

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have arrived at the end of the first half term for this academic year. We are so pleased that all classes have settled in really well to their new year groups. I have been particularly impressed with our new children in Saplings and Ash who have demonstrated such positive attitudes to their learning; what a wonderful start to their first year at Little Hadham! We truly hope that your children are loving all aspects of school life and all that is on offer. The energy in school is certainly palpable.

We were delighted to welcome parents in for Parents' Consultations and more importantly it was wonderful to see how proud our children were to share their learning with you- haven't they been busy!

Everyone has worked incredibly hard to make sure that the first half term is full of Learning, Love and Laughter - and as much normality as possible. I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff here at Little Hadham for all their hard work-rest up next half term will be ever busier!

wish you all a wonderful week and look forward to see everyone back on the 1st of November.

Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 31/10/21 Year 7 Admission Deadlines
- 01/11/21 Back to school
- 01/10/21 Erasmus Teachers arrive to visit
- 14/10/21 11:00a.m. Remembrance at the village memorial
- 26/11/21 3:00pm Christmas Bazaar
- 20/12/21 Christmas Dinner
- 21/12/21 Autumn Term ends 1.00pm

HARVEST Foodbank- Thursday 21st OCTOBER 2021.

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for our Harvest Food bank. Over the past 12 months we have helped donate vital food supplies to families in need. It was amazing to pass on your kind donations to the foodbank that have done so much to help our community. Thank you once again for all your generous donations, they are very much appreciated and the foodbank will be delighted.

Christmas

I know that some of you have asked about our plans for the children's performances this Christmas. We hope to have a full range of celebrations, but obviously, this is dependent on being able to maintain the health and safety of all the children and adults in our community. If we are unable to invite parents to join us for live celebrations, we will try to provide recordings. In the meantime watch this space.

Free School Meals

Parents who receive income related free school meals will be receiving a £15.00 supermarket voucher this Friday to cover the half-term holiday. If you think that you may be eligible to qualify for free school meals for your child, please email the school at admin@littlehadham.herts.sch.uk to ensure you do not miss out!

Reminder Application deadlines for requesting school places are as follows:

October 31st 2021 - Secondary School applications

January 15th 2022 - Primary School applications

Friends

A huge round of applause and thanks to our amazing Friends for organising the disco tonight. The children had a fabulous time and thank you all for coming along; I think I am slightly deaf now! Without volunteers like Friends, events would just not happen and much needed funds would not be raised, so a huge thank you for getting together and putting on such a wonderful event for the children.

News from our classes...

Pumpkins, sewing and parachute have been among the highlights of the week in the Early Years. The children have done so very well in this first half term but are certainly ready for a rest!



Beech: In our Science lessons, we have been learning about healthy food.

To finish our topic on superheroes, in our Design and Technology lessons, we have been designing and making super healthy sandwiches! Delicious!

Lime class's Greek vases are still in production and should be ready to paint soon. We will let them have a good dry out over the half term holiday. We have also been researching Ancient Greek soldiers, their names, their weapons and their role as part of the Greek army. Forest was a bit muddy this week but we loved the digging – Australia here we come!



Maple class have definitely enjoyed learning songs and performing one of their songs at Harvest assembly. I am sure you will be impressed to find out that they have been learning few verses in Italian, in Spanish and in Greek, to sing to the teachers from our Erasmus project, who will visit our school on Monday 1st November.

Maple class pupils also enjoyed their online visit at the church. They learnt about many features and items that can be found in a church.

Year 6 are enthused and engaged in their science unit about the circulatory system. Our learning involved making a heart from plasticine and we were able to describe its anatomy and its role in the circulatory system. Maybe we have some budding heart surgeons in our midst?

We explored the effect exercise has on our pulse. Using just a marshmallow and a cocktail stick, we were able to see our pulse at work!

In English, we wrote our own explanation texts about the heart. We included key features such as sub headings, scientific vocabulary and use of the passive voice.

It was great sharing our learning with parents at our Parent Consultation evening on Thursday.

What a busy week and productive half term – well done Year 6!

