Newsletter

Newsletter 6 **21st November 2025**

Assembly Themes: Next week: Humility
Week after: Advent

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great couple of weeks in school and it has been lovely to hear the sound of the children learning carols and songs for their Christmas plays. We are all looking forward to the activities ahead – starting with the Christmas Shopping evening next week. We hope to see you there!

Sad News

It is with great sadness that I share the news that our former caretaker, Terry Day, has died. Known to many in the school and village as Mrs Day's husband, as well as a friend and neighbour, Terry grew up and went to school here. He became the school's Site Manager when I started as Head, and, although ill health forced him to retire in 2013, he remained a loyal, enthusiastic and committed supporter of the school. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Day and their family. He will be remembered with great fondness.

Sporting events

Huge congratulations to our netballers, who represented the school beautifully at the Rural Schools Netball Tournament. We were able to enter two teams, and were delighted that the senior team managed to get through to the final. After a very close match, which resulted in a draw, a rather unorthodox decision was taken to have a penalty shoot out, which the team won! All the children supported and encouraged each other throughout the morning. Thank you to Mrs Mason – our Team Coach – and to our parent helpers who drove the children to the event.

Safeguarding Message

We know of many children spend time on Roblox and are becoming increasingly aware of issues arising from this. These include:

- Inappropriate content – children coming across adult themes, violence and crude humour
- Cyberbullying – users harassing others
- Contact with adult strangers – including children being asked where they live

Although there are meant to be measures coming out to address these issues, there are currently several countries banning Roblox due to these concerns. Suggested measures to mitigate these risks include:

- Set up parental controls: Use a parent PIN to control settings like chat and spending limits.

- Link accounts: Link your account to your child's to take control of their safety settings and prevent them from making changes.
- Limit or disable chat: You can restrict your child's chat to friends only or disable it entirely.
- Explore together: Play games with your child to understand the platform better.
- Have conversations with your child about online safety.

Key Stage 2 Plays

Thank you for your feedback regarding the earlier timings of the school play. So far, people have welcomed an earlier start – we will give all your views careful consideration.

On Monday, children in Years 3 and 4 will bring home 2 tickets for each performance of their Christmas play. Should you require extra tickets, please complete this short form - https://forms.gle/z3r7WQAjeyCwo1WN8 Please return any unwanted tickets to the school as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate them. Thank you in advance for your help.

You do not need tickets for the other class plays this year.

Applications for Reception September 2026

The application process for admission to Reception in September 2026 has now opened. If you, or someone you know, requires a place, the link to the HCC website is here: Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council

If you need any help or support in making the application, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Martin or me, and we will be pleased to help.

PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening – 27th November

Our PTFA are very busy getting ready for the Christmas Shopping Evening next Thursday. Doors will open at 7pm. Entry is £4 for adults – children and former pupils are free! If anyone has any unwanted Christmas lights, we would be delighted to receive them; please bring them to the office by Thursday.

Further to the details in the previous newsletter:

- **Chocolate Day Weds 26th November**: Bring 2 bars of chocolate to school - eat one bar and donate the other.
- **Christmas present wrapping competition Thurs 27th November**: Bring in your creatively wrapped gift – please remember to write the age of the person that the gift is suitable for, i.e. 5-7 year old.
- **Volunteers on Thurs 27th November:** We need help on the day to set up, staff the stalls, and clear away afterwards. Please let the School Office know if you can help – even 30 minutes will make a difference!

Easy Fundraising for PTFA

With Black Friday on the horizon and Christmas shopping in full swing, we would like to remind you that we have Easy Fundraising set up to support our school PTFA. Simply visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/codicoteprimary/ to set up your account, and fundraise for our PTFA while you shop.

Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival Sunday 14th December

We are delighted that our choir has been invited back to the Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival to perform carols for the Sunday opening. We will meet at Holy Saviour Church, at 11.45am – ready to start singing at 12.00. We hope as many choir members as possible will be able to come; if your child is in the choir, please sign up on Arbor under Trips.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal; we raised £190.14, which is amazing! Thank you too, to Year 6 who coordinated sales for us.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend. Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Community News

The Kimpton Players would love you to join them for their Pantomime ***Hercules***. Lots of fun and laughs, and a few Codicote faces you may recognise too! Performances are 7.30pm on Thursday 4th Dec, 7.30pm on Friday 5th Dec, a Matinee at 1.30pm on Sat 6th Dec and an evening performance at 6.30pm. Advance tickets are £7 for under 16s and £14 for adults, which can be obtained from the Box Office via thekimptonplayers.co.uk