

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very cold week! Our site manager strives to ensure our site is safe for adults and children to walk around safely by applying salt on the icy walkways. Please take care when walking around the playground at drop off and collection times.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to everybody who came to our Coffee Morning on such a cold day! I hope the tea and coffee warmed you up! These mornings are a great way to catch up with parents, meet new parents and strengthen our school community.

Phonics: We have reviewed how we teach phonics and have moved to Essential Letters and Sounds. Today, we have emailed a letter to Reception and Year 1 to explain this to you. Nursery and Year 2 will receive a letter next week to explain how phonics will work for them. At our Online Safety Workshop on 31st January, we will also give you more information about this. To help to support your child, please ensure they bring their reading folder to school every day and remember, if you read with your child for just 10 minutes per day, this will hugely support them on their journey to becoming an independent reader.

Attendance: As you know, children can be dropped off at school between 8:35-8:45am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and at 8.30am for Nursery. The gate is closed at 8:45am and anyone coming in after that time is late. Late comers cause a lot of disruption for office and classroom staff as well as the children. If you are late, you may have to wait as our staff are extremely busy at this time and are not always able to answer the intercom immediately.

Parking: A reminder to all parents and carers: To ensure the safety of all of our children, please adhere to parking rules on our school road. Please refrain from parking on or across the driveways of the residents on Westland Avenue. We have regular complaints from the residents who are not able to access their own driveways.

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to come into school to support children with their reading. This could be for as little as one hour per week. If you are interested and are available on a regular basis, please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Miss Page

Star Writers of the Week

Ash	Kayan
Oak	Junior
Cedar	Eloize
Elm	Georgie
Maple	Grayson
Willow	Ryan

**Maths Champions of the Week**

Ash	Ali
Oak	Kyan
Cedar	Lily-Anne
Elm	Henry
Maple	Scarlet
Willow	Isabelle

Nursery Star of the Week

Emily

For trying her very best during group times this week.

Reception Star of the Week

Ash Class

Sophia U

For always being so helpful during tidy up time.

Oak Class

George

For enjoying his creative learning and making a Naughty Bus.

Year 1 Star of the Week

Cedar Class

Henry

For being an Edward Elephant and enjoying his learning.

Elm Class

Xyla

For trying her best in all areas of learning.

Year 2 Star of the Week

Maple Class

Aiza

For trying really hard with her handwriting.

Willow Class

Tinley

For always doing her homework.

Dojo Points - Headteacher Stickers – Postcard Home



The following children have achieved their Dojo points target and will be getting a postcard home:

Abel P, Amalia E, Arianna S, Ayden M, Chloe K, Henry B, Louis Li, Max V, Mehmet A, Rahel S, Sienna G, Tatiana M, Xyla S

ATTENDANCE

Please remember, you **must** inform the school by telephone or email on the first day of your child's absence. For safeguarding we require, in addition to your own contact details, at least two additional emergency contacts.



Our attendance target is 96%. The attendance for this year so far is: 91.31 %. This has gone up from 90.98% - well done!

Yr R Ash	92.45%	Yr 1 Cedar	97.33%	Yr 2 Maple	95.86%
Yr R Oak	93.04%	Yr 1 Elm	95.17%	Yr 2 Willow	94.33%

Well done Cedar Class!

Friends of Langtons Infant School

The Friends of Langtons Infant School, FOLIS for short, are a group of parents and teachers who organise and run fundraising and other events for Langtons Infant School.

You can never have enough volunteers and we are always looking and grateful for any new members. If you are interested in helping, be it a one off or on a more ongoing basis, please contact us on office@langtons-inf.haverling.sch.uk or 01708 447 866. We'd love to hear from you!

ABACUS

Abacus Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am Monday to Friday, during term time. There is no need to book, just turn up after your initial registration. The children have a healthy breakfast such as toast, cereal, crumpets or bagels. There is also a special of the day which could be yoghurt, fruit and honey. Abacus provide a selection of table top games, such as air hockey or pool. Alongside this are board games and craft activities. Children can attend for one or five mornings a week, or just when required. The cost is £6.50 from 7.45am and £6.00 from 8.00am. The children are taken into school for the start of the school day. For more information please call Kayley on 07903 708 764 or go to their website www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com where you can also download their registration forms.

Key Messages

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium – Although all children in Reception through to Year 2 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals once your child goes into Year 3. By registering your entitlement now, you ensure that your child will receive free meals later on, even if your circumstances have changed by then. It also means that this school will receive extra funding called Pupil Premium which we can then use to support your child. So the sooner you apply, the better.

For further details or to apply please go to: <https://www.haverling.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

On School Grounds - Please do not use your mobile phone. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters once they have entered site. Please ensure your child walks into school and pushes their scooter/bike.

Labelling of Items – Please remember to put your child's name on all items they bring in to school. This includes hats, scarves, gloves, water bottles, book bags, etc.

Absences – please remember to always contact the office either by email (office@langtons-inf.haverling.sch.uk) or by leaving a message on our absence line (telephone 01708 447 866) by 9am on the first day of your child's absence. When leaving a message on the answerphone please clearly state your child's name, class and the specific reason for their absence. If your child is unwell, please specify whether this is because they have a cold, a temperature or are feeling sick, etc.

It is our duty to make contact with every parent whose child is absent to check that everything is ok and the family are not in an emergency situation needing assistance.

If we cannot make contact, we may make a home visit to make sure everyone is ok.

Emails – when emailing the office, please always include your child's full name and class. This will help our office staff by cutting down on the time they have to spend looking up details.

We greatly appreciate your support as this helps us to free up time for other tasks.



Respect



Kindness



Determination



Tolerance



Resilience

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
24.01.23	Maple Class visiting St. Andrew's Church	Email to follow
25.01.23	Willow Class visiting St. Andrew's Church Year 1 PE Day	Email to follow This week only
26.01.23	Year 2 PE day	This week only
31.01.23	Safer Internet Workshop for Parents 8:45am	Parents in School 8:45am
03.02.23	Number Day – Dress up Day	Non-uniform Day - dress in something number related. Letter to follow
06.02.23	Around the World Week	Events to be confirmed
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day	----
09.02.23	Last Day for children	----
10.02.23	INSET Day – no children in school	No children in school
13.-19.02.23	Half Term	----
20.02.23	1 st Day back – start of Spring 2 nd Half Term	----
21.02.23	Reception & Nursery Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
22.02.23	Year 1 & 2 Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
27.02.23	Easter T-Shirt Competition Start	Design an Easter T-Shirt. Winner receives printed T-Shirt. Letter to follow
27.02.23	Bedtime Stories after school 4-5pm TBC	Letter to follow
02.03.23	World Book Day – Dress Up Year 1 PE day to change for this week	Dress up as your favourite book character. Letter to follow
08.03.23	International Women's Day	----
10.03.23	Year 1 Concert – AM & PM sessions (AM session no siblings)	Letter to follow
10.03.23	Deadline for Easter T-Shirt Competition Entries	Last Day for entering your child's design
14.03.23	International Maths Day – Fundraising Active Maths Challenge TBC	To be confirmed
17.03.23	Comic Relief Dress Up Day	Letter to follow
17.03.23	Mother's Day Stall	Letter to follow
24.03.23	Earth Hour	----
27.03.23	Parents' Evening until 5.30pm	Letter to follow
29.03.23	Parents' Evening until 6.45pm	Letter to follow
31.03.23	Last Day of Term	----
3.-16.04.23	Easter Holiday	----
17.04.23	First Day Back – Start of Summer 1 st Half Term	----

Nursery News

We have had a very exciting week in Nursery. When we arrived at Nursery on Tuesday we discovered an egg! We spoke about what we thought was in the egg and the children made some fantastic suggestions. The children kept a watchful eye on the egg all day and kept reporting that they thought they saw it move or another crack had appeared. Then finally on Thursday we came in to find the egg had cracked and the 'creature' had left footprints leading to the door. Again this sparked lots of conversation and critical thinking. We decided it must have been a dinosaur egg from the size and shape of the footprints he left. The children have made a lovely dinner for the dinosaur so hopefully he will return soon!



In other areas of the class the children have been practising their subitising skills and looking for groups of 1-3 objects and saying how many they see without counting them. We often use the phrases "I can see 3 footprints" or "what can you see?"

The children have also explored using clay. We looked at what fossils are and used our small dinosaurs to create our own fossils.



In Nursery we are exploring Phase One phonics. The aim of Phase One is to develop the awareness of the sounds around them and to support their listening skills.

This week in phonics some of the children have continued to play lots of listening games, and playing guess the instrument by listening to the sounds they make, while others have continued to explore rhyme.

This week the children have made some silly soup. We only put in things that rhyme with cat. Try having a go at finding some rhyming words at home.

Reception News

This week:

The children have been braving the cold weather and have still come into school with a big smile and ready to learn. As part of our investigation station this week, the children have been exploring and trying to find things that are magnetic around the classroom. They have enjoyed using the large magnetic to stick on different items and guessing whether it is magnetic or not.

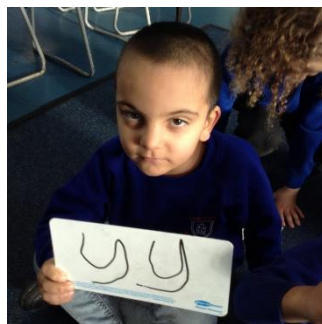
In literacy we have been looking at the story of 'The Naughty Bus.' We have enjoyed learning about all the adventures and fun the bus had. We have continued to use our phonics to try and write words and simple captions for pictures. We have also been busy making our own junk model buses and painting buses in our creative area. Some of us even made our own Naughty Bus map!

In our topic this week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed learning about how Chinese New Year it is celebrated. We learnt about the how the Chinese clean their houses, have a special dinner with their families, give each other gifts and also watch the dragon parade with fireworks. We made lanterns and puppet dragons to decorate our classes.

In our number learning this week we have been learning to find different arrangements and ways to make numbers up to 10. This week we were finding different ways to make numbers 6 and 7. We also have begun to explore 2D shapes and how to use them to make different arrangements.

This week in phonics we learnt the sounds y, z, qu and ch.

Please remember our PE day is Tuesday and we need to come into school dressed in our kits. No jewellery must be worn on this day.



The Reception Team ☺

Year 1 News

This week: This week we have continued with our new topic 'Amazing Animals'. This week we have researched and written facts about a desert animal. We have thought about what they look like, where they live and what they eat.

In Maths this week we have continued looking at finding half of shapes and half of a number. We also explored combining halves to make one whole.

In our Art lessons we have explored the works of Wassily Kandinsky!



In Phonics we have been recapping our Phase 3 sounds and writing a range of different words. We have also been using these words in a sentence, remembering to use our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

To help your child recap on these sounds please read 'King Pip and the Troll!'. This book has been allocated to you on Bug Club 😊

Please remember: PE next week is on Wednesday.

Year 2 News

Topic: We have been learning about Hornchurch this week. We have found out about the facilities in the town and have written about them. We used headings and subheadings.

We made music during Computing using Purple Mash.



Maths: We have been revising number bonds. We then used our knowledge of number bonds to complete addition sentences.



SPAG: We have been looking at common spelling patterns to help us spell. We have studied could, would and should. We looked at common endings such as 'ake', 'umble' and 'igh'. Our 'Bug Club' book is *"The Train Man"*.

Please remember: PE next week is on Thursday.