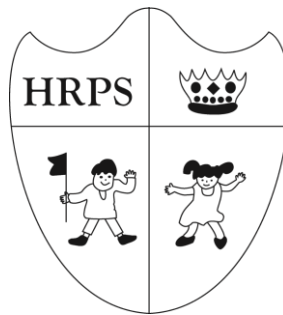


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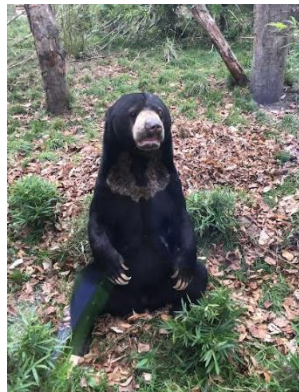
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Dear Parents and Carers

Reception trip to Paradise Wildlife Park, Tuesday 26 September

On Tuesday 26 September, Reception visited Paradise Wildlife Park. The children travelled on a double-decker bus which was really exciting! First, they visited the 'World of Dinosaurs' and discovered a T-Rex and a flying Pterodactyl. They made loud noises and one even squirted us with water.

After lunch the children explored the park, looking at all of the animals. They saw Sun Bears, lions, camels and a range of birds and reptiles. The children discussed where these animals might live in the wild and what they like to eat. Gold and Platinum classes had a great day!



School Grid

The lunch menu is available on School Grid and can be booked several weeks in advance. This gives you the opportunity to log into your account to make your child's lunch selections.

If you experience difficulties accessing your account please visit the school office.

If your child is not attending school please remember to deselect your order. If you do not, HCL will charge for this meal.

School Money

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help.

Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments. Should you be experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the school office.

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
<p>Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.



'Fun Food taster day'

On Thursday, 5 October there will be a special lunch menu including:

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Beef Burger
- Chips
- Ice Cream Factory

Please choose your child's favourite option on the School Grid.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

We will be holding parents' consultations meetings for all year groups on:

Monday, 6 November 2023- 3:40pm-5:40pm

Thursday, 9 November 2023- 4:00pm-7:00pm

An appointment signup sheet will be displayed outside your child's classroom or on the main playground from next week.

If you are unable to attend an appointment on this day, please speak to your child's class teacher about arranging this for an alternative day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



Free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.

School Admissions 2024

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2024.

The following link will take you to the booklet

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

The national closing dates for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team are:

31 October 2023

- Transfer to Secondary 2024
- Transfer to Upper 2024

15 January 2024

- Starting School 2024
- Transfer to Middle 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
Visit from the fire brigade	Year 2, Purple Class	Monday, 2 October 2023
Visit from the fire brigade	Year 2, Green Class	Tuesday, 3 October 2023
SLA Flu Immunisation Session	Reception- Year 6	Tuesday, 3 October 2023
WW2 Wow Day	Year 6	Thursday, 5 October 2023
Sports Day	Early Years	Friday, 6 October 2023
Residential Trip- Caythorpe Court	Year 6	Sunday, 15 October- Wednesday, 18 October 2023
Half-term	All	Monday, 23 October- Friday, 27 October 2023
INSET Day- school closed for pupils	All	Monday, 30 October 2023

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis– Orange 98.5%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte – Red 95%

Upper KS2 Prince George– Elizabeth 99.2%







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Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Esmae B-F	Abbie D	Ava-Rose G	Clay W
Oliver T	Simone B	Arber A	George T
Myles W	Isaac R	Teddy C	Alice-Eva A
Theo R-S	Danny G	Aalayah A	Pelageya G
Alanna M		Natalia S	Alexandra E
Connor D		Jason E.	Sonny G
Frankie S			Kamil D
Fatima L-S			
Jude M			
Lleyton H			
Alexandru S			



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MATCH DAY



30 SEPT 2023 | 15:00

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