



Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn 2 Week 7 2022

Dear Holtsmere families,

I hope that you have all had a good week despite the snow and the cold weather. After the disrupted start to the week school has been extremely busy with lots of rehearsals and performances. It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school to watch the children perform, particularly as we haven't be able to for a few years..

I am in awe of all of the children, learning and remembering their lines, songs and then performing in front of over a hundred people each time. For some adults, standing up in front of that many people and singing would be quite daunting but for children aged 3-7 it is an amazing achievement. I am so proud of all of them.

As for our team who work so hard 'behind the scenes' to put on these performances, they are simply amazing and I cannot thank them enough for their care, dedication and perseverance!

They also clubbed together to buy each child the gift of a book for Christmas. I hope that they enjoy it over the festive period.

A selection of donated books will be available on the playground today for your child to take home and keep. A good way of occupying them over the festive break!

Pantomime

On Wednesday morning the children enjoyed a traditional pantomime performance of Dick Whittington. They were a very enthusiastic and loud audience! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch afterwards.

Mrs Bull - We said farewell to Mrs Bull one of our 1:1 Learning Support Assistants as she returns to her career in the NHS. She has been a valued member of our team and I'm sure that if she has worked with your child you will join me in wishing her well.

Ice - I have attached some guidance about playing near ice following the tragic events in the West Midlands last weekend. Please read if you are planning any outdoor walks near rivers, lakes and canals.

Reminder - Just to remind you that school finishes at 1.30 next Wednesday (12 noon for all Nursery children) please arrive promptly to pick up your child. It can be quite distressing for them if they are the only child left in school. Also our team will want to go home and be with their own families.

Have a lovely weekend; rain is forecast and it with hopefully clear the snow away!

Nicola O'Connell

Headteacher





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Happy Birthday !!!



Class lists for birthday cards and invites—please contact your class representative via your class/year What's app group

Week 7 attendance

Chestnut	Maple	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Pine
82%	81%	86%	90%	88%	87%

Upcoming dates

Friday 16th December	Carol concert—Year 2 parents	9.15
Monday 19th December	Carol concert—Year 2 parents	9.15
Wednesday 21st December	School finishes for the Christmas break Nursery 12 noon Main school 1.30—Please arrive on time to pick your child up	



The Forum, Marlowes
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP1 1DN
(Registered Office)

Adviceline: 0800 144 88 48
Textphone: 18001 0800 144 8884
www.dacorumcab.org.uk
CEO Angela Fox

Crisis Food Support in Dacorum

compiled by Citizens Advice Dacorum - updated Nov 2022 (E&OE)

DENS Trussell Trust Food Voucher Scheme <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Help Through Hardship Helpline (Joint Citizens Advice/Trussell Trust)

0808 208 2138

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Herts Help 0300 123 4044

Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 8pm and Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 6.00 pm

Highfield Community Fridge

Highfield Community Centre. Fletcher Way, Bellgate
Hemel Hempstead
HP2 5SB

Weds and Sat 11.00-12.00pm arrive early for best selection

Sign up for alerts at foodbevg.com

Berkhamsted Community Fridge

The Community Fridge is open 10-12am, every Tuesday morning

Situated outside the front of Open Door (360-364 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HU)

Please BRING YOUR OWN BAG, otherwise you will be charged £2 for a bag

Open to everyone - please come along and help us fight food waste - no need to book. All food is given out for free

Community Food Banks (no referral nor voucher required)

- St Mary's Church, London Road, Apsley HP3 9ST
Thursday 10am – 12 noon.
- St Benedict's Church, Bennetts End HP3 8JU
Weds 9.30- noon
- All Saints Church, Kings Langley WD4 8JS
(Back of the church) Daily 9.30-5pm

- Olio Food app

- TooGoodToGo app

Both available on Ios and Android phones, sharing excess food from supermarkets and restaurants

Healthy Start Card – if you are pregnant or have children under 4 and are on a low income sign up for this at NHS <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

Following the tragic events in the Midlands last weekend please find advice issued by

Community Fire Safety Team at Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters

Over the last few days Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue have attended water and ice incidents where people have been at risk of falling through frozen lakes and rivers due to rescuing a pet or not seeing the dangers of such activities.

Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water.

Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.

Don't go on the ice to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water.