



Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Families,

End of Autumn 1 and



We're at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. We've all got to know our new teachers and class spaces. We know who the adults are in school who will be there to help us and we're learning more each and every day. From the 4th November, we've made some adjustments to the roles of some of our teaching staff so they are able to support me in my role as Headteacher. While we continue the search for a Deputy Head, Mrs Breteche, Mr Peters and Mrs Young will all be taking on the role of acting Assistant Headteachers. Each of these staff members will be leading an area of school life to ensure we are making progress to

be the best school we can be. They will be able to share more information with you next half term when their roles will begin.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to seeing parents in school for Parents Evening meetings on Tuesday 12th November – 3.30 – 6pm and Wednesday 13th November – 4pm – 7pm. For these sessions you wait in our dining hall where you can look at your child's English and Maths books before the teacher welcomes you into the school hall for a one to one meeting. During your 10 minute session with the teacher, there is time to hear how well your child has settled into school life this year and if there are any areas your child can work on at home with your support. It is important we see as many families as possible during this time. You are able to book your appointments on the Arbor App and bookings open tonight at 6pm – please book an appointment.

Attendance

An area we must work on as a school community is our attendance and lateness. We have been in school for 38 school day this year and during those 38 days we have had **465 late marks!** That is equivalent to more than every child being late at least once so far this year. We must improve our starts to the day. Being on time is important throughout our lives and being on time for the start of the school day is important. Missing the beginning of a lesson has a real impact on us as learners. Let's improve our lateness as we start the second half of the Autumn Term. Our whole school attendance for the first half of the year is at 93.5% - 2% lower than the national average. We must try to be in school every day. Holidays during school time are not acceptable and fines may be issued by Hertfordshire County Council for repeated absence, holidays or insufficient information about absence. Let's work together to make our attendance the best it can be.

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97%	92.6%	96.8%	98.4%	95.5%	91.1%	91.1%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
91.4%	95.1%	94%	93.6%	94.8	99% (nearly there!)	97.8%

Winter Menu for School Lunches

We will have our new menu available, for school lunches as of Monday 4th November. Please see this below.

Please ensure that school dinners are paid for in advance. It is the family's responsibility to ensure that the balance remains topped up. Please do not rely on messages from the school office to remind you.

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	MAIN MEAL 1	Breaded Chicken Grill	Chicken Pie	Roast Beef with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
	MAIN MEAL 2	Margherita Wrap	Veggie Sausage Bow Pasta	Shepherdess Pie	Egg Breakfast Muffin	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Brown and White Rice or Pasta Shapes	Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Penne Pasta or Hash Browns	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Ham Roll	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2	MAIN MEAL 1	Veggie Sausages & Gravy	Chicken Pasta Bake	Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
	MAIN MEAL 2	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Tomato Bolognese	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Penne Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Cheese Baguette	Ham Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Egg Roll
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 3	MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fillet Fingers
	MAIN MEAL 2	Cheese Pinwheel	Italian Pasta Bake	Creamy Quorn Pie	Breaded Bean and Vegetable Grill	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Pasta Shapes	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
	COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Ham Roll	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)

Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily.

🌱 = Vegetarian 🌿 = Vegan.

We are proud to use the following food brands:

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Week 1: 4 Nov, 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 6 Jan, 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 17 Mar
 Week 2: 11 Nov, 2 Dec, 13 Jan, 3 Feb, 3 Mar, 24 Mar
 Week 3: 18 Nov, 9 Dec, 20 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 Mar, 31 Mar

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World Mental Health Day

To make time for myself I will play my favourite music and do arts and crafts at the same time
 Helen BM

For world mental health day we asked children, staff and parents how you make time for yourselves. This week's idea is "play my favourite music and do arts and crafts at the same time" which is a really lovely and creative one ☺

Scaries and Fairies Disco

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our school disco. We had some very scary and very lovely scaries and fairies! Big thanks to Miss Wheeler and Mrs O'Sullivan for organising the event and to all our staff who were able to support in one way or another – modelling some excellent dance moves, selling drinks, tidying, donating sweets – everything was appreciated. I must remind families that we do have deadlines for school activities as we need to have the numbers of those attending, and the relevant payment in advance, to be able to order the correct items. For this disco we had more than 50 people approach us after the deadline – please take time to read and respond to messages as soon as possible. We want all children to be able to join in and with your help – they



will be able to.

Have a safe and happy half term – we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November 2024 – registers are taken at 8.50am – let's all be on time!

Kind regards,

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Sarah Kneller
Headteacher



Date	Event
Friday 25 th October 2024	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 25 th October 2024	Parents are able to book Parent evening meetings for 12 th and 13 th November from 6pm tonight
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 6 th November	Flu jabs- all children in Reception and upwards
Monday 11 th November	Harvest Festival Competition week
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent evening meetings-3.30pm-6pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent evening meetings- 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 14 th November	Individual and sibling group photographs
Friday 15 th November	Judging of Harvest Festival Hampers
Thursday 28 th November 2024	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Friday 29 th November 2024	OCCASIONAL DAY - No pupils in school
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 11 th December	Coffee Morning (See Poster below)
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 14 th February 2025	School finishes at Normal times for Half Term
Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4 th April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5 th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26 th May- Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in school
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23 rd July 2024	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm

Coffee Mornings

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

9-10am in The Room of Requirement (old ICT room) accessible from main playground

Wed 16th Oct – PE Lead Mrs McNamara will be speaking

Wed 13th Nov – Borehamwood Food Bank talk and Class Harvest Hamper Competition information

Wed 11th Dec – Mental Health and Wellbeing Talk





HARVEST HAMPER COMPETITION

**TO RAISE DONATIONS FOR
BOREHAMWOOD FOODBANK**

**The children will decorate Harvest Hampers
as a class and parents & carers are asked to
donate food to fill them.**

The competition will run over the week starting
11th November and judges from
**Tesco, Morrisons and Borehamwood
Foodbank** will be coming in on **Friday 15th
November** to judge the best hampers for each
Key Stage and awarding prizes!

FOOD ITEMS WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON:

Rice (500g or 1kg bags) • Tinned Carrots • Crisps •
Tinned Rice Pudding • Tinned Hotdogs • Tinned Meatballs •
Tinned Meat • Tinned Fruit • Tinned Custard • Coffee •
Cooking Sauces Jars • Tinned Fish • 1ltr Juice Cartons •
Jams • Peanut Butter • Honey • UHT Milk (1ltr) •
Porridge • Biscuits • Spaghetti Hoops •
Teabags • Tinned Tomatoes • Cereals •
Tinned Peas • Tinned Sweetcorn •
Tinned Potatoes • Savoury Biscuits



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- ◆ Improve communication to build better relationships
- ◆ Build on your own and your child's strengths
- ◆ Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe



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Application deadline: Thursday 31 October 2024

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Application deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

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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>My First Library Adventure</p> <p>I have joined the library & have a library card with my name on</p> <p>I have chosen a book to borrow from the library</p> <p>I have shared the book I borrowed with a grown up</p> <p>I have returned the book to the library</p> <p>My favourite story is</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Each time you complete a step of your adventure ask staff to stamp your bookmark★ 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!★ Spend time at the library discovering all the exciting books to borrow - there are 1000s to choose from★ Take your completed bookmark to the enquiry desk by 10.11.24 to enter the prize draw <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

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