



NEWSLETTER

16 JUNE 2023

WELCOME

Our children have been having simply the best time in the sun. Thank you to you all for your support in providing children with hats, water bottles and sun cream so that they could enjoy stints outside in the warm weather safely. The staff team continue to assess the risk so that children's safety in the sun is prioritised. This will continue to be the case through the warmer weather, and particularly for our upcoming sports week, which opens with our Year 5 and 6 Sports Day on Monday morning at 10am. Parents are of course invited to join the sports days - don't forget to bring your running shoes if you're wishing to take part in the parent races.

We have had a number of children enjoying experiences outside of school on educational visits and activities that will live long in the memory. It was wonderful to join Year 5 for their annual camping trip to Phasels Wood, where the children enjoyed climbing, archery and the thrills of camping. Thank you to Mrs Makinson and the team for providing the children with truly fun and engaging experiences. The rest of Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed activity weeks in school and across the local area. Our Year 1s enjoyed a trip into London and visit the Sea Life Centre. Do check in with twitter for a great selection of photos from these experiences.

As we approach the final weeks of term, the teaching teams continue to make their assessments to support the children's transitions into new year groups and for our Year 6 children heading off to secondary school. The children will take part in a range of activities to support their transition and readiness for the new school year. Should you child be concerned about anything, please do speak with a member of the school team and we'd be happy to help.

Please look out for more information on our upcoming Open Evening on Monday July 10th, at 5:30pm. The event will provide you with an opportunity to speak with your child's current teacher, collect their end of year report, find out what class they are in for the new year and meet their new teacher. We hope to see you all there.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Assistant Headteacher, Simon Englander into our school community. Please see the additional letter notifying you of his next visit to the school

Sebastian Gray
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Sometimes, school is about making the best memories. Read on to hear about what the oldest children have been doing over the last couple of weeks...

Year 5

What an incredible trip Year 5 had to Phasels Wood this year! We enjoyed crate stacking, vertical wall climbing, archery, abseiling, go cart racing, human football table and human hungry hippos to name just a few. It was wonderful to see the children step outside of their comfort zones and push themselves to do things they never thought they could. A new Laurance Haines record was set on the crate stacking with one young man reaching 16 crates high! Certainly not for the faint hearted...We returned muddy and tired but with memories we will treasure forever. Thank you, Year 5, for a truly brilliant time. Back at school, our children were able to enjoy a number of activities from tie-dying t-shirts, bowling, a trip to Cassiobury park, making bouncy balls and enjoying cold ice lollies in the hot weather!

Year 6

Activity Week was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Our walk to Ebury Way was beautiful and tranquil; the local wildlife caused quite the stir from the Year 6's! On Tuesday, we were Ninja Warriors and went jumping, leaping and falling off of an array of inflatable apparatus. On Wednesday, we were off to the beach where we soaked up the sun, built sandcastles, played in the sea and ate ice-creams - I think this was our favourite day of the week. Thursday called for cookery in prep for our sleepover evening - we made cheesecake and rocky road bites (which were delicious! Well done Y6!). We then took our chances with Laurance Haines by night and had a sleep over in the hall! Or should that be wake-over?! Friday needed some down time so we played in the playground and finished our snacks before going home for a well-deserved sleep! Thank you to our incredible Y6 team for making it happen and to the children for making it memorable and so enjoyable!

Becky Makinson & Louise Goss
Y5 and Y6 teams

YEAR 6 ACTIVITY WEEK

Last week Year 6 had their activity week. Their fun-filled week consisted of a trip to Bournemouth, a visit to Ninja Warrior and a film and sleepover at school! The children have all had a wonderful time and made memories to last a lifetime!

Please click the link below for a video from when the children first saw the sea at Bournemouth. It truly shows how excited they all were:

MS WILSON'S TWITTER



MILK FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

For parents with children currently in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 5 - the cost of milk for the Autumn Term is £26.64.

Nursery children moving up to Reception class – If your child was born after 20th December 2018 then they are entitled to free school milk. If your child is 5 before 20th December 2023, then you will need to pay if you wish for them to have milk.*

Current Reception, and children in Years 1 - 5 – If you would like your child to have milk then you will need to pay.*

* Milk is also free for children who receive income related free school meals. Please note that the introduction of free meals for all KS1 children does not include free milk.

To order milk payment must be made through Arbor by Tuesday 18th July 2023. The payment is available under "trips". Please do not pay in to your child's meal account. Thank you.

YEAR 5 ACTIVITY WEEK

This week has been Activity Week for our Year 5 children. Some children went on a residential trip to Phasels Wood. The pictures and videos on Twitter show just how much fun they all had. Please do check these out!

The rest of the Year 5 children also had a fantastic, fun filled few days - bowling, tie-dye shirts and a trip to Cassiobury Park! Incredible memories made for the whole year group.



Y1 TRIP TO SEA LIFE CENTRE

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Sea Life Centre this week. They learned so many facts about sea creatures. Did you know jelly fish are older than dinosaurs? They have been around for over 500 million years. The favourite creatures of the day were the sharks and the penguins.



SPORTS WEEK

Next week children across the country will be taking part in National Sports Week. We are inviting carers, family, friends and parents to join the school for our annual sports days as part of the nationwide celebration of sport. It has been a fantastic year for physical education so far and we look forward to displaying a variety of skills learnt.

Dates & Times

Monday 19th June - Year 5 & 6 – 10:00am-12:00pm
AM Nursery 9:30-10:30am
PM Nursery and Reception 1:30-2:30pm

Tuesday 20th June - Year 3 & 4 - 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday 21st June - Year 1 & 2 – 9:30am-11:30am

Thursday 22nd June - Year 6 Inclusive Multi Academy Trust Competition at Cherry Tree School – 9:30am-12:00pm



Things to Know

Please ensure that your child is equipped with their full PE kit, in house colours, including sensible footwear for the many sports they will be taking part in. Also, please provide them with a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day and sun protection before arriving to school depending on the weather. If we are unfortunate with the weather on any of the days and rain puts a stop to the events, we will look to rearrange where possible. The events for KS1 and KS2 will take place at Harwoods Recreation Ground directly opposite the school. EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will take place at school on the lower playground. .

ADHOC AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to let you know that it is now possible to book all clubs which are run by Challenge Sport on an adhoc basis. This means that you do not need to be booking for a whole half term but can pick and choose what sessions you would like your child to attend and can even be decided and paid for on the day!

Payment will be taken through the Arbor app in the usual way.

We have many exciting clubs running at the moment so please do check out the club timetable by clicking the link below:

SUMMER TERM CLUB TIMETABLE

*Please note that adhoc sessions are only available for clubs being run by Challenge Sports. Payments for other club providers remain unchanged.

APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask that any appointments which are booked for your child during school hours are reported to the school office in advance. This would help our teaching and office staff be prepared and lessen disruptions to lessons.

SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to team Holly who have moved into the lead!

There are 5 more weeks left until the end of term - which team is going to win a visit from the Ice Cream Van?

The only way to help your team move into the lead is by all coming in every day!



Form	%
Y2 Holly	96.4
Y6 Willow	96.1
Y5 Birch	95.6
Y3 Oak	95.5
Y6 Walnut	94.9
Y5 Beech	94.6
Y3 Yew	94.1
Y1 Elder	93.4
R Plum	93.2
Y4 Palm	92.7
Y2 Hazel	92.5
Y1 Elm	92.5
Y4 Pine	91.4
R Pear	88.9

WELLBEING WEEKEND - NO SCHOOL

A reminder to all of our families that there is no school on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June. School is closed for our annual wellbeing weekend.

SCHOOL OFFICE

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

admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

15 HOUR NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We still have a limited number of 15-hour places for our Nursery this coming September. For more information about our Early Years provision and how to apply, please visit our website by clicking the link below:

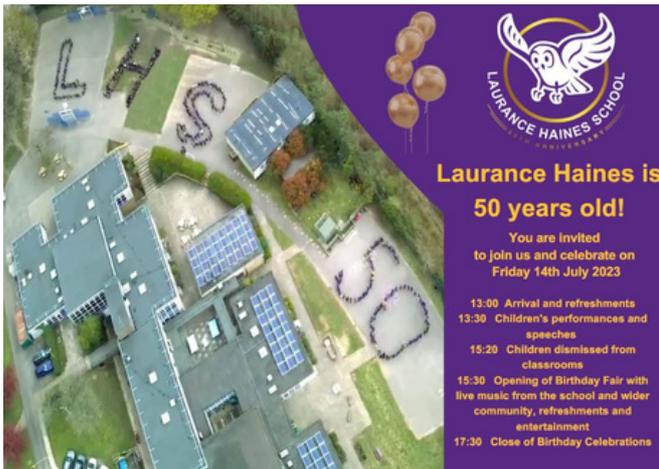
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50TH CELEBRATIONS

By now you will have received your invite to join us for our 50th Birthday Celebrations. We hope to see you all here. Please do note that we are unable to accommodate any parking requests so we ask that you walk or use local street parking.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Sports Week - Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd June
- Author Visit N and R - Thursday 22nd June
- Wellbeing weekend (NO SCHOOL) - Friday 23rd June- Monday 26th June
- JB Gill Author Visit Y2-6 - Wednesday 28th June
- Welcome to Reception Meeting - Wednesday 28th June
- Y2 Trip to Cassiobury Park - Tuesday 4th July
- Welcome to Nursery Meeting - Wednesday 5th July
- Open Evening - Monday 10th July 5:30pm
- LHS 50th Birthday Celebrations - Friday 14th July
- Nursery Graduation - Monday 17th July
- School finishes for Summer - 2pm Finish - Friday 22nd July

DINNER ACCOUNTS OWING MONEY

All school meals must be paid for in advance. Please ensure prompt payment of dinner money.

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. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need any support.

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

NURSERY GRADUATION DATE CHANGE

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of the Nursery Graduation. This will now be on Monday 17th July. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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