



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks in school have been as busy as ever. We held our annual Remembrance Day service and the poppies the children had made were assembled into a beautiful poppy curtain. Thank you Ms Sultan for producing such a beautiful display again this year.

Last week we had **Children in Need** and raised over £170 for this charity. The school council children all helped in organising the game that everyone took part in – with 3 children all scoring a maximum of 15 points. Well done to Lyla in Y2 and Eissa and Elisabeth in Year 6. A special well done too to Henry in Reception who managed to score 11.

Last week was also **Anti-bullying week**. The children had an assembly on Monday to introduce the theme for this year 'reach out', recognising the importance for children to be able to talk to someone if they feel they are the target of bullying or see some behaviour that they don't like. This ties in so well with the Protective Behaviours teaching that we do each year in school – ensuring that the children all have a network of trusted adults to talk to if anything is worrying them. The children all completed lessons in class and were able to feedback at the end of the week in our PSHCe themed assembly. This learning will continue this term through our PSHCe topic 'kindness'.

Today the Christmas tree has been put up and I reminded children in assembly that we are looking forward to their homemade decorations coming in from next week – you should already have a template from the Parents Association to use for this. Year 2 have also been busy rehearsing for their play which is based on the Great Fire of London. They are performing to parents next Wednesday and Thursday and from what I have heard so far it should be a lovely show.

### External monitoring visit

Each term we welcome our School Effectiveness Advisor into school to look in detail at one area of our curriculum. We have just received the report from the autumn visit which focused on the Computing curriculum and I thought I would share some of the comments. During the visit a number of classes were visited to see computing lessons in action followed by a discussion with the pupils about their learning. The report says, 'the children were very positive about the schools computing curriculum and that they really enjoyed coding because it was interesting and they could work independently and creatively'. The pupils spoken to during the day had a strong awareness of e-safety and what actions to take if this was ever an issue for them. They spoke about safer internet days and how they had been supported by the school in this area, having useful discussions with one another. Overall the report summarised that, the computing curriculum is well-planned and sequenced and there is clear progression of pupil's skills and knowledge.

I am keen to share with parents the developments we are making in the various subject areas, so will include information and some pictures on a different subject in future updates.

### Parents in school

It was lovely to have so many Nursery parents in school recently when they joined us for our stay and play sessions. As well as taking part in some group time phonics they were able to see their children enjoy all the learning both inside and outside. Last week we had 2 training sessions for volunteers in school. It is great to see so many parents keen to come in and help at school so thank you for signing up. If you attended and completed a volunteer information sheet we will be in touch soon.

Today we had our first Building Blocks session for our Reception parents and I know the children loved having you join in with their learning today. Another session will be taking place on Monday next week for another group of parents.

## Forms, Forms, Forms

At this time of year I am conscious of the amount of admin that needs to be completed. I know you all have your school photographs to order on-line as well as choosing Christmas dinner and paying for the pantomime trip. There are other trips being organised too – Year 5 are off to the Science Museum next week, the Choir to the Abbey on Tuesday morning and Year 6 are paying the deposits for their residential journey next June. We will try to help with reminder texts and emails as various deadlines approach.

## Attendance

Whilst you are in Arbor completing any permission slips and making payments for trips please can I urge you to check your child's attendance certificate for this year to date. You can do this on the Arbor App or the Arbor Parent Portal. If you need help with how to do this please visit <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203856191-Attendance-on-the-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App>

Please do let us know via an email to [admin@camp.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@camp.herts.sch.uk) if there are any entries that you think need to be updated or amended.

Attendance is monitored very carefully in school and the target is for all children to have 95% + attendance for the year. Of course we appreciate that at certain times illness and infections can spread across the school and children will need to stay at home. If a child has attendance below 90% then they are considered at risk of being counted by Hertfordshire County Council as 'persistent absentees'. We know that regular attendance in school is so important for the children to be able to do the best in their learning. Therefore, we will be in contact with parents where attendance drops below 90% to discuss this and see how we can work together to support an increased attendance pattern moving forwards. We are also keen to make sure children are in school on time each day. Arriving late can be unsettling for children and they can miss a key part of the learning at the start of a session. Registration takes place at 08:55am each morning and children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as late and will need to come to the front door to sign in the late book.

## Parents Association Activities

Thank you to those parents that ordered Christmas Cards (which you should now have received) as this all helps with the Parents Association fund-raising. The next event is the wreath making workshop on Tuesday evening and then we have a Santa run that will be taking place next Friday (details attached). The following week, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, is the Christmas Fair and I look forward to seeing you there between 12pm – 3pm.

## Admissions

Finally a reminder that admissions are now open for both Nursery and Reception places for next September. Information is on our website and regular admission tours are taking place each week for prospective Reception parents. Please contact the office if you would like to book on.

Thank you as always for your on-going support this term.  
With best wishes

Sharon Barton  
Head Teacher