

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024

Information & Dates for your Diary

Whole School News

Welcome back to the Summer Term!
We all hope you had a good break, and
it was great to see all the pupils return
on Tuesday this week.

This newsletter edition contains the classes' news from our last week before the Easter holidays, where a lot of classes enjoyed Easter-Egg Hunts, learning about Easter and making cards for their families and friends. Pupils also enjoyed singing, dancing and music throughout the week.

Many pupils took part in this term's House Story Competition, where pupils had to use 100 words to finish a short story. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Pupils return on Tuesday 16th April 2024 Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term Holiday 27th to 31st May 2024

End of Term Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Please note that all EHCP Annual Reviews will have the option to be conducted remotely via Teams or telephone or can be attended in person. A list of dates for the academic year can be found on the website.



PRIMARY



News

Robin Class: This week the children have enjoyed all things Easter. We started the week with an Easter sensory story and explored our Easter sensory tray. The children enjoyed using the big mac buttons to listen to the animal sounds. In maths we had a colour Easter egg hunt, sorting colours and counting our eggs. In creative the children enjoyed making Easter cards for their families.

Monkey Class enjoyed some Easter activities and an Easter Egg Hunt. They enjoyed some outdoor learning, story and play time. In the phonics sessions they had a Post16 student visit, who helps the group with their phonics sessions under the guidance of the teacher. Everyone was really excited for the holidays to start on Friday.

Alpaca Class enjoyed finding matching halves of egg shapes with the letters of the alphabet and then working together to put the letters in alphabet order. They listened to the Easter Story, reordering the key parts of the story. They listened to spring stories. The children designed a ramp to roll eggs down to find whose would roll the furthest before enjoying eating their chocolate treat.

Dragonfly Class had a lovely week finishing off projects! Pupils worked so hard to complete their cam toys in DT and had great fun turning and playing with each other's. In English, the class each wrote and illustrated an alternative ending to 'The Three Little Pigs', which were made into a lovely class book. Pupils impressed everyone with their progress in Maths, particularly with understanding place value, and enjoyed wrapping classmates as 'mummies' in History!

In English we wrote a short story for the competition, fingers crossed! In Science we carried out a fair test to see which biscuit is best for dunking-turns out it's a rich tea! In DT we finished making our cam toys, they look amazing! In History we looked at Egyptian hieroglyphics, deciphered what we might like to eat and very much enjoyed the Egyptian feast!





MONKEY CLASS



ALPACA CLASS



DRAGONFLY CLASS



FALCON CLASS

News

LONSDALE



The Wombats had a very creative last few days of term. On Tuesday, they finished their penguin/robin handwarmers by adding eyes and filling them with rice. They will be evaluating the project after the holidays and reviewing the skills they used. They also created Easter gardens, making simple crosses with sticks they found outside, used moss for the hill and positioned a large pebble to represent the tombstone.

In H Class, through our Geography lessons we have been looking at Eastern Europe and how you would travel there and putting together a trip itinerary for the time there. In English we have been practicing English Entry Level questions in preparation for upcoming Entry Level exams. In Science we have been looking at adaptations and how these adaptations help plants and animals live in the climates they do. During PHSE we have been discussing our Human rights and the rights of others.

In Geography, we completed our Whitby Travel Guides which were amazing! In PSCHE, Charlotte from the MHST came in and did some more work with the class about emotions - this time focusing on 'worry' looking at what it feels like to be worried and ways of dealing with it such as deep breathing and making a 'Mood Monster' to put any worries we have into its mouth. In Science, the class did a quiz on the topic of Seasons that they have been studying this half term. We also did an Easter egg hunt and made some Easter cards. Have a lovely Easter!

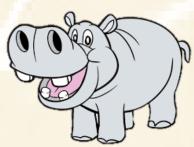
In Gorilla Class, we finished off our work on Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, describing all our favourite foods with incredible adjectives.

In maths, we finished our weight and capacity project and in science, we looked over our science week project and spoke about what went well and how we could improve for next year.

In our final run-up to the Easter break, pupils worked on Easter themed maths tasks – working out the answers to x table questions and then using the colour code to complete a picture. In English pupils worked on more creative writing by using sentence openers to continue a story. In RE we watched a clip about Jesus entering Jerusalem for Passover and made the links with the Jewish festival to the Last Supper Good Friday and Easter Sunday



WOMBAT CLASS



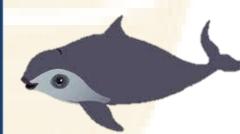
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GORILLA CLASS



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UPPER SCHOOL



News

This week in T Class, we have been finalising our end of term work ready for the new term. We have been learning more about how life began on earth with the discoveries of first plant cells, photosynthesis. This began the evolution of cells as we know it. In English, we continued with some dictionary work and spellings to help us in our Functional Skills work.

In Elephants, we looked at different coins in our maths lesson. In English, we finished our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory topic by building our own factory out of Lego. We also had fun tasting some chocolate and sweets. In science, we made spring pictures. We also thought about how the weather affects what we wear in our vocational unit. In K&U we made an Easter cross and learnt about Easter week.

A very busy week in Lynx Class! We reminded ourselves of what we had covered on materials and their properties. In PSHE, we looked at making good decisions with money and in VO we continued our work in history. In Maths and English, the class worked hard in preparation for the FS papers.

In FS Maths, the students worked hard on practising for the upcoming papers. Those students working towards GCSE maths have been learning about different mathematical operations such as expand, simplify, factorise & solve and using these mathematical operations to work out the answers to questions for quadratic expressions. In PSHE, we finished looking at how to make good financial decisions by looking at the dangers of gambling

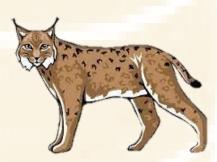
Our Governors all hope you had a good Easter break. Our Chair of Governors joined Lonsdale Staff on their Inset Day this week. The staff training focused on Moving and Handling and the school's behaviour approach – Therapeutic Thinking. We also welcomed some new starters to the Lonsdale Team on Monday.



TASMANIAN DEVIL CLASS



ELEPHANT CLASS



LYNX CLASS



PANDA CLASS



GOVERNORS NEWS





To view our best photos from last week, please click the link below, where you will be taken to the website gallery to see a photo album for each week:

https://www.lonsdale.herts. sch.uk/gallery/?pid=187&gc atid=12

Enjoy!





There are a lot of exciting curriculum opportunities and events coming up.

Summer Term

Fri 26th April - Wellbeing
Day: Planting & Picnic
13th - 16th May - Sports
Week
Fri 17th May - Sports Day
Fri 14th June - Save the
Children's 'Den Day'
17th - 21st June - Sky Arts
Week
Fri 19th July - Primary Prom
Mon 22nd July - Post-16
Leavers Prom





Handling anger of primary aged children with Autism or ADHD

Our award-winning six-week course is funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE for parents of primary aged children with ADHD and/or Autism, living in Hertfordshire.

This course for parents provides practical, evidence based support to understand why children with Autism or ADHD react with anger and provides proven techniques to increase emotional and sensory regulation in your family.



Wednesday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am April 17th 24th & May 1st 8th 15th 22nd

Email Francine & Lesley: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



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Coffee DSPL2 Morning



Location:

The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School, Hydean way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG

Please come along to our coffee morning.

It's a great way to meet other parents and get involved with DSPL2 events.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

We hope to see you there.

Future Dates:

Friday 10th May 2024 9.30-11am Friday 28th June 2024 9.30-11am

We will be joined by colleagues from Hertfordshire's funded children and young people's







Click here to book via DSPL2 Eventbrite.

If you have any questions email: dspl2@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk





TALKING FAMILIES

Supporting Links

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm online Course: ID 16th April - 21st May 2024

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm online Course: ID 653

4th June - 9h July 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoo

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 sharing

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries Respond to tantrums and
- difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child

relationship.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, o

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

Booking essential

Please quote the course ID

eck eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

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Supporting

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS





Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm Online Course: ID 655 4th June - 9th July 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of 12-19 year olds, supporting

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your ilv.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety and be able to avoid escalation.
 - Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behavior strengthen relationships in t s in the family. parent

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

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4th June - 9th July 2024 Our online support sessions : Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-25. Your child does not need a diagnosis to join.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict, anger and arguments. Improve Emotional Regulation
- Explore sensory needs.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.

Manage the different needs within your



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Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 659 18th April - 23rd May 2024

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 660

5th June - 10th July 2024

Our online support ses Groups are open to male parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:

- Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.
- Improved listening and nmunication skills.
- · Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.

- . Being the dad you want to be. parent These of

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I can break out of the cycle and make things different for my child.'

Booking essential

Please quote the course ID

urses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund H our booking. This will be held securely and only shared

TALKING TEENS



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm online Course: ID 657

17th April - 22nd May 2024

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Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm In Person Course: ID 658 5th June - 10th July 2024 The Reddings Family Centre Harcourt Rd, Bushey WD23 3PE

6. weekly sessions for parents and arers of children aged 12-19, covering:

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings
- Maintaining your relationship with
- Understanding risk taking behaviou around drugs, alcohol and gang

How to negotiate during a conflict

"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I am less stressed and my teenager speaks to me more. Thank you!"

Booking essential

Groups are open to parents, carers,

grandparents and guardians living, or

ol. in Hertfordshire

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TALKING ANGER in **FAMILIES**



Wednesdays 9.45-11.30pm Online Course: ID 654 17th April - 22nd May 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12, supporting you to:

- Understand why children, young people and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
 - Recognise the early signs of anger and be able to avoid escalation.
- Reduce conflicts and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour and strengthen relationships in the family.

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Happy Little Yogi Sessions

@ The Howard Garden Social Centre, Letchworth Wednesday 4pm - 4.45pm Age: 3 - 8yrs

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jane@happylittleyogi.com

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Everyone can dance and this is shown through our range of classes.

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movement class, we
use props and
repetition to explore
movement. We use a
range of props and
music to explore how
we can move props in
different ways, and
how different music
changes the way and
speed of how we
move.

This class is suitable for everyone of all abilities and can be adapted where necessary.

Dance Class

Dance Class
In our accessible
dance class, we learn
lots of short, easy to
follow routines. We
explore the use of
props, partner work,
and choreographing
our own routines. We
also learn a longer
routine each Autumn
and Summer term to
perform to our
parents, carers,
friends, etc.

This class is fully adaptable and suitable for anyone

Advanced Dance Class

This class is the next step from our accessible dance class. In our advanced class, we learn a longer routine each week developing our technique in different styles. This is done whilst having fun and developing our performance skills.

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Activities at Stanborough Park

If you have a physical disability and are looking for things to do why not join Herts Disability Sports Foundation for some fun?

Bellboating, age 8+, £10

Join us on our 10 seater paddle boats. Ticket includes a free parent/carer seat. Hoist and supported seat with 4 point harness available.

Boxercise / Fitness, £5

Social & fun group exercise sessions at Stanborough Park and Community Venues

Adapted Cycling 1-1 Induction, £15

Need help knowing what adapted bike you need? Let us help! Our 1 hour session includes selecting a bike and going out around the park for a ride.

Bike Hire, £6.30

Following an induction, hire the bike for an hour to cycle around the park. Only available when we are on site at Stanborough Park.

Bean bag powerboat ride, age 8+, £25

Join us at Stanborough Lake for a power boat ride. This is only for those who cannot access any of our other water sports activities.



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BSL Signs Happy Easter everyone



















Kids eat for less or free this summer in Hertfordshire

Asda

Kids (aged 16 and under) eat for £1 at any time of day, seven days a week with no minimum spend.

Beefeater

Up to two kids can receive a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Brewers Fayre

Up to two kids can receive a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Bella Italia

Kids aged 2-11 can eat for £1 at Bella Italia with the purchase of any adult main from 4-6pm Monday-Thursday.

Bill's

Up to two kids can eat free all-day Monday - Friday if one adult orders any main dish.

Café Rouge

Kids eat for £1 with purchase of one adult main course. 22 July – 31 August. Excludes Saturdays.

Dobbies Garden Centre

Families can get one free kids' meal with every adult main meal purchased in the restaurant.

Dunelm Café

Kids eat free when an accompanying adult spends £4. Kids can get a mini main, two snacks and a drink.

Hungry Horse

Kid's breakfast up to £2.49 for free when you buy an adult breakfast. Available every day between 8am and 12 noon, July 22 – September 4.

Morrisons

When you purchase one adult meal over £4.99, kids (16 and under) can get a free meal from the kids's menu. One kids meal per adult.

Tesco

Parents can spend as little as 60p to claim a free kids' meal worth up to £3.25.

YO! Sushi

Kids under 10 can eat for free from 3.30pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday. One child eats free for every £10 spent on food by the accompanying adult(s).



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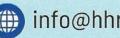
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- Personalised service
- (V) Great staff
- fun Activities
- Great Reputation Just ask!

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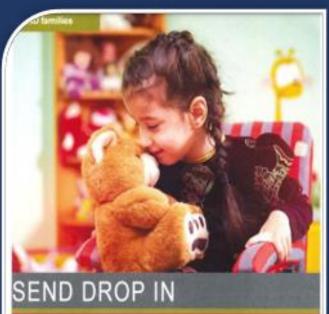




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We can provide a friendly our and a safe space to talk.

Children are welcome to attend with you or you can attend or your own Children are welcome, no diagrams needed











If you are between the ages of 5-18 or a parent/caregiver of a 5-18 year old, message us or call us to get help with issues that are affecting your wellbeing.

We can talk about what you are experiencing and offer you support, information and advice through one-to-one and group sessions.

You can get help straight away, no referral needed. To find out more, or to talk to one of our team:

Instant message us at www.withyouth.org

Or call us on 0208 189 8400

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Nightlight Crisis Helpline



In a crisis and need someone to talk to?

Our Crisis Helpline is open from 7pm - 1am 7 days a week, 365 days a year Call us on:

01923 256391

nightlight@hertfordshiremind.org

www.nightlightcrisis.org

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MONTHLY SERIES OF FREE EVENTS FU OF FUN FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES.

Time: 11am - 3pm Location: Event Island

11 February: Bubble Machine Peddle Bike, Face painting & more 10 March: Lego Make & Take, Face Painting & more 14 April: Pedal Powered Scalextric, Face Painting & more 12 May: Juke Box Peddle Bike, Face Painting & more

9 June: Activity TBC 14 July: Activity TBC 8 September: Activity TBC 13 October: Activity TBC 10 November: Activity TBC

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Hertfordshire Music Service Inclusive Choir (Soundabout associate member choir)

An inclusive contemporary style choir in association with the music charity Soundabout.

HIT is a registered charity 1180955 🔓 🌀 💟

- For anyone Year 5, 6 and secondary age, with a focus on giving a voice to those with SEN and complex needs.
- Sessions are twice a month, online, with an end of term, in-person, get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts. Starting April 2024 with a free taster session on Friday 15 March 2024 (5.00pm 6.00pm).

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Starts Friday 19 April 2024 (March taster session)



5.00pm - 6.00pm



Online with an end of term get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts



£35 per term



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Article 6: HAPpy Easter Camps – now open

Author: Carol Leslie

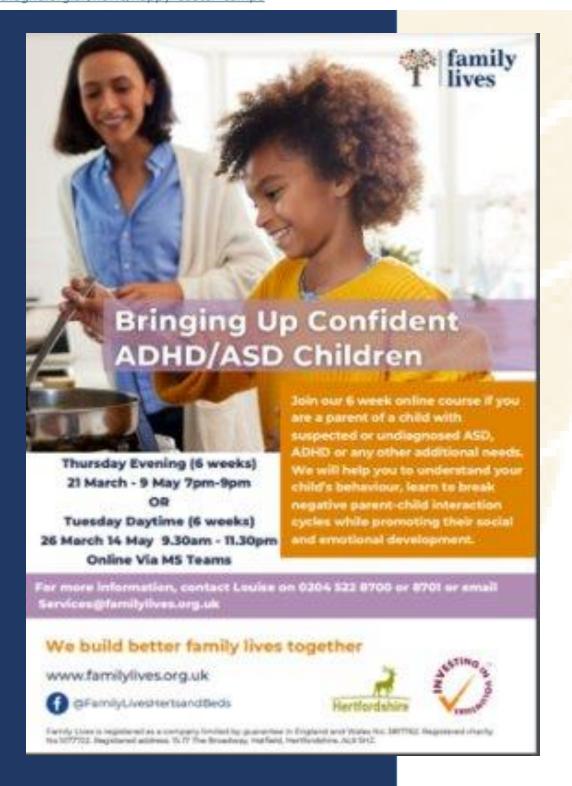
Contact: 07580 743561

Action/Info: Information

HAPpy Easter Camps - now open

We would appreciate your help in promoting the HAPpy (Holiday Activity Programme) again. Could we please ask if you could promote the following in your newsletters, website, social media channels and any other appropriate channels.

We have included a poster, a social media image and suggested content which you can access at: https://thegrid.org.uk/news/happy-easter-camps





Second Hand Uniform

Lonsdale School are keen to promote sustainability. If you have any good quality, preloved uniform you no longer need, you can drop it off at the school office in a bag clearly marked 'Second-Hand Uniform Donation'. Thank you!



Information about Free School Meals in Herts can be found here: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx



INFORMATION

Visit the Student Area on our website

www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk

You can find lots of activities in the 'All Sorts of Things' section.

Daily Home Learning Plan can be found in your class area for pupils who are not attending school.

Student Area is here!





Login to find out more!



Then explore your class area and look at 'Ideas Shared by and for Parents'.



Maybe send your feedback?



Welcome

o access this area we need you to login using the username a lease enter this information below and click login to proceed.

