



# NEWSLETTER

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

## WELCOME

It was brilliant to once again open our doors to our families and prospective parents this week for Open Evening. Thank you to all who were able to attend, to meet teachers, find out more information about the year ahead and celebrate the children's learning over the opening weeks of term. Thanks to our team for each hosting the event, our Chartwells team for providing the sample menu and to our PTA for their continued support of the school. We will host parent consultations in the Spring term but please know that our teaching team is here to support with any queries on a day-to-day basis. Our collaboration with you supports every child's journey through the school.

Our children have been inspired by their learning experiences across the curriculum over recent weeks. The children have been studying local and international maps, identifying countries that make up the UK and looking at how the canal system across the UK played an essential role in the industrial revolution as geographers. This week, the focus has been on science, with children conducting hands on investigations, making predictions and drawing conclusions.

Today, we have been joined by Professor Paul Miller, a professor of Educational Leadership and Social Justice, who has provided us with some words that have become so important to Laurance Haines: "You see me. You hear me. I belong." It was an incredible honour to be able to share with him how the words have inspired our curriculum developments, community events and culture of the school. It has been confirming for us that our school improvement work about making everything we do more inclusive, is supporting our efforts to help every child, parent and staff member feel a sense of belonging in the school. We firmly believe that if we get this right, we are providing the necessary grounding for our school community to thrive. Please speak with your children about commitments they have made this week to make our school free of discrimination of any kind. We have launched a new behaviour policy to support our anti-discriminatory work. Should you have any questions or comments about the changes, we would welcome a conversation with you.

Looking ahead, we hope that parents across the school will be able to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration at St Michael & All Angels Church on Friday 21st October. We will be sharing further details in due course

Sebastian Gray  
Headteacher

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Hello! I am Mrs Connell. Alongside Mrs Butler, I work to ensure our children with special educational needs are given the tools they need to access learning. I could fill a whole newsletter with the amazing things that I have seen so far over the last four weeks but will try to keep it brief!

From Nursery right the way up to Year 6, talk is a big part of every lesson. Children are given opportunities to explore new language and practice using it. They are taught to agree and disagree, to put ideas across and to explain their thoughts - all vital skills that they need to succeed in to the wider world.

Through their play in the Foundation stages, children are introduced to Numicon, bead strings and counters. These continue to be used in Maths lessons alongside number lines, place value counters, Cuisenaire rods and a whole host of other wonderful equipment. All of these exciting tools enable our learners to make a mathematical concept less abstract. While working with a pupil who was using place value counters to work with larger numbers, he said "when I use these, I can see the Maths. I don't need to have all these numbers floating around in my head."

In Writing lessons, children use word banks, sentence starters and writing frames. These support our children with their spelling and the structuring of their ideas. We teach our children to 'hold a sentence' which means constructing it, speaking it out loud then writing it down once they are sure all the words are in the right order.

Lessons at LHS are fun and multi-sensory. Children love learning and love to talk about their learning. They have been proud to show me their Remembering Walls and tell me how this is helping them link their learning together. If you would like to know more about how we support our children at LHS or you have any concerns regarding your child's development, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email is [SENCO@lhaines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:SENCO@lhaines.herts.sch.uk)

Michelle Connell  
SENCO

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

As part of their Geography unit, Year 3 ventured out to Cassiobury Park. They examined the quickest and safest route to the park from the school. When they arrived, they explored all the different landmarks and pinpointed them on their maps. It was a fantastic day of learning giving them practical experience in navigating through Cassiobury Park!



## SCHOOL CLUBS

We still have space in some of our before and after school clubs. Please see our website by clicking the link below for details on each club and how to book on if your child is interested.

### Clubs Information

\*\*\* Please note that Tots Football is now full. \*\*\*

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have recently changed, and you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals, please click on the link below and inform the school office if you are successful.

[www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

Please still apply even if your child brings a packed lunch from home as the school (and your child) will benefit from extra funding if successful.

Please note that you should also still apply even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and you are currently not paying for meals.

## ATTENDANCE

Our community is affected by seasonal coughs and colds at the moment. Please continue to send your child into school if they are affected. Children should only be kept at home if they have a temperature or are suffering with sickness or diarrhoea.

Encourage your child to be in school every day. Coming into school with a headache or tummy ache teaches resilience, one of the best life skills we can have! Rest assured that we will always call you if we feel your child becomes unwell during the day.

Registration Form	Attendance this term
Year 6 Willow	97.4%
Year 4 Palm	96.7%
Year 4 Pine	96.2%
Year 1 Elder	96.1%
Year 6 Walnut	95.5%
Year 2 Holly	95.4%
Year 3 Yew	95.2%
Reception Pear	94%
Year 5 Birch	93.9%
Year 1 Elm	93.6%
Year 5 Beech	92.8%
Year 3 Oak	92.5%
Year 2 Hazel	92.3%
Reception Plum	91.2%

# SCHOOL OFFICE

For any enquiries, please telephone 01923 233146 or email the school office:

[admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk)

## PTA EVENTS

Our wonderful PTA have a number of events coming up which they would love to invite you to. If you are interested in putting yourself forward to be on the PTA committee, you can find out more about what the committee roles entail by visiting this page on the School's website:

<https://www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1306&type=pdf>



### Monday 3rd October to Friday 14th October Book Amnesty

If you have any books (fiction and non-fiction for all ages) you no longer need and are happy to donate them to the PTA, please bring them into school with your children between 3-14 October for our book sale at the coffee morning & afternoon events on 14 October.



### Friday 14th October 8:45am-9:50am PST Hub

PTA Coffee Morning, Book and Uniform Sale. It is also the AGM (annual PTA meeting to sign in committee members and agree the PTA Accounts for 2021-2022)



### Friday 14th October 2:30pm-3:20pm PST Hub

PTA Coffee Morning, Book and Uniform Sale.

## PHASE BROCHURES

Please see our brochures about your child(ren)'s year group information by clicking the links below:

- [Early Years Foundation Stage](#)
- [Key Stage 1](#)
- [Lower Key Stage 2](#)
- [Upper Key Stage 2](#)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Diary Dates

- Prof Paul Miller Visit - Friday 30th September 2022
- Y5/6 Visit from author Aisling Fowler - Tuesday 4th October 2022
- Hello Yellow Day - Monday 10th October 2022
- Whole School Photo - Wednesday 19th October 2022
- Harvest Festival - Friday 21st October 2022
- Break up for half term - Friday 21st October 2022
- Back to school - Monday 31st October 2022
- Individual and Sibling Photos - Wednesday 9th November 2022

## WELCOME

We have a number of new staff and governors whom we are delighted to introduce to you. A very warm welcome to:

- Miss McNamara (Pear class teacher who joined us in July)
- Mrs Parveen (Midday Supervisory Assistant)
- Mrs Procter (1:1 Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Connell (SENCO)
- Ms Shan (Support Staff Governor)
- Mr Hogan (Parent Governor)

## SAFEGUARDING

Please could all parents and carers refrain from propping open our school gate when collecting their children. The safety of all children is paramount, and we need to know who is on the school premises at all times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## VACANCY

Our caterers, Chartwells are hiring. They are looking for experienced cooks and assistant cooks. These vacancies are term-time only and 27.5-30 hours per week. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Marie Stone on 07796622263.



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