.
- Don't drink any alcohol until they have all been set off.
- Never return to an unlit firework, it could still be live.
- Make sure you extinguish all embers before going to bed.
- Consider going to an organised event instead.



NFCC and BBA urge families to think twice about home firework displays.

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Carbon Monoxide

As we approach the colder months, we all look to putting the heating on again. It is vital that you service and maintain your boiler once a year. It will prolong the life of your boiler and may protect you from harmful carbon monoxide gases.

If you have a carbon monoxide detector installed at home, it will alert you to a leak immediately.

You should test it once a week where possible. If your detector sounds you should:

- Stop using all appliances and evacuate the property immediately (try to stay calm and avoid raising your heart rate.)
- Call the National Gas Emergency Service number on 0800 111 999 to report the incident or the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Gas Safety Advice Line on 0800 300 363.
- Not go back into the property (wait for advice from the emergency services.
- Get immediate medical help.

[Carbon monoxide: general information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Did you know?

- Carbon monoxide does not have a smell.
- It is known as a silent killer.
- It is highly poisonous and is a flammable gas.
- Home boilers that are installed incorrectly, and the use of BBQs and portable generators inside homes can produce carbon monoxide.
- A brief exposure to small amounts of carbon monoxide may cause headache, flushing, nausea, dizziness, vertigo, muscle pain or personality changes.
- Exposure to higher amounts may cause movement problems, weakness, confusion, lung and heart problems, loss of consciousness and death.

If you need any further information or advice on any of these topics, please feel free to call our friendly staff at your local station:

- **Hertford Fire Station**
01992 507611
Hertford.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Cheshunt Fire Station**
01992 901900
Cheshunt.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Bishops Stortford Fire Station**
01279 696800
BishopsStortford.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

For parents and carers of Reception children - has your child visited the library to take part in the My First Library Adventure? Here's how to take part:

Visit a Hertfordshire Library twice by 30 November 2024 with their special 'My First Library Adventure' bookmark. They were given one at school. Or you can ask for one at the library.

	<p>Complete your Library Adventure to enter the Prize Draw</p> <p>Win a visit from author/illustrator Chloe Savage for your class at school! Plus 50 lucky winners get a personalised signed Chloe Savage book.</p> <p>★ Each time you complete a step of your adventure ask staff to stamp your bookmark.</p> <p>★ It's easy to get a My First library card - ask your grown up to bring proof of their name & address. Already have a library card? Bring it into the library to take part!</p> <p>★ Spend time at the library discovering all the exciting books to borrow - there are 1000s to choose from!</p> <p>★ Take your completed bookmark to the enquiry desk by 30.11.24 to enter the prize draw.</p> <p>Find out more about the My First library card & Hertfordshire Libraries at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/myfirst</p>	<p>Visit 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your child shows us their library membership card or • your child joins the library. (For new members we will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address e.g. an energy bill, council tax bill or rent agreement) • they choose and borrow 1 or more books • then they ask library staff for the first 2 'paw stamps' on their bookmark <p>At home: have fun sharing the book(s) together</p> <p>Visit 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • return the book(s) to the library • tell staff about your favourite book, • collect 2 more paw print stamps on your bookmark • enter the prize draw. We have signed copies of 'The search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage to win
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Children love to choose their own books, and it's free to join and borrow books from the library – just remember to bring them back on time or renew them if you want them for longer. You can find the opening times of all the Hertfordshire Libraries at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

In your local library you can discover:

- picture books – to enjoy together
- beginning to read books - to encourage your child as they learn to read
- information books – to spark their interest in learning about the world
- eBooks and eAudiobooks (including picture books) online and via the BorrowBox app – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks

So come on an Adventure and explore a Hertfordshire Library!



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries





If you're pregnant or have children under the age of 4, you could get help to buy food and milk

Apply online to get your prepaid card.

You could be missing out on free fruit, vegetables, or milk worth at least £220 a year and free vitamins.

If you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old, and are in receipt of benefits, you could be entitled to a Healthy Start prepaid card worth £4.25 per child per week to spend on healthy food and milk.

Check your eligibility and apply at

www.healthystart.nhs.uk



www.healthystart.nhs.uk

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