

Newsletter 10th February 2017

Stay and Play

Thank you to so many of our families that were able to attend this week's session. We had lots of activities for you all to experience with your children and grandchildren. Our next session will be Thursday 24th March 9.00 - 10.00am.

Golden Table Winners!

We are winners of our lunchtime Golden Table for the second time, which is wonderful. The children are able to collect "gold" tokens for displaying our core values at lunchtime. Mrs Richardson and I will be serving the children their lunch and ensuring that they have a simply wonderful time.

Early Years Celebration Assembly

It is always wonderful for the children to show their work and see just how confident they have become during the first year of school. The children were delightful acting out the story of how the animals are organised in the Chinese Lunar Calendar and very confident sharing their work.

Our Learning this Week

Our new di-graphs this week was **er** and we introduced the new tricky word **are**. We have now completed Phase 3 in letters and sounds. As we move towards Phase 4, there are no more sounds to learn, just high frequency words and tricky words. In maths, we looked at prepositions and the language that is associated with this, such as **next to**, **in front of**, **behind**, **above**, **below** and **underneath**. The children were able to play a variety of games within their maths sessions and have the opportunity to play them again in their "busy" time.

Talk for Writing - The Enormous Turnip

We have been drawing our own story maps of our innovated story. The stories have been brilliant and the children have enjoyed re-telling them to each other.

Junk Modelling materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week. The children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

Alice's School Cardigan

Alice's cardigan has been missing for over a week, it is fully labelled. Can you check at home and return it to school if you find it ☺

PTA News

Non-uniform Day - Thursday 16th February We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate/wine donations which will be used as prizes for the Bingo night that evening. Please bring your donations into the office in the morning. Thank you.

Bingo Night - Thursday 16th February Requests for tickets for the Bingo night had to be in by yesterday, but if you got yours, Bingo tickets will be on sale on the night, 20p each or 6 for £1. No refreshments will be for sale so bring you own with you.

Pamper Evening - Friday 17th March We are on the lookout for beauty therapists and beauty/pamper inspired stall holders who might be interested in having a space on the night. To find out more, please get in touch via hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com or enquire at the school office.

Next Week

We have now completed Phase 3 Letters and Sounds. We will consolidate the tri-graphs this week and apply them in our sentence and reading work within phonics. In maths, we will be estimating and then counting the objects in a set, ensuring the children count with accuracy. In our afternoon sessions we will be sharing traditional ring games and team work with the large parachute outside and inside. This is always great fun and allows the children to work as a group and take turns.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please take a look - we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

End of Half Term Assessments

We will be assessing phonics next week as we have reached the end of Phase 3. We will benchmark the children with their reading throughout the week. This is done individually and there will be no guided reading. You will see evidence of this with the benchmarking sticker and comments.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson