



NEWSLETTER

12TH JANUARY 2024

WELCOME

We hope you had a restful and joyful break. It has been so wonderful to see all of our families and reconnect with the children. I am wishing us all a very happy and safe 2024!

As we enter the coldest months of the year, we kindly request that you ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather conditions. Please make sure they wear warm coats, hats, and gloves to protect them from the cold. I have looked at the forecast for next week and I see it is going to be particularly cold so please wrap the children up warm. These items can be expensive, so should you need any support with this, please do speak to a member of our team.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter, which will contain valuable information about events and important dates for this term. We believe that active involvement in school activities contributes to a well-rounded educational experience.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education or any other matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Our school office is open during school hours, and our staff will be happy to assist you, however please note that the office can get particularly busy at the beginning and end of the day. Mr Englander and I are out on the front gate morning and afternoon. We love chatting to our families so please do feel that this is a time for you to come with any concerns.

We have our Parent Consultations this term so please look out for the communication about booking your time. This is important time to speak with the teachers and understand where your child is with their learning.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Happy New Year, everybody! It is lovely to be back and to see you all after the break. Spring Term has begun with a real spring clean. All the classrooms are looking fantastic – as is the school as a whole. It has been lovely to see the pride the children have shown in their learning environments and the teamwork they have demonstrated in helping to make them look as great as they do. It has also been a wonderful start to the term in terms of the curriculum. This week's topic has been D&T and it is clear that the children's creative juices are really flowing in 2024. In Year 1, the children have been making felt hand puppets from Old Mac Donald's Farm; I am excited to watch the puppet show next week. I am also looking forward to joining Year 2 for a food tasting. They have begun creating a healthy meal for the man on the moon – I am sure both he and I will love what they make. Children in Year 4 have designed and made their very own book covers, which are truly beautiful. Putting their sewing skills to the test, Year 5 have worked carefully and with great determination using blanket stitches to make stuffed toy planets. Finally, I have seen some spectacularly creative designs and models of playgrounds in Year 6. I think we are going to have start raising funds to build a zipwire, butterfly tunnel and rollercoaster on our playground...

I cannot wait to see all the other brilliant work that the children produce this year!

Mr Englander
Assistant Headteacher

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

The new term has started back with some amazing learning happening throughout the school. Please take a look at Twitter/X to see more learning.



OUR NEW SCHOOL VIDEO

NEW

We are delighted to introduce our new school video and can't wait to share it with you. Kindly take a moment to watch it by clicking the link below:

www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/ourschoolvideo

CLUBS

Before and after school clubs for the Spring Term are available to book. Clubs which your child is eligible for can be found on Arbor. Clubs which are run by Challenge Sport can be booked on an ad-hoc basis, offering the most flexibility. Other clubs must be booked for the half term and all booking instructions can be found on Arbor or on our website by clicking the link below:

www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/clubs

PE KITS

Please do ensure that your child has their PE kit in school with them. PE kits can be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to wash if needed.

TERM DATES

Term dates for the rest of this academic year (2023-2024) and next academic year (2024-2025) can be found on our website. Please do take a look by clicking the link below:

www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/termdates

FEELING GOOD WEEK - FUNDING

Get Ready for Feeling Good Week: Regrown, Reuse, Ecosystem, Green, Recycle, Outdoors, Wildlife, Nature.

Feeling Good Week is just around the corner and this year's theme is all about the environment!

We're thrilled to announce that we have received £500 to fund a project focused on birds and wildlife. This money will be used to purchase a birdbox with a camera, as well as bird feeders and tables for school. Each year group will have the opportunity to make bird cakes during the week. Thanks to the funding, we will provide all the necessary ingredients and ensure the cakes are vegetarian, using vegetable suet.

SCHOOL OFFICE

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

admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

RECEPTION 2024 ADMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2024 is Monday 15th January. Applications can be made via Herts County Council at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Please contact the school office if you need any help in applying.

MEDICINES

A reminder that if your child has medicine that needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you bring this to the school office to complete the relevant paperwork. No medicine can be given to a child without completed forms.

This is also true for longer term medication such as inhalers.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATION

Do you have any second-hand uniform that you no longer need? You can donate them by bringing them to the school office. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

READING BREAKFAST

It was great to see so many parents joining us for our first reading breakfast of the Spring Term this week. Reading breakfast takes place between 8:45am and 9:05am every Wednesday for children in Reception - Year 6. You are invited in to read with your child. We look forward to seeing you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Y4 Buddhism Workshop - Tuesday 23rd January
- Holocaust Memorial Day - Saturday 27th January
- World Hijab Day - Thursday 1st February
- Feeling Good Week - Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February
- Y5 Trust Tag Rugby at Beechfield - Thursday 8th February
- Safer Internet Day - Friday 9th February
- Chinese New Year Dragon Dance Workshop - Tuesday 13th February
- Half term (no school) - 19th-26th February
- Back to School - Tuesday 27th February

ARBOR

Please do ensure that you are regularly checking your child's Arbor account. We share important information on there, such as school trips, clubs and parent evening booking slots.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and has school meals, you must ensure that there are adequate funds in their Arbor account to pay for them. The price of a school meal is £2.45. From 1st October 2023, it is not an option to accumulate debt for school meals. If funds are not available in your child's Arbor account you will be required to supply a healthy packed lunch each day.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please ring in and leave a message on the absence line on 01923 233 146. Please ensure that this call happens as soon as possible, before the start of the school day.



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