



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers this term. It has been such a busy term (it always feels like we try to squeeze the same amount of things into a five week term as we do into a seven or eight week term, so thank you for your patience).




We have had so many fundraising events in the last few weeks, but for our school and for charities close to our hearts. We appreciate all of the support from you all and cannot believe the amount of lives this support will change in the future.

We had our termly visit from the local authority and I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you our successes and what we are working on to further improve.

We are working very hard to plan from the children's interest and I am sure that you will see this as you bring them in each session, as the classroom are displaying some very bright and inviting experiences. The children are growing quickly with us and the relationships and trust that they are building with friends and adults is fantastic to see; they are really beginning to attempt challenges with confidence and are developing resilience to their surroundings. We are very proud of them for these achievements.

We are looking at ways to further develop the way we challenge children, particularly with the maths curriculum and how the children understand and comment of the world around them. Please look out for ways in which we will be doing this across the rest of the year.

Katey Thompson
Headteacher

 <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>	Line a Penny Thank you to everyone who donated pennies. The children had a great time making a very long line on the playground. We are so pleased to say that we raised an amazing £53.73. Well done to Miss Karim for organising this event.
Cake Sale A massive thank you to all of the parents and staff who donated cakes and to everyone who purchased some. We raised a huge £216.57. Well done Mrs Ade and Mrs Cairney for organising this event.	
	Birthday Gifts and Sharing As a school, we are happy for you to share your child's birthday with their friends; often this is through giving sweets, stickers or very small gifts to their special friends. Anything you send in is NOT from the school and the staff will therefore be asked to hand these gifts straight to parents, in case of allergy or need of child or family.

Easter Egg Raffle

Every member of staff has kindly donated an Easter Egg to the school to be raffled off to the children. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 19th March and the draw will be on Wednesday 28th March during school time. Tickets are 20p each or £1 a strip. You can collect raffle tickets at the main reception or on the door with Shona and Toni.

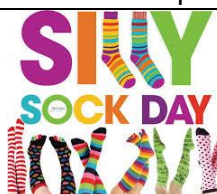


Easter Singing Session

We will be holding an Easter Singing Session with the children on Wednesday 28th March. This will take place at 11:45, 2:45 and 3:30, just before you collect the children. Please come and watch your children singing some spring songs.

School Dinners

We have been advised by St Matthews Primary that the cost of school dinners will be increasing from the 1st April 2018 to £2.05 per meal. If your child stays for a hot school dinner, please note your invoice will include this update.



Silly Sock Day

We are holding a silly sock day on Thursday 29th March for Autism Bedfordshire. On this day children and staff are invited to dress up in the silliest socks that you can find and donate £1 to this super charity.

Easter Holidays

Please note that the last day of the school term is Thursday 29th March. The school returns on Tuesday 17th April. **Please note Little Harts does not return until Wednesday 18th April due to Home Visits.**



Please do not park on the ZIG-ZAGS

Parking

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIGZAG LINES OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL – or opposite the zigzags.

We are noticing a large number of parents are parking quickly and not thinking about where they are leaving their cars. I have had to contact the council and the parking warden team, as this is a severe safeguarding risk to our children.

Summer Fete – Date for your Diary

Please note the summer fete this year will be held on Saturday 7th July. We will be sending out regular updates with stalls, prizes, raffles etc that we are planning, so please put this date in your diary, as we hope it will be a real community event.



Term Dates For 2017-2018

Spring Term 2	Monday 19/02/2018 - Thursday 29/03/2018	
	29/03/2018	Last day in school
	16/04/2018	Training Day - Nursery Closed
	17/04/2018	Children return to school (LITTLE HARTS CLOSED)
	18/04/2018	Little Harts Children Return to Nursery