

### Good Morning!

It is such a delight to see our children happy and excited about starting their school day each morning. They greet us with a charming smile as they get off the bus and make their way happily into school!



### Horseriding

Some of our pupils in Middle School have begun horse riding with the RDA on a Friday morning. As yet they have not sat on the horse, but have learnt about stable management and built a rapport with the animals in preparation for soon riding them. This is a great experience for our pupils and we thank the wonderful volunteers at RDA for making this possible.



### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

Lower School pupils have had a busy few weeks filled with lots of learning experiences. In their maths lessons they have been learning about money and have had a lot of fun with role play as both the shop keeper and the customer!



In science the children have continued to learn about their senses and this week explored the sense of taste. The children tasted lots of foods and to our surprise many of them loved the taste of lemons!



In music lessons the children have been composing pieces using body parts to make sounds!



#### Middle School

The pupils in Middle School have been reading books associated with their topic of 'My family'. In Puffins class they have explored 'Owl Babies' and the Swifts and Toucans have explored 'Peace at last'.

The children have created some artistic masterpieces this week in the form of family portraits. I wonder if any families recognise themselves in the following two!



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In science lessons they have been learning about healthy diets and have been tasting food from a range of different food groups.



The Swifts class and Puffins class joined forces for a trip to the park this week.



## Upper School

This children in Upper School have this week explored the Roald Dahl story of George's marvellous medicine. They have created their own marvellous potions! The pupils have been learning about the topic of deforestation and climate change and have made some beautiful posters.



In dance lessons they are learning an Autumn dance which they hope to perform at our Harvest Festival.

In history they have been learning about Florence Nightingale and in PSHE they have been discussing what makes a good friend.



## PE Activities

PE activities with groups in the wider community begin again in earnest this week. This is very exciting as we have not been able to take part in these events since February 2020! More information will follow in the next newsletter

## Dates for the diary

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – A quick reminder that the school will be closed to pupils for INSET training.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – flu vaccinations have been rescheduled for this date. Please return the email you will be sent.

**19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parent Consultations. More information will follow from your class teacher in the coming week.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival. This event will be held as a whole school community but outside, to comply with our current COVID19 risks assessment. Sadly, on this occasion, we will not be able to invite parents in to join us, but will ensure photos are placed on the

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website. We will be donating to the Hertford Food Bank and would welcome donations into school of dried food and provisions the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**- school photos day.

## Community News

We have been contacted by the Citizens Advice Bureau and asked to share with you their helpline number; 0800 144 8848. They are happy to advise on benefit entitlements, housing concerns, employment rights, relationship challenges etc as we emerge from the pandemic.

We are promised a pleasant and mild weekend so I hope that you manage to enjoy some quality family time while the weather is favourable. Best wishes

*Debbie Hartley*

