



Parent Newsletter

Friday 14th January

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a busy and cold week and the school term is certainly back in the swing of things.

Covid Update

We have seen a slight increase in the number of positive cases of covid in school. This week we have had to implement our Outbreak Management Plan in two of our classes. This means that these two classes will now operate as bubbles and will not be able to mix with other children in the school. Unfortunately, despite our rigorous cleaning, hygiene and ventilation measures, the Omicron variant is far more easily spread. Please make sure that you are taking your own measures to reduce the risk of transmission out of school. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Personal Development

In assemblies, we have been talking about Janus, the Roman God of change and new beginnings. Janus has two faces, one to look back and reflect on the past and one looking forward to decide how we want things to be. We have reflected on things at home and things at school that we would like to make a change to this year. Share your reflections at home and remember... start to take action to achieve your plans.



Barbara (and Road Safety)

Barbara is on the mend and has recently made a trip to the shop. All being well, her son will bring her to school one day next week at home time to see the children. We don't yet know which day this will be on. In the meantime, please ensure you are taking care when crossing the road with your child whilst Barbara is still recovering. There have been some near accidents with parents crossing in front of cars or crossing in dangerous locations.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We all need good mental health and wellbeing – it's essential to living happy and healthy lives. This NHS website shares seven areas of life where simple changes can make a big difference. Why not start today? [Top tips to improve your mental wellbeing - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Look out for a new mental health section on the school website next week which will contain videos for both parents and children.

Fractions



In Year Five, the children have been learning about equivalent fractions – different fractions which have the same value. If you are in Key Stage 2, see if you can draw a line to match the fraction vocabulary below to the right definition (parents, see if you can do it without the help of your children)...

Denominator	The top number in a fraction. Show how many parts we have.
Numerator	Fractions represented by a whole number and a fraction.
Equivalent	The bottom number in a fraction. Shows how many equal parts the whole is divided into.
Mixed Number	Numerator is greater than the denominator. The fraction's value is greater than one whole.
Improper Fraction	Having the same value

Parent Consultations

Look out for information regarding Parent Consultations which will all take place in the final week of term. Bear Class children will have the option of two consultations as there has been a change of teacher.

Late Collections

We have an increasing number of children being collected late. Whilst we understand that this is sometimes unavoidable, our teachers are unable to look after children who are not collected on time as they attend meetings after school. Therefore, children who are not collected on time are taken to After School Club. Please understand that there will be a charge if your child has to go to After School Club. This is not a charge we like to enforce but is necessary to cover the costs of additional staff in the After School Club.

Volunteering for roles with a difference

Those looking for a new challenge for 2022 can find out about volunteering roles with a difference, run by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire. Volunteers are wanted to scrutinise officers' implementation of Stop and Search and Use of Force powers. Members of the public will get to examine real-life cases where the tactics have been used, and then decide if the rules were correctly followed. Additional Independent Custody Visitors are also needed to monitor conditions for those held in police custody and ensure the upholding of detainee rights, wellbeing and health. They carry out unannounced visits to Hertfordshire Constabulary's two custody suites in Hatfield and Stevenage, during the day or night, seven days a week. To find out more, there is an online volunteer recruitment webinar next Tuesday 18th January 2022 from 7-8.30pm. If you or anyone you know might be interested in volunteering for one of these roles then please register an interest by emailing pccadmin@herts-pcc.gov.uk.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend, everyone!

From Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team

Dates

Thursday 20 January	Fun lunch
Wed 26 January	Bear – Meet the Teacher
Mon 31 January	Replacement Bank Holiday – School Closed
Mon 7 Feb – 11 Feb	Parent Consultations
Mon 14th February	Half Term