



Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Families,

Speak Out, Stay Safe

On Monday, we participated in the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** Programme. 'Speak out. Stay safe.' is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

We watched a child friendly programme introduced by Ant and Dec, which is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate information. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.



We are eager to work together to support children to speak out to safe adults at home or at school when something is happening that worries them. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of our school team. Please ask your child to tell you what they remember from our assembly this week.

Attendance week ending 11th October

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
95.5%	92.1%	95.5%	84%	97%	96.5%	91%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
88.2%	95.9%	92%	95%	88.8%	96.5%	96%

Who will be the next class to hit 100% attendance? Remember, that at the end of each term, the class with the most weeks of 100% attendance get rewarded with a treat! Last year, this was the very popular Muffin Madness. This year we are going to check with the children if they would like to carry on with this or choose a different treat to motivate them to be the 100% champions! 😊

Lateness



Please do try to get your children in to school **on time**. Late arrivals disrupt lessons and can make the children that are late feel anxious to enter their class room when all of their classmates are already settled.

Lateness can also contribute to unauthorised absence levels and increase the chances of a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

Rumours and Gossip

This week certain year groups have needed support to remember how important it is to tell the truth and to not believe information other people have told us as the truth. We've had incidents where children have shared false information and whipped themselves into a frenzy by sharing this information and causing potentially dangerous situations to occur. We've talked about the game 'telephone' where one person starts with a short phrase and whispers it to the next person and on and on around the room until the last person receives the phrase and shares it. This game has shown how information changes as it is spread and becomes further away from the truth in the same way that a rumour can spread harmful, false information about someone. Please do speak to your child about sharing information about things they have witnessed themselves – not information others have told them about.



Mental Health Fundraising – Miss McNamara and Miss T

This weekend, Miss McNamara and Miss T are walking 20km overnight! They are raising money for Mental Health UK. This is a charity dedicated to providing essential support and resources to individuals and families affected by mental health challenges. We all need to take time to look after ourselves and our own well-being. If you'd like to donate – please see the link to their page here: <https://fundraising.mentalhealth-uk.org/fundraisers/TeachersonTour>. We wish them the best of luck and hope to post a photo of them on our social media when they've completed their challenge!

Leadership Challenges

Our theme at school this year is 'I am a leader'. Each cohort of students across the school have been challenged to complete a task to support our school, our community or the world. Reception are starting us off with their Harvest Hamper Competition. There are many ways to donate – the children will be donating their time creating beautiful hampers of food to be collected and we'll ask those who are able, to consider buying a couple of extra items when you are doing your shopping. The poster shares the items that will be most appreciated but any dry, tinned or packets of food will be welcomed. **Please bring any items of food in to your child's class in the weeks commencing 21st October and 4th November 2024.**

As the year goes on, other classes and teams will be sharing their activities. I can't wait to see the joy and positivity we will be able to share through our children's leadership this year.

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

Parking



Once again we have had various reports of extremely unsafe parking at drop off and collection times. Please be mindful of this and park safely and legally at all times. **Dangerous parking endangers lives!**

We encourage you to walk to school when possible. If you have to drive, please think before parking. We would like to keep our children safe at all times and **dangerous parking increases the risk of accidents.**

Poppies

Children will be able to purchase poppies and other merchandise w/c 21st October and the week after half term, w/c 4th November. The Royal British Legion volunteers will collect donations on 12th November.

The RBL are grateful for whatever you are able to donate, and we suggest **minimum donations** as follows:

Poppies: 50p
Stickers: 50p
Slap bands: £1.50
Keyrings: £1.50
Festival Bands: £1.50



On the weeks mentioned above, Year 6 ambassadors will be chosen to visit each classroom with the Poppies. There are limited numbers of each item available so please ensure that if required, your child is able to purchase early to avoid disappointment.

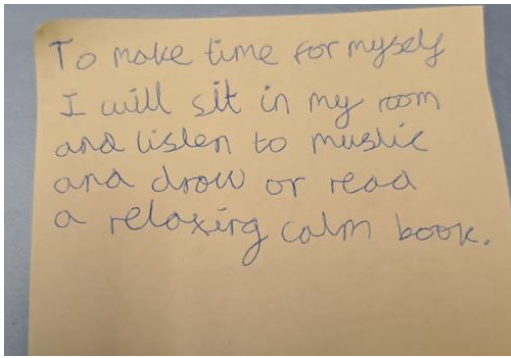
Applying for secondary school

Please be reminded that all secondary school applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2024.

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

World Mental health Day

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your generous donations of biscuits when the children wore green and yellow for WMHD - biscuits give a slow energy release, so having a brain break biscuit in the afternoon helps the children to stay focussed on their learning



We asked children parents and staff to share how they like to make time for themselves. We have had some great answers and will share this with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you all for the lovely responses to this question.

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Kind regards,

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Sarah Kneller
Headteacher



Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Fairies and Scaries Disco KS1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3) 4-5pm
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Fairies and Scaries Disco KS2 (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) 5.15-6.30pm
Friday 25 th October 2024	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
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
Wednesday 13 th November	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 14 th November	Individual and sibling group photographs
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



The Herts Parent Carer Involvement 2024 Survey is open until 3rd November

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024

We want to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part.

**Share your thoughts and
make a difference**





Referrals for our Festive Grotto are now open!!!

As the festive season fast approaches, we wanted to let you know the new process of referring families to our Festive Grotto.

Due to high demand, our Festive Grotto is referral only.

If you are already a registered referral partner all you will need is your RP and ORG numbers. If you are unsure what these are you can check via our [website](#). You must use your own codes and not a colleagues for safeguarding reasons.

If you are not registered, please do so via this [link](#) and once registered you can then refer families to our Festive Grotto.

You can refer individual families or if you are a refuge or an organisation that works with the bridging hotels you can make a bulk order.

<https://sebbyscornerxmas24.paperform.co/>

Once this form has been completed, you will be emailed a link to book an appointment.

If you are referring an individual family, we suggest you forward this to them so they can arrange their own appointment.

The Festive Grotto is running from 25th November – 9th December 2024 for individual families to attend and 10th-13th December 2024 for bulk collections.

Appointments are Monday to Thursday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or email us on referrals@sebbyscorner.co.uk



ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust



SUPPORT GROUPS

FREE ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE GROUPS

ADD-vance runs regular support groups which provide an opportunity for you to meet other local parents and discuss individual concerns with two specialist ADD-vance coaches. We welcome parents and carers who have a formal diagnosis for their child, as well as those who do not have a formal diagnosis but would like to learn more about neurodiversity.

TIME AND PLACE

Sleep Support Group
Fri 8/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

PDA Support Group
Tue 12/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

Parents/Carers of 16 to 24 yrs Support Group
Tue 19/11 - 7.30-8.30 pm

General Primary Aged Children Support Group
Tue 26/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

General Secondary Aged Children Support Group
Tue 3/12 - 1.30-2.30 pm

PDA Support Group
Tue 10/12 - 1.30-2.30 pm

ALL ONLINE VIA ZOOM

☎ 01727 833963

✉ herts@add-vance.org

🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

**Book your FREE ticket on <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or
visit our website <http://www.add-vance.org/>**

These groups are open to residents of Hertfordshire only

SPOOKTACULAR Soft Play

Wednesday 30th October at 9am - 3pm!

- Come in fancy dress and win prizes
- Spooky decorations and music
- Squash and sweets available

WEDNESDAY
30th
OCTOBER

*Full terms and conditions apply.

The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1JY.

T: 020 8386 9886

www.thevenueleisurecentre.co.uk

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Leisure & Family Support Services



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manages these facilities in partnership with
Hertsmere Borough Council. InspireAll is a
registered charity. Charity no. 1093653.


The Venue
Leisure Centre

Link to Activities in Borehamwood: [Help for School Holidays | Communities 1st](#)

Help for School Holidays

£5 Promise

On this page, you will find low-cost activities and community meals available to you and your family during the school holidays running from **Friday 25 October - Monday 4 November**. This page focuses specifically on provisions for school-aged children in St Albans City and District and Hertsmere.

We will do our best to ensure that everything listed here will cost **no more than £5 per person**. We also include events that teenagers can attend without an adult, if the cost for the adult is greater than £5.

Further afield

Scrolling to the bottom of the page, you'll find activities further afield, as well as nationwide offers, downloadable fun to have at home, discounts and savings, and more!

Want to add an activity?

If you know of an activity taking place that is not listed here, please email the details to communitystories@communities1st.org.uk

