



NEWSLETTER

20 OCTOBER 2023

WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, what another wonderful celebration for Harvest this morning. In these moments we all feel such a sense of togetherness and belonging. Thank you for braving the weather and attending what was another spectacular show from our children.

We have had the most remarkable half term of learning, exploring and growing together.

Please do stop and celebrate what your child has achieved over the past few weeks. We know through research that as humans we forget things quicker than we remember them. That's why it is so important to keep reminding ourselves and practising the things we have learnt. In the classroom, your child's teacher is ensuring that 'spaced retrieval practice' is used to support learning and remembering more. This is where we revisit learning across the week, term and year to give it more chance of it staying with our children for life.

Over the half term, please keep asking your children what they have learnt. You can find their curriculum topics [here](#). In addition, wherever possible ask your child to read things aloud to you. This could be a recipe, a shopping list, the TV guide on a screen, instructions or of course a book. The more your child practises the skill of reading, the more they will remember.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term break. We return back to school on Tuesday 31st October.
Kind regards,

Jo Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

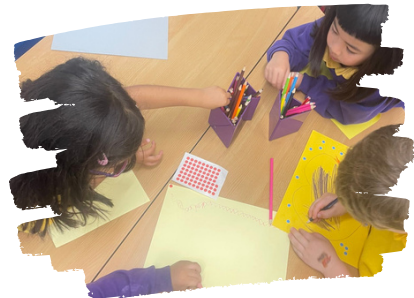
It is my favourite time of year again when the school is alive with the sound of music! Harvest preparations are in the final stages and what better way to learn new music skills than through a variety of Harvest music!

In Key Stage 1, the children have been learning how to follow a beat. They have been practicing how to listen to a musical introduction and where to start singing. They have even created their own tuned musical instruments which they will be using during their song at our Harvest Festival!

In Key Stage 2, they have been developing their understanding of beat, learning how to harmonize, using dynamics to create different effects, using call and response and refining their composition skills - what a talented bunch!

We will be showcasing all this learning at our Harvest Festival on Friday 20th October at St Michaels and all Angels church. I cannot wait!

Mrs Makinson
Year 6 teacher and Music subject lead



CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance. We are pleased to announce that we have a school average of 95.2% so far this year... but we know we can do better!

Just to remind you that if your child's attendance is sitting below 90%, they will be monitored by the Attendance Improvement Officer from the Local Authority until things improve. But we are here to help... pop into the office to speak to Mrs Gunning, our Attendance Manager, if there are any issues affecting your child's attendance that we may be able to help with.

We continue to celebrate excellent attendance in our celebration assemblies on Friday mornings.

We also have an ongoing termly attendance leaderboard. Many congratulations to Team Hazel who are leading the way with 97.39% this term- Outstanding!

Any class can catch them at this point though and there is fierce competition to win the end of term prize for the best attendance!

Good attendance really does matter.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

A reminder that individual and sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday 8th November.

**HAVE YOUR SMILES READY...
...IT'S SCHOOL PHOTO TIME!**





Be dressed and ready for Photo Day!


Make sure you bring your best smile!


Every child is photographed for our school records.


- How it works...

 On the day or shortly afterwards, your child will bring home an access code

 Order by your deadline to take advantage of timed-discounts

 Log-in, view your images and get creative using our simple photo editing tools

 Share your code with family and friends

 Don't forget! We will deliver your order to your preferred address free of charge!

MEDICINES

Please do not send your child into school with medicine in their school bag or hand to a class teacher. All medicines must be brought to the school office by a parent/carer as there is a form which must be completed. We thank you for your co-operation.

CONGRATULATIONS MR C!

We would like to send Mr C and his partner our biggest congratulations as they welcomed their baby boy into the world on the 11th October! Welcome to the world Baby C!



RECEPTION ADMISSION WORKSHOPS

We will be running two workshops next half term to assist parents in the application process for Reception. We will be able to help with the application form itself and explain the process and next steps.

The dates we are running workshops on are:

- Tuesday 5th December at 3:30pm
- Tuesday 19th December at 3:30pm

There is a sign up sheet outside of Nursery - please do let us know which workshop you plan to attend.

CLUBS

As always, please do check our website for our updated list of before and after school clubs. Clubs run by Challenge Sport can be booked on an adhoc basis for just the sessions you need.

DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents and carers - have you applied for your child's secondary school place? Closing date 31st October 2023. If you need support please come and see the Admin or Pastoral team.

Applications can be made via the Herts County Council website at:

ADMISSIONS

SCHOOL OFFICE

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

admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

FRONT GATE

Please do not prop open the front gate during school hours. This is done by Mr Phillipson at school pick up time only and the gate should not be being propped open by parents. This is a safeguarding issue as all visitors must press the buzzer and speak to office staff before entering the school premises.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have any unwanted school uniform or warm winter jackets that you wish to donate to the school, please could you bring these to the school office - thank you in advance for your generosity.

SCHOOL VIDEO

On Tuesday this week, you may have seen or heard that we had a film crew visiting school! We were recording our new school video, which we cannot wait to see and share with you all.



SCHOOL TOURS

We have a list of school tours running between now and the end of the year. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to our school, please direct them to our website where they can book onto one of these tours.

SCHOOL TOURS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Break up for Half Term - Friday 20th October
- INSET day (No school) - Monday 30th October
- Back to School - Tuesday 31st October
- Secondary School Application Deadline - Tuesday 31st October
- Spanish Day - Thursday 2nd November
- Individual School Photos - Wednesday 8th November
- Reception Admission Workshop 1 - Tuesday 5th December
- Reception Admission Workshop 2 - Tuesday 19th December
- End of Term - Wednesday 20th December at 2PM

NURSERY PLACES

We still have a handful of Nursery places for January 2024 admission. For enquiries and school tours, please do get in touch by emailing admissions@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

APPLY FOR A NURSERY JANUARY 2024 PLACE TODAY

Applications close Friday 3rd November

Accredited The National Nurturing School Award



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