

Dear Families,

**What does a good learner look like?**



In assembly this week, we looked at what a good learner looks like. The children and the adults shared their thoughts – many of which you can see in the picture to the left. We spoke about the importance of staying focused on learning, sitting up nicely, and having resources organised. We have a lot of learning that needs to be done across each year group and we must use every moment of time we can to make sure we are ready for the next

step on our learning journey. Please speak to your child about the area of school life they may find difficult, as I have asked them to focus on this in the next few weeks to try and get into a good habit. Perhaps they will try not to be distracted by those around them? Or maybe they'll sit up straighter in their seat? Whatever they're working on – please be sure to encourage great learning behaviours!

Here are some great learners from Nursery and Reception who came to visit my office this week!



**Attendance and Lateness**

Being on time for school is very important, as is being collected from school on time. The image to the right shows how much impact just a few minutes of lateness can have on your child's learning time.

Children also are being left at school for more than 10 minutes after the end of the school day. If children are not collected at 3.15pm (Years 1-6), 3.05pm (Reception) and 3pm (Nursery), we will be charging parents for HideAway attendance. This is not for the odd occasion where lateness can't be helped, but for those who regularly collect their children late from the office or from HideAway.

**LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!**



We had low attendance towards the end of last term, and I am looking forward to seeing who our first class will be with 100% attendance for a whole week – Muffin Madness Challenge has started again! 😊

## Nursery applications 2024-2025

Applications for our nursery for September 2024 are now open - please grab a form from our school office or download one from our school website. Please note that the deadline to apply for a nursery place is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Children must have turned/be turning 3 years of age BY 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 in order to apply for a place at our nursery for September this year.



### Language

At the end of the Autumn term and as we have begun this Spring, we're having to regularly remind children about the language that is appropriate for them to use in school. Please be cautious about the language you use around your children, as we do not want inappropriate words being used on the playground - and parents don't want any rude words coming home after being heard at school.

### Welcome and Farewell!

Last week we welcomed new members of staff to our team – Mr Schumann and Mrs Shields who are both teaching in Year 4. We will be organising a 'meet the teacher' session for the Year 4 parents so they can say 'hello' to the new teachers in their children's class. On Wednesday, we said 'farewell for now' to Mrs Docherty as she has begun her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing exciting news in the next few weeks!

### World Mental Health Day



For World Mental Health Day, we asked children, parents and staff to tell us what sparks joy for you, and this is the note for this week – "Summerswood and my friends".

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
**Headteacher**

**Interesting fact:** -89.2°C is the lowest temperature recorded on Earth at ground level. It was captured at Antarctica in 1983.

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday 17th January	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Wednesday 18th January	<b>Times Tables Rock Star Day – dress like a Rock Star!</b>
Friday 26th January	<b>Wonka Day! Roald Dahl Dress Up Day – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 31st January	<b>9am: 5Boseman class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 7th February	<b>9am: 5Southgate class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 14h February	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Friday 16th February	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 26th February	<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>
Wednesday 28th February	<b>9am: 4Q class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 6th March	<b>9am: 4T class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 13th March	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Wednesday 20th March	<b>9am: 3R class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Last day of Term - <span style="color: red;">school finishes at 1.30pm</span></b>
Thursday 28th March	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>
Monday 15th April	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
Wednesday 1st May	<b>9am: 3W class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Monday 6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 22nd May	<b>9am: 2A class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Thursday 23rd May	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Friday 24th May	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y6 PGL residential trip</b>
Wednesday 12th June	<b>9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 19th June	<b>9am: 1A &amp; 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 26th June	<b>9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 3rd July	<b>9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Friday 5th July	<b>#WOODFEST 2024</b>
Wednesday 10th July	<b>9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>Last day of Term - <span style="color: red;">school finishes at 1.30pm</span></b>



We have a few places on our online course for Dads 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' starting soon on 25th January. There is no cost to attend as places are fully funded for Dads and male carers who live in Hertfordshire and may need some additional support.

- **Thursdays 25th January – 21st March 7.00pm – 9.00pm (excluding half term) via Zoom**

This 8-week term time course can help Dads to:

- Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on their own and their child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help them and their family feel safe

[To make a referral, please click here for our parent registration form...](#)

Parents can self-refer.

For all enquiries and to make a referral please:

- Email [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk)
- tell: 07850 518216

# Hertsmere Schools Partnership Team

## Parent Community Café



Hertsmere Schools Partnership Team have collaborated with Communities 1st to offer:

Grab a coffee and meet the School Family Workers from Hertsmere Schools Partnership Team

Meet and greet guest local services weekly

Get a free benefits calculator check with us

Talk through behaviour, routines and family changes



- Thursday 11th January 2024
- Thursday 18th January 2024
- Thursday 25th January 2024
- Thursday 1st February 2024
- Thursday 8th February 2024
- Thursday 15th February 2024
- Thursday 22nd February 2024 (Special Half Term Session with Communities 1st)

9:15AM – 11:15AM

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Gateshead Road Borehamwood

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## **DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership SEND Parent Information & Support Group**

**Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?**

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parents/ carers and the chance to listen to an experienced speaker on topics that may affect your child and family. We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

**Our next meeting will be in Potters Bar**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP**

**9.15am – 10.45am**

**Please join us for coffee and a chat!**

Please email [SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk](mailto:SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk) for more information and to register your interest – but no need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided. |





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**8:45AM - 12:30PM**

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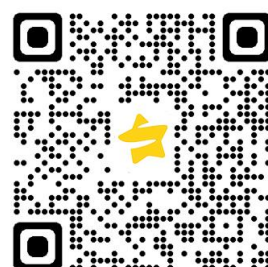


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