

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have all been well over the last two weeks. As the term progresses, it is a joy to see all of the classes in school really getting down to some brilliant learning and producing very impressive work. Visitors to our school are very impressed and have commented on our very positive learning environment and how happy our children seem to be. It has been so good to see our Learning Together Morning sessions back up and running this term with so many of you attending. I know from your comments how much you enjoyed these and we all know how delighted your children are to share their learning and have their families involved—something we pride ourselves on here at Little Hadham Primary.

Don't forget that we have parents' evening on Wednesday 19th October. The autumn parents evening is a great time to hear about how your child has settled in their new year group, what they have been working on, how we can work together to support them and a chance for you to raise anything with the teacher that you may have not had a chance to yet. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Letters were emailed home this week for you to choose the most convenient time. Please make sure you return your preferred time slot by Monday 10th at 9am.

Wishing you all a peaceful family weekend,
Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 10/10/22 Flu Vaccination
- 11/10/22 Learning Together Morning
- Lime Class
- 17/10/22 School Photos
- 19/10/22 Parents' Evening 1:00-7pm
- 20/10/22 Half-Term begins 3:15
- 21/10/22 Inset
- 31/10/22 Year 7 Admission Deadlines
- 31/10/22 Back to school
- 31/10/22 BMX workshop Year 4/5/6
- 25/11/22 Christmas Bazaar
- 14/12/22 Christmas Jumper day bring a £1
- 09/12/22 Beech Class performance 6pm
- 20/12/22 Christmas Lunch
- 21/12/22 End of Term 1pm

HARVEST TIME

A chance to give thanks

From Monday 10th October 2022, children are invited to bring Harvest Gifts to school. As we did last year, we invite pupils to bring long life, tinned, jarred, dried or bottled food stuffs and toiletries. We ask not to send fresh foodstuffs. All the donations will be given to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank for distribution. In view of all the difficulties being experienced by many people in our own town, this seems an appropriate moment to use our festival of thanks to make a particular difference for people facing hardship. It was an amazing collection last year and was hugely appreciated by the charity so thank you all once again for your generosity.

Learning Together Morning

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In **Early Years**, we have been really enjoying building upon our dance routine with Zoe, week on week. Some of the children's favourite moves are 'the running man', 'stars' and 'cool pose'! As well as strengthening gross motor control and coordination, learning a dance routine has really supported the children's listening skills; the fact that it is a lot of fun is a bonus!



Ash class have been really impressing their teachers with their writing in phonics as we have started in our brand new (and very grown up!) writing books! The children are very proud of what they have achieved and enjoy looking at them during their choosing time.

Saplings have enjoyed tricking our class puppet, Cheeky Monkey, during their maths learning this week, as they had him guess the missing number!

Just a quick note to thank those of you who have donated junk modelling resources! The children are really enjoying getting creative lately. We are still on the lookout for lots of toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes if you have any going spare. Thank you very much!



Beech class we have been listening to The Carnival of Animals- Aquarium by Saints Saëns. We composed our own piece of music; representing the coral and fish using a range of tuned and untuned percussion. We used symbols to record our music and enjoyed performing it to the rest of the class.



We have also been discussing different emotions as part of PSHE and enjoyed role-playing various feelings through the medium of charades! The children found this to be great fun and loved the 'game' aspect of it. We are developing a calm space within the classroom that the children can access whenever they need some space to regulate. We also have a worry jar for the children to record anything that they are concerned with or that they need to get off their chest, so to speak. No one has recorded anything yet but we will continue having it available for the children to use!



Lime class have been keeping active with yoga and gymnastics improving their stretching and rolling skills. They have loved learning all about Thomas Edison in Science and talked about using technology safely and healthily in computing. In history they loved learning about Mayan religion and beliefs, especially the gory details! In PHSE they have looked at feelings words and how we can choose different words to express the intensity of our feelings.



Maple Class have absolutely loved writing their autobiographies this week, their anecdotes are classic. I think having their parents to help them with memories from when they were born brought, not only laughter to their writing but also made their writing come to life. I heard some children were like a small ball of cuteness, some like a potato and others with crazy hair. I am sure you will be delighted to read their finished pieces at parents' evening. They have been impressing us with their editing skills too.

In PE with Mrs Sassis this week they had fantastic gymnastics and impressed her with their knowledge and skills before progressing even further.



In History they have been delving further into King William of Normandy and the problems he had to overcome. They certainly do like the gruesome side of history and definitely remember the gory details!



Meet the next generation of Codebreakers! This week, **Willow** class, had a fantastic trip to Bletchley Park to learn about how the codebreakers contributed to the shortening of the Second World War by two to four years.

We saw where the codebreakers worked and tried our hand at codebreaking in our workshop. In our History lessons, we have been learning about the life and work of Alan Turing. We delved into various sources to find out how why, despite his extraordinary accomplishments in the world of codebreaking, he was so badly treated. We saw a replica of Turing's Bombe machine, which looked incredibly complicated.



One visitor stopped to talk to us about their own experience as a child during the Blitz and their evacuation from London. There is nothing quite like hearing first hand experiences! Bletchley Park offered many hands on activities, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

At school we took our codebreaking skills into the forest. We encrypted messages related to the Second World War and had fun decoding each other's messages. Can you decipher this one?

Online Safety

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of the ever-increasing online risks.

Work with us to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

According to the latest research from Ofcom, nearly half of all 3-4 year olds have their own tablet. So it is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this?

Here are some of our suggestions:

- Put Boundaries in place – This could be limiting screen time to 30 mins a day, or limiting the apps children have access to.
- Activate parental controls on your children's devices.
- Passwords - Keep your devices out of reach and set passwords on all your internet-enabled devices and don't share them. Then you'll know when and where your child is accessing the internet. Also, use passwords to make sure they're not making additional purchases when they're playing games or using apps.
- Make sure what children are watching is appropriate -Roblox and YouTube have games that may appear to be appropriate but are actually horror/ survival games and characters can turn more sinister as the game progresses. It is important to remember that children may be playing the game, watching videos of it on sites such as YouTube or playing replicated versions on Roblox for example.
- If your children are 8-10 years old, download InternetMatters app (android / App store), a new parent/child app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.

FRIENDS of Little Hadham

Thank you to the Friends for organising our recent Quiz night fundraiser. I am sure everyone who came would agree that it was a fabulous night. I know you can't all be winners, so congratulations to the staff and governors who helped keep the trophy where it belongs! The night raised over £600 and the money has gone towards new ipads. These have arrived in school this week and thanks to Mrs Lammin are already set up and being used. Friends have other fundraising ideas in place for this term our October disco and the Christmas bazaar.

Friends of Little Hadham, determining factor in a school's success, is the engagement of parents and carers. Every parent and carer is automatically a member of the Friends group. By volunteering, you can make a huge difference to the lives of all of the children at Little Hadham Primary School. You can also learn new skills and make new friends. You don't need any previous experience, everyone is welcome. WE NEED YOU! To find out more and how you can be involved, please contact the office for more details.

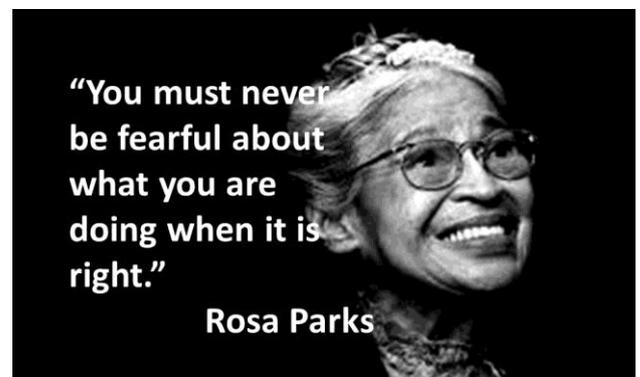
- Be involved - Encourage them to use devices in the same room as you so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet. Stay inquisitive about what they are doing and encourage them to share their enjoyment with you.

E- Safety question to ask your children!

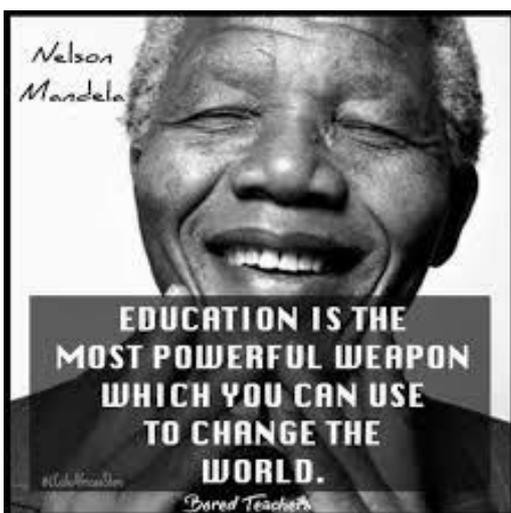
What would you do if this happened to you? You've been playing an online game and someone you don't know asks to be your friend. Do you:

- Ask them for their e-mail address so that you can message them directly
- Block them
- Talk to a trusted adult
- Meet up with them in real life to make sure it is safe

At Little Hadham Primary School we recognise diversity is what makes us all different and we embrace the uniqueness of every child within the school. Black History Month is a reminder we need to embrace every child's and their family's uniqueness – their own culture- which they bring with them into our school. It is important that from the early years we acknowledge belonging is central to being and becoming, in that it shares who children are and who they can become. Our teachers at Little Hadham have planned into our lessons, activities and assemblies to take place in October so that our learners will learn about activism and activists, some of the issues that activists fought for and the legacy of what they achieved.



We celebrate and encourage children and adults to explore our diverse school community. We want our children to be active citizens that take an active role in making their community a better place.



Six Ways That Diversity in Education Benefits for our Pupils Success

- Pupils work better and harder
- Pupils become more open-minded
- Pupils won't be intimidated to travel abroad
- Pupils develop communication skills
- Pupils learn to challenge stereotypes
- Accepting diversity in education is a path towards a brighter future.