

Dear Parents & Carers,

I write our newsletter with a heavy heart, after the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time. Over the coming days and weeks we will mark this historic moment and share in a period of national mourning. We will take care to manage this in a sensitive and compassionate manner, primarily via class discussions. And hopefully we will learn from her example of self-control, discipline and service to others.



In the words of Paddington Bear... "Thank you Ma'am, for everything".

The new children in the Ash and Saplings have settled in so well. This is a big step for them but they are making many new friends and learning the routines! We have also been joined by children in other year groups throughout the school. We are proud of our wonderful school and pleased that parents have chosen to join us and we hope that they will all be very happy at Little Hadham.

You will see from the website in the class page that there are many activities planned for this term. Do look out for your class updates where you will receive information about what the children are learning and any updates.

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

Diary Dates

- 20/09/22 Learning Together Morning EYFS
- 23/09/22 Learning Together Morning Beech Class
- 26/09/22 Phonics for Parents of Ash and Beech children in Hall @9am
- 27/09/22 Learning Together Morning Willow Class
- 05/10/22 Learning Together Morning Maple Class
- 06/10/22 Bletchley Park Visit Year 6
- 10/10/22 Flu Vaccination
- 11/10/22 Learning Together Morning Lime Class
- 17/10/22 School Photos
- 19/10/22 Parents' Evening
- 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

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast club is up and running and starts from 7:45 at only £3.50. Our Afterschool club runs Monday – Thursday from 3:05pm - 6:00 pm. The club caters for children from Reception to Year Six and is located in Elm room. The children are provided with a light meal and it costs £13:00 per session that needs to be paid for in advance.

Allergies

We have several children in school who are **severely affected** with allergies to nuts. Please do not give your child nuts for snacks or use any products containing nuts or sesame when preparing packed lunches. Also, please remember crisps and sweets are not allowed in school lunches and children will be asked not to eat this and to take them home again.

After School Collection of Children (other than parents) Please email the office if you have any changes/additions to the people on the pick-up list for your child(ren) and include a phone number for each person. Paper forms are no longer necessary. Thank you.



The children have enjoyed settling into school this week and meeting new friends! The new Saplings have made their teachers very proud with how they have settled in! Near the beginning of the week we all sat down together to talk about and agree upon our classroom rules so that we can all have lots of fun and grow our brains together. The children came up with some really important ideas including “do good tidying”... well, they must be



really paying attention to these rules because this class are tidying ninjas!

The children enjoyed a lot of choosing time this week, finding lots of worms in the wet mud, building puzzles, exploring colour mixing through paint and lots more. They also really loved playing in the new sand tray, which brought about lots of memories of sandy beach holidays and ice cream role play!

We can't wait to come back to school again next week (Ash class in particular are SO excited for phonics!)



Beech class has been settling into class and getting to know lots of new friends. We have many exciting learning areas for them to explore together, such as a mud kitchen and an ice cream parlour! Also, we have started our topic on Significant People beginning with ourselves. We were using descriptive vocabulary in our sentences. What



creative children we have!



Lime class have had an exciting week finding out about their new topic, stargazers and chocolate makers. They have been busy meeting new friends and learning new routines and have all worked incredibly hard, diving straight into football, place value, poetry and Mesoamerica!!!



As well as being generally fabulous all week, Maple Class have made an amazing start on all their topics. Their discussions on 1066 about who should be king were not only interesting, but also very insightful. Also, they have also been learning about recounts and had some fun creating diary entries from our class novel 'Coming to England.' They found out how strict school was in Trinidad and really got in to full character when writing. P.E and Forest have



been helping us get to know our new classmates. Please remember Forest is on Fridays so please have wellies!



It has been lovely getting to know the new Year 6 children this week.

We have been analysing the features of persuasive speeches and we have used this work to help us write our own speeches for this year's School Captain elections. We have learnt about each other's strengths and interests whilst



finding out the best way to engage an audience of potential voters!

There have been many opportunities for us to work together and learn from each other this week. In our Forest session, we played games with partners and as a whole class. These games helped us to build good relationships, and in PSHE we explored the words 'negotiate' and 'compromise' as we worked effectively in teams to complete a building challenge.



A successful first full week in Year 6! Well done, Team Willow