

NEWSLETTER

Whole School News

huge thank you to all who donated for our arden project! We were blown away by your generosity with pots, plants and seeds, and we raised a whopping £185!!

The money will be used to purchase pots, ompost, plants and gardening tools to help righten up our outdoor areas. Pupils will be anting this Friday – we will update you with pictures soon!

Thank you for all your support!

Monday 22nd April 2024

Information & Dates for Your Diary



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

This week the children have been settling back into their school routine. We have begun our farm topic by sharing a sensory story. We are focusing on farm transport through mark making and printing. Also farm buildings using building blocks and textured materials. In Maths we are continuing to enjoy our number rhymes and water exploration to focus our learning on capacity. The children also enjoyed yoga and sensory room.

Monkey Class have worked well on their first week back. They have ordered numbers and then pictures by height/length. In English they started learning about diaries and looked back on what they have done in the past. In Science they started looking at plants, flowers and leaves. In DT they enjoyed researching biscuits, looking, tasting, smelling and feeling. In PE they worked hard stretching their arms and legs in ballet.

Alpaca Class have begun their new topics with great enthusiasm. The children are excited to be learning about the Great Fire of London in K&U, habitats in Science and using the keyboard to type in Computing. They are enjoying the warmer weather being able to use the outdoor spaces. In Maths the children are learning to count in 2s and in English how to write a recount starting with their Easter holiday. They enjoyed sharing some of the lovely activities and places visited.

Dragonfly Class have been learning about looking after insects in our environment and have been making a bug hotel in our Outdoor Learning lesson. We are continuing our learning about consent in PSHCE; learning about the importance of asking permission, how to ask for permission, when we can give permission and the importance of being comfortable to say "no".

In English we started to look at what makes a non-fiction recount. In Maths we developed our knowledge of height and number sequences. In Science we started to look at our new topic- Food Glorious Food by brainstorming food products and discussing where they come from! In DT we planned our cookies! In Geography we used atlases to compare the UK and Russia. We enjoyed playing animal games in Forest School with Wombats and Sea Turtles.





MONKEY CLASS



ALPACA CLASS



DRAGONFLY CLASS



FALCON CLASS

News



Welcome back to the Summer Term! This week we have started some new topics. In English we are going to take part in some drama, so we played some games around this. In Maths, we continue to learn about fractions, and the students' recall was amazing! In Science we are learning about seasonal changes, and we enjoyed a walk to Fairlands to spot some signs of Spring!

In Science, we began a new unit on Earth where we looked at why we have day and night and how it is that we have different seasons. In Maths we were looking at time and using analogue clocks to help us prepare for our upcoming Functional Skills Qualifications. In English we have been having a go at Functional Skill level questions to decode the meaning of questions and to support the answering of these. In Creative, we finished off our upcycled artwork.

It was lovely to see everyone again after the holidays. We started the week by sharing everything that we did over the Easter holidays. In PSHCE, we had some great discussions about diversity and discrimination. We looked at what makes each of us unique and talked about how 'weird' it would be if we were all exactly the same! In History, we started our new topic on 'Ancient Egypt' looking at some Egyptian artefacts. In Science, the class started their new topic on materials. In Maths, the class did some tasks on measuring different items. In English, we started our drama topic, which was great fun! In PE, we played some

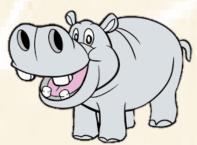
It's been lovely hearing about all the students' Easter holidays and the different things they've enjoyed while they've been off. We have started our Geography topic 'Our Country', learning all about the UK, where we are in the world and different aspects of British culture.

On Thursday we were back in the swing of it with Open Orchestra! So wonderful to see the students enjoying playing their instruments and engaging with each other.

Welcome back to all our pupils, and we hope all the families had a wonderful break. We hit the ground running with some warm-up Maths and literacy basic skills to get the brains working and then began some work on analogue clocks. In Science, we started to investigate metals that are good for conducting electricity, but first had to recap how to make a simple circuit and test for conductors and insulators. In Art, pupils learned about stone-age cave art and made some artefacts.



WOMBAT CLASS



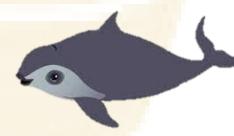
HIPPO CLASS



SEA TURTLE CLASS



GORILLA CLASS



VAQUITA CLASS

UPPER SCHOOL



News

In TD class, we delved into the history of the Earth and examined the characteristics of the first animals that roamed the planet millions of years ago. Afterwards, we applied our skills to group them accordingly. In English, we are currently focusing on improving our functional skills and addressing any areas needing improvement. In Geography, we are looking forward to 'Earth Day' and exploring the connections it has with climate change.

In Elephant Class, we have learnt about persuasive and non-persuasive words in English. In Maths, we have been learning about the time, sequencing our day and thinking about using the words 'before' and 'after'. We have been looking at cause and effect programmes in Computing. In Geography we looked at where North and South America are and which countries make up these continents. We are finishing our season topic in our vocational lessons.

L Class have worked hard last week on improving their time-telling in Maths as well as solving time-related Maths problems. They continued also to work towards and prepare for their upcoming functional skills examinations. It was great to have a member of the class stand up in assembly to share what it was like to live with autism. He did this with three friends, and everyone at the school found this really eye-opening.

In ICT we have been learning about the layer of a computer system. In GSCE English we have been learning how to analyse historical against modern text with a given theme. In FS English we have been revising writing techniques for purposes of text. In Maths we have been recapping our learning of Algebra, and in Science we have been recapping our learning of the Reactivity Series.

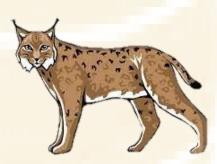
Our Governors are working hard with the school on the setting of the school budget. This is a challenging job and requires everyone's input. They are also supporting the senior leadership team to plan ahead for the next school year. Our Governors are looking forward to joining some events in the Summer Term and continue with their school visits.



TASMANIAN DEVIL CLASS



ELEPHANT CLASS



LYNX CLASS



PANDA CLASS



GOVERNORS NEWS







This week Group 1 and 2
joined together. They will
now be working together as
one group putting together
all the short pieces they
have been developing into
one longer piece ready for
our performance at the
Trestle Theatre. There was
lots of good listening to each
other and concentrating on
their part. Well done!







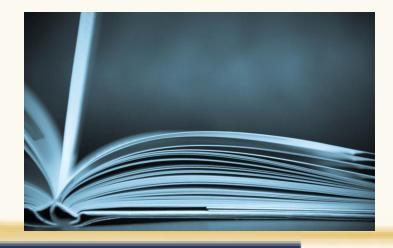


Before Easter we had a short story competition for the whole school to partake in as a House event.

There were over 45 entries to the short story competition.

The overall winner of the competition was Tallulah. Congratulations!

Please see her winning short-story piece on the next page.







Storm's Journey By Tallulah

Cold, wet, tired and exhausted they walked along the path through the forest. Storm carried on walking for miles, he could hear cackling. He suddenly looked down with a face of fear, as if he was about to fall into a deep, dark mountain and never come out again. When he looked down, the path slowly disintegrated.

He was running as fast as he could, away from the path folding into the cold, wet, crusty river. Behind him, he heard howling coming from the inside of the path.

He stopped suddenly, paralysed with fear.

He started seeing things, hallucinating feelings of being hospitalised. He felt shaky.

Suddenly he fell into a river which was deep and petrifying, his heart was racing, he felt like an ocean gasping for breath. He finally caught his breath, something was pulling him out of the river.

He tried turning around to see what was pulling him out. As he turned his shirt began to tear. They were starting to lose their grip now, only holding on to the string of his shirt.

He began to scream "Help, Help!"

Someone walking past the river heard his screams and ran to get help.

Storm kept fighting off the invisible beast, praying that the person would soon rescue him. Minutes felt like hours. Eventually, in the distance, he saw a speed boat...He was saved.





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:

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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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TALKING ADDITIONA NEEDS

Thursdays 9.45-11.15am co

18th April - 23rd May 2024

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm course: ID 652

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

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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
- around drugs, alcohol and gang
- How to negotiate during a conflict

Understanding risk taking behaviou

Booking essential Please quote the course ID To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

Groups are open to parents, carers,

grandparents and guardians living, or

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

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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

YOGA-GAMES-MAGICAL MEDITATIONS-SENSORY RELAXATION Book via happylittleyogi.com/classes or for more info contact

jane@happylittleyogi.com

inclusive academy dance school Making dance accessible for all!

At Inclusive Academy dance school, we strive for outstanding classes that everybody can attend.

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

Sensory Movement Class

In our sensory
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.

This class can be adapted for all abilities, whether you are ambulant, use a fame or walker, or are in a manual or power wheelchair.







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Your first lesson is always FREE!

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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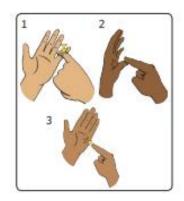


BSL Signs How well do you know your days of the week signs?

British Sign Language - Days of the Week

Matching Activity

Draw a line to match the correct sign to each day of the week



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday





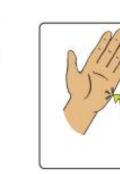




Friday























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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Herts House Respite LIMITED

Herts house offers adults ages 16+ with learning disabilities and Autism an overnight stay in our lovely service in Bushey, Herts.

We have created a 'Home away from Home' so that parents and carers can have that well deserved break whilst offering a space for individuals to be independent and enjoy some time away in a safe and welcoming environment.







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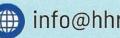
- (V) Home away from home
- Personalised service
- (V) Great staff
- fun Activities
- Great Reputation Just ask!

ABOUT

Herts House Respite was created by the f a local Day Service - Life Enhancement (the huge demand from the parents and those who attended. A trusted servic excellent reputation

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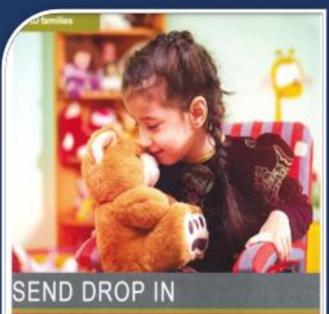




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SESSION DETAILS.

Are you a Parent of a Child with Special Needs?

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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

We are here for you Every day from 2pm - 10pm (excluding Bank Holidays)

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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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MORE





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

Follow us for more info and to keep up to date:

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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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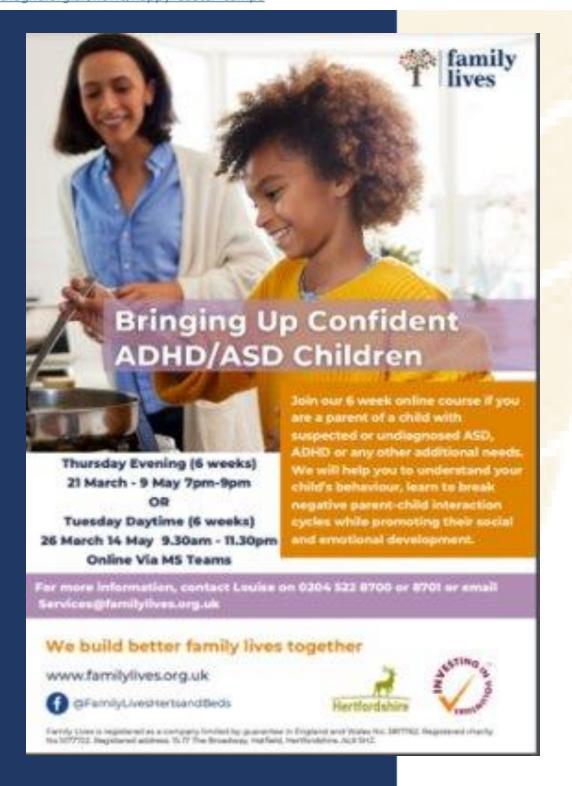
Contact: 07580 743561

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?



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

