

Hatfield Heath Primary School Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 20



Hello there,

Welcome back, I hope that you had a lovely half term. The lighter nights are beginning to creep in which is a cheery sign that Spring is on the way!

This week we have been focusing on Team Spirit in school and have been thinking how we show this in everything we do. The children have taken part in training for rugby, have run in the schools cross-country and have explored what it was like to live during World War 2. Reception have had lots of creatures visiting them too!

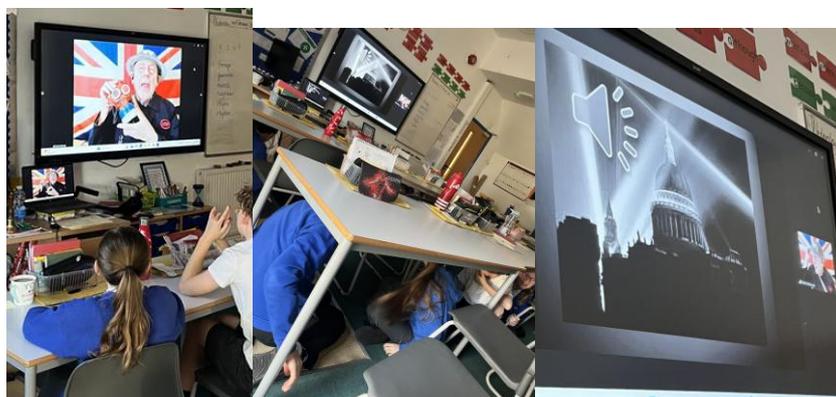
School Uniform Survey

You may have seen the school uniform survey (that was sent home in error) that was created by the school council this week. Thanks to the parents who filled it in at home, you saved your children a job.

We were surveying whether the children were happy with their uniform, or whether they would like an activewear uniform or something more formal. Results to follow soon!

Our next focus is lunchtime play.

In Science, Year 5 have been experimenting with exercising and seeing the effects of insulation!



Year 6 had an World War 2 interactive session for the day with an actor, who explored what it would have been like to live through the war, be evacuated and live through an air raid.

Meetings for Parents about National Tests

On the 3rd and 12th of March the teachers from Year 6 and 4 will be talking to parents about the Yr 6 SATs tests and the Yr 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check.

Come along and see how you can help your child and what the tests will look like.

Attendance

Thank you so much for all of your efforts to get your child into school every day and on time. I thought that you might be interested to consider how many hours of learning are lost through poor attendance.

Please have a look at the attached poster.

Check your child's attendance on MCAS and see how they are doing.

Overall attendance from September until now: 96.8% (0.0%)

Year 1	96.8% (-0.3)
Year 2	95.7% (0.0)
Year 3	97.3% (-0.1)
Year 4	96.9% (-0.1)
Year 5	97.2% (+0.1)
Year 6	96.7% (+0.1)

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
	Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	
84%		159.5	30.5	152.5	
83%		158	32	160	
82%		156	34	170	
81%		154	36	180	
80%		152	38	190	

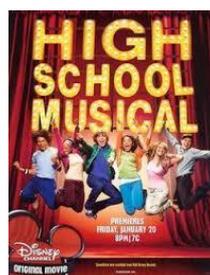
World Book Day is on the way! On Thursday we are celebrating World Book Day. We are using adjectives (describing words) as our theme. It's pretty flexible, so re-purpose an old costume but use a great word! I can't wait to expand our vocabulary!!



This week we focused on the value of Team Spirit. These children have exemplified what it means to have this. They have been kind and helpful, they have worked hard to put their rubbish in the bins and put the resources away after lunch. Great job everyone! This term we have been listening to songs from musicals and have bopped away to songs from Matilda, Annie, Wicked, The Lion King and this week from High School Musical!



Which teams do I belong to?



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 3.3.26 Yr 6 SATs meeting 9.15am
 Thursday 5.3.26 World Book Day
 5.3.26 Navigating Smartphones and Tech discussion 6.30pm
 12.3.26 Year 4 MTC check parents meeting 9.15am
 19.3.26 and 20.3.26- Bikeability -Group 1
 23.3.26-25.3.26 Bikeability Group 2

Spelling Bee

This week the Spelling Bee was launched by Mrs Davis. Please take some time to practice the words with your children for the competition. Please look out for Mrs Davis's email.

Navigating Smartphones and Tech as a Family

An evening of honest stories, practical ideas, and shared wisdom about raising children and teens in a digital world. Join **SFC Stortford** for a free event for parents and educators on **Thursday 5th March**, featuring candid stories, practical tools you can start using straight away, and the chance to swap ideas with people who truly get it.

This event isn't about banning technology or judging families - it's about thoughtful, age-appropriate use and supporting children to thrive both online and offline.

Whether your child is asking for their first phone or already glued to a screen, you'll leave feeling empowered, supported, and less alone. Expect laughter, relief, and more than a few "aha" moments.

Expert guidance and a welcoming community await - let's navigate this digital world together.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-smartphones-tech-as-a-family-tickets-1978615244459?>



Supporting Families

From time to time, families need some support with parenting and understanding the child's needs. Here are some useful links that may assist you.

[SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex | Essex Local Offer](#) - SPACE is a free, parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators - all are parent carers with lived experience.

[Parent4Parent \(P4P\) | Essex Local Offer](#) - A support group in Uttlesford for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25 who have social communication difficulties.