

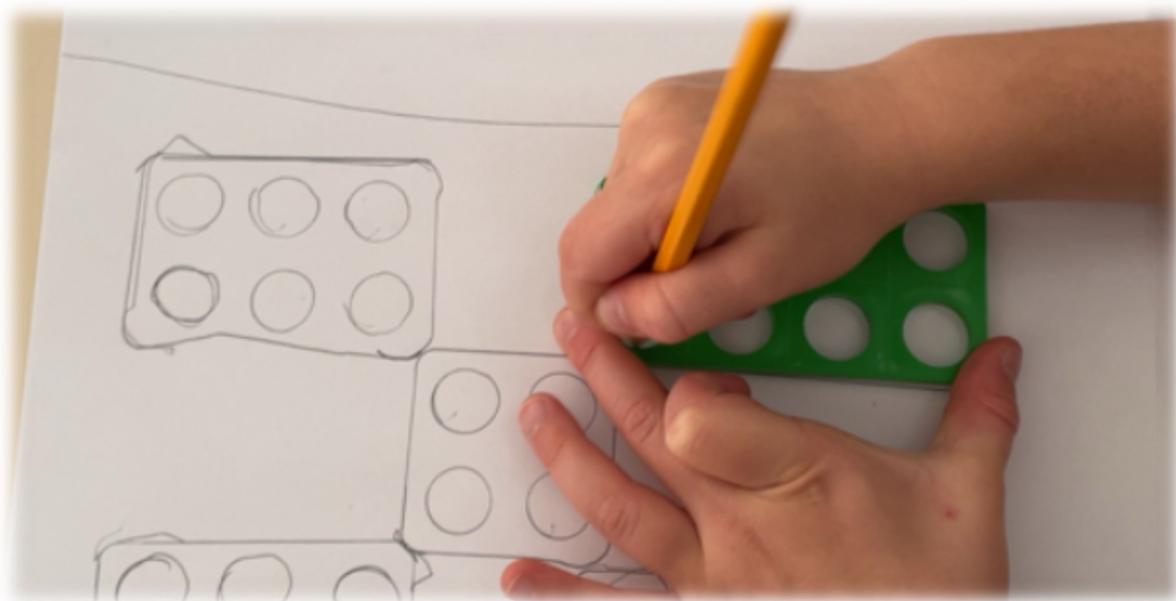


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 9th September '22



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

To begin with I would like to wish all of our children, parents and staff a very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you all managed to get some rest and had an enjoyable summer - I can't remember the last time that we had such a long stretch of warm sunshine and it's good to hear that so many of the children have been able to get outside and enjoy the break.

We begin this year with the sad news that Queen Elizabeth has died. It was only a short time ago that we celebrated the Jubilee, with the children writing to Her Majesty, congratulating her on her seventy year reign. We were pleased to receive a letter from the Queen's lady-in-waiting and a card of thanks to the children. Schools have been told to remain open during the period of mourning, however, should things change, I will do my best to inform you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for all of the people who managed to complete the parents survey. As always there were lots of constructive ideas and feedback to take on board. As a result of some

of the suggestions, I have asked the staff to give a brief update each week on ClassDojo about what the children are doing in class, so that you have an up to date idea of what is being covered.

If you need to contact the staff you can use the messaging system on Class Dojo. Please be mindful that teachers have the right to some down time too, Messages should be about the children's learning or wellbeing, and please keep messages to before 6 pm on a week day if possible. If your child is going to be late or absent, or it's an office question, please contact Jennie or Kirsten as you normally would.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 please keep your eye out for the Atom email. This will give you access to the homework platform which we are aiming to start using in the next few weeks.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Warmest wishes,

Mr Smithard

Learning Power Certificates
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

Will be back next week

Hot Chocolate Friday—
congratulations to these children
who have gone 'over and above' this
week

Y2 Aiden Y3 Ivy C Y4 Dylan

Y5 Lottie Y6 Luke

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 12th Sept @ 2:45pm - New to Y3 meeting.

Weds 14th Sept @ 6:30pm - Parents Read Write inc Meeting

Weds 14th Sept—Watford FC Positive Minds begins

Mon 19th Sept—Year 4 Trip to the Roman Museum

Tues 20th Sept—Spec Savers talk to Y4,5&6

Thur 27th Sep—Cross Country

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Clubs

The grid for clubs is available on the website. There are still some places available if you haven't managed to sign up.

Lunches

If your children are having school lunches please sign them up on Gateway before coming to school. It causes quite a few problems if the children appear at school without a packed lunch or a chosen lunch, and means that we have to phone home for one of the parents to bring lunch in. Also please remember to cancel the lunch by 9am if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, otherwise HCL won't issue a refund.

Uniform

Please let us know if you have any uniform needs - we would appreciate it if people with outstanding payments can settle their accounts as soon as possible. Thank you

Applying for Free School Meals

Given the current financial situation that many people are facing, there are more and more families finding things hard through no fault of their own. If you are in this situation, you may be able to claim free school meals until you get back on your feet. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the school also receives extra funding to support your child in other ways (the Pupil Premium Grant) – for example, we can support with extra tutoring, fund outside support with a specific learning need and even support financially with trips and clubs. This means that (if you qualify) you should apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 where all children are entitled to a free school meal.

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support · Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It only takes 5 mins to apply online and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. For more information and the link to apply, please visit the Hertfordshire CC website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-schoolmeals.aspx>

