



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

*Learning to bring out the best in everyone.*

14th October 2024

Thank you for joining us for Parents' Evenings this week. It is always a pleasure to be able to share your child/ren's successes with you, to point towards their next steps and to hear from you about how they get on at home. It is our intention to meet with all parents, so if you haven't yet had a consultation, please contact your child's teacher to set a time. If your child is in the Early Years, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at 5pm for a Curriculum meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to hear how we teach reading, phonics and early maths. Your child will soon be bringing home their first book with words, so this meeting is an important chance to find out how best to support your child as they take their exciting first steps with reading and writing.

## FOOTBALLING BRONZE!

Well done to the Football team who last week won bronze in the Schools' Partnership competition. The team remained unbeaten over the course of the competition, winning three of their early matches and drawing one, which qualified them for the third-place play-off match, which they won. There were some stellar performances from the team, but Jayden and Harriet were singled out for special mentions for their team-work and determination. So, well done to the whole team: Stanley, Eden, Harriet, James, Harry, Imogen, Archie, Oscar B, Bonnie, Jayden, Jasmine and Sophia.



## SCHOOL LEADERS

We were so impressed with the quantity and quality of applications we received from children keen to take on additional responsibilities in our school. We were amazed and delighted with the efforts all our applicants made and their willingness to get involved and make an impact on the world around them. The teachers have had the extremely difficult task of selecting the final candidates, which were announced in assembly this afternoon. (If your child applied for a position, but their name isn't in the list below, please see a class teacher—there were some applications without names on. Thank you.) The committees for this year will be as follows (NB: School Council and Reflection Shed Monitors will be announced next week):

Eco-Committee	Junior Road Safety Officers	Sports Leaders	Red Hat Anti-Bullying Ambassadors	Librarians
Darlie	James	Emily B	James	Summer
India	Amy	Isaac	Emily S	Imogen
Luke	Isaac	Eden	Jayden	Poppy
Darwin	Eden	James Mee	Caleb	James
Oliver	Supported by	Luke		Scarlett
Daniel	Harry			Emily S
Sophia	Imogen			Emily B
Harriet	Sophia			Jasmine
Bayleigh	Harriet			Edward
George R				Eden
Lyla				

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We We really enjoyed the European Day of Languages on 26<sup>th</sup> September and it was lovely to see the children dressed up in the colours of their class' chosen country's flag. In Amazon Class, this meant the whites and blues of Greece. The children learnt some basic phrases and how to count with Ms Perry and enjoyed tasting some Greek treats including gigantic beans, olives, pitta and humous. They also learnt about the origins of democracy and created painted ostracons (which were a form of painted pot with a name scratched into it used for voting).

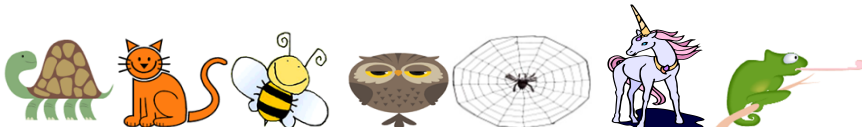


## APPLE DAY

We're all very excited about Apple Day. The children are particularly enjoying learning some silly campfire songs to entertain you all with. A letter came home recently to explain what was happening, so please remember to return your slips to school so we know how many to expect. Thank you.

## HARVEST DISCO

Remember the FOOSA Harvest Disco will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please return permission slips by Monday.



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## BELONG EVENT

Six children selected to take part in a Belong event at Hartismere High School were unfortunately caught in an enormous rain shower midway through the activities. The children, dressed in their PE Kits, ended up soaked to the skin when the heavens opened and the rain came down. Luckily, the minibus wasn't too far away and they were able to return to school to get changed and get warm. At least they had their school uniforms waiting for them at school to change into, which is more than can be said for poor Mrs Tooley and Mrs Scott who went with them! So, well done Amelia, Caleb, Harry, Stanley, Martha and Arthur S who took part with such enjoyment and who were so resilient when the rain came down.

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

### WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

The children in Key Stage 2 were excited to take part in a World Record Attempt on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: National Poetry Day. The World Record was to take part in the largest poetry lesson ever delivered and we understand there were up to 250,000 pupils involved. The children had to make choices about the poem that was written over the course of the lesson by poet Laura Mucha based on the children's ideas. The children at Fressingfield had submitted their ideas two weeks prior to the event following a poetry lesson on the theme What Counts. We were all really excited when Caleb's answer to 'What am I counting?' - the cows on the way to school - was voted into the poem. We will let you know whether the Record Attempt was successful as soon as we find out.



## VANCOLS PHOTOS

Remember to brush your children's hair on 21st October as this will be the day Vancols are in to take individual photographs. Please let Mrs Drax know if you would like photographs of younger siblings and we will arrange a slot for you. Thank you.

## REMINDERS

Please return permission slips for: The trip to London (Amazon and Zambezi Classes); Apple Day; and The Cross-Country Event at Mellis (Amazon and Zambezi Classes). It would be really helpful if these could be returned on Monday. Thank you.

## PASSPORTS

If anyone would like their class teacher to act as a counter-signatory for passports, we are normally happy to help. However, we hope you recognise this can be quite a time-consuming business, so please give us plenty of notice. Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
Thur 19th Sept	FOFSA Meeting at the Swan (7.30pm)
Thurs 26th Sept	European Day of Languages Dress Up Day
Thurs 26th Sept	Flu Vaccinations all year groups
Fri 27th Sept	Forest School Taster Session
Thurs 3rd Oct	National Poetry Day World Record Attempt: World's Biggest Poetry Lesson
Thurs 3rd Oct	HSSSP Football Competition at Hartismere (12-3pm)
7th-13th Oct	Dyslexia Awareness Week
Tues 8th Oct	HSSSP Ball Games Belong Event at Hartismere (12.30—2.45pm)
Wed 9th & Thurs 10th Oct	Parents Evenings
Thur 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Wed 16th Oct	HSSSP Girls' Football Competition at Hartismere (12.15-2.45pm)
Wed 16th Oct	Curriculum Meeting for Parents in Thames Class (5-6pm)
Fri 18th Oct	English and Maths Competition at Stradbroke High School 9.15-11am
Tue 22nd Oct	Harvest Festival Service at Baptist Chapel (9.30-10.30)
Tue 22nd Oct	Apple Day Celebration and Campfire Songs (5pm)
Wed 23rd Oct	HSSSP Cross Country KS2 at Mellis Common (12.45-2.30pm)
Mon 28th Oct — Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM
Fri 8th Nov	Forest School Taster Session (1pm)
Sun 10th Nov	Remembrance Day Service at Church (10.45am— 12.05pm)
Fri 15th Nov	HSSSP Tag Rugby Competition at Thomas Mills (12-2.45pm)
Wed 20th Nov	HSSSP Belong Event (TBC)
Fri 29th Nov	Stars in our School—Celebrating Support Staff
Fri 29th Nov	HSSSP Cross Country Final at Hartismere (1.45-3pm)
Tue 3rd Dec	Anglian Water Online Workshop (Amazon Class 11am)
Mon 2nd — Wed 4th Dec	Y4 Hilltop Residential
Mon 9th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal (9.30—10.30am)
Tue 10th & Wed 11th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Performance (9.30—10.30am)
Tue 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Christmas Dinner Class Christmas Parties
Wed 18th Dec	International Migrants Day
Thur 19th Dec	Christmas Celebration in Church (9.30am) Last Day of Term
Fri 20th Dec	PD DAY