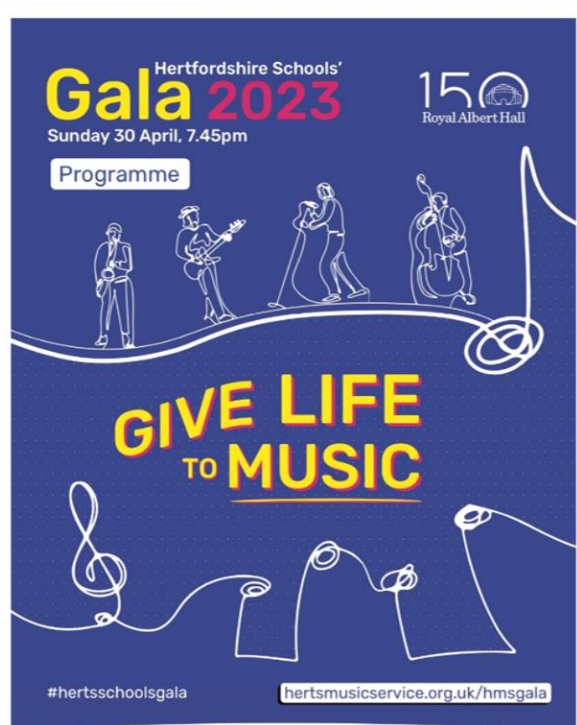




Royal Albert Hall Music Gala

Wow! What an incredible experience for our school choir last Sunday, performing at The Royal Albert Hall as part of the Hertfordshire Schools Music Gala. It was a long day for the children, but one which created some amazing life-long memories for them and for their families in the audience too.

A big thank you to Mrs Stewart for preparing them so well and to Miss Walker and Mrs McCabe for going along to help on the day. Well done choir, we are so very proud of you all!



A reminder that our Coronation picnic takes place tomorrow. Children can wear red, white and blue clothes instead of their uniform (fingers crossed for dry weather!)

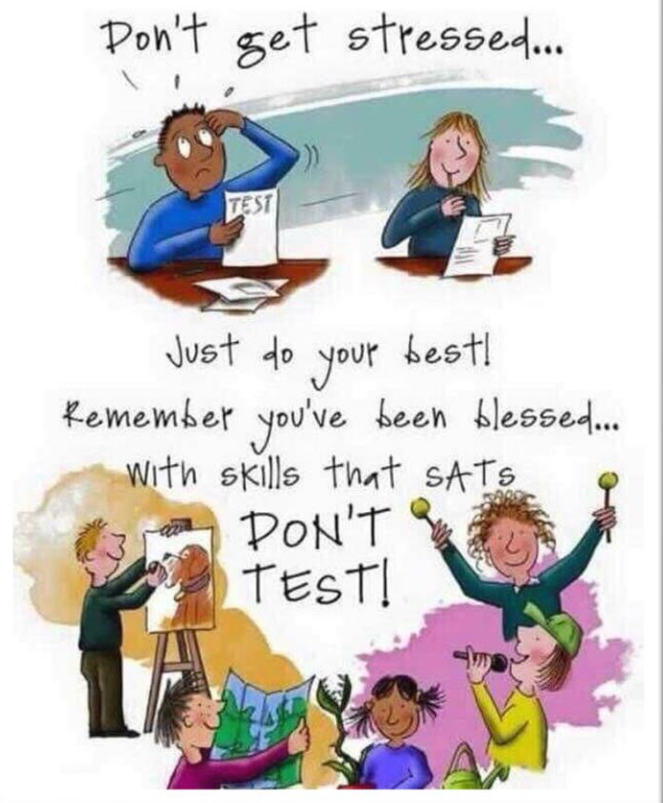


Year 6 SATs: next week

Next week, the children in Year 6 will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests and we wish them all the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard this year and I know they will do their very best. Children in Y2 will also be doing their KS1 assessments between now and the end of May too.

The 'SATs Breakfast' will be served from 8am for children in Year 6 and we are very grateful to Mrs Harrington Smith for organising this and giving the children a fun start to the day.

Go for it Year 6, just do your best, that's what matters!



SPORTS DAY 2023!



This year's Sports Day is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 17th May at 12.30pm** (weather permitting). In the event of Sports Day being rained off we have a reserve date booked in for Friday 19th May. We will text parents if sports day needs to be postponed; if you do not hear from us, it is safe to assume that it is going ahead.

Children are asked to wear a plain coloured T-shirt in their house colour, along with their usual PE shorts, sun hat/cap & well-fitting trainers/plimsolls. They will also need a bottle of water.

Colours: Seacole-Red, Faraday-Yellow, Bronte-Blue, Morris-Green

Do check with your child's teacher if they can't remember which team they are in. Plain T-shirts are preferable please; if you already have one in the right colour that is patterned or has logos, it could be worn inside out on the plain side.

Closer to the time there will be an information sheet / programme coming home about how the sports day will run and some requests for spectators. We aim to finish by 3.15pm, but please be aware that we sometimes overrun (no pun intended!)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOLLOWING SPORTS DAY.

Class arrangements for next year

I thought it would be useful to include this section in the newsletter again. Class arrangements are not finalised until well into the summer term and there are several factors that impact the final groupings. The following piece is copied from Issue 25 of the newsletter (23rd March).

One of the key questions parents often have is around whether children will move into the next class or not. I know I explain this at length on guided tours for new parents, but I also know it can be tricky to understand how it works!

Where year groups are split, we make the decision based on each individual child's needs, taking into consideration a blend of factors such as age, academic performance, emotional maturity, behaviour, confidence and self-help skills.

We do not use the terms 'moving up' or 'staying down' because regardless of which classroom a child is in, they still cover the curriculum for their year group. Our teachers are really skilled at delivering the objectives for two year groups simultaneously in the mixed classes.

When you receive your child's report in July, this will contain a letter informing you of the teachers for each class, and which class your child has been allocated to.



**Class 2 Cake Day – raised
an amazing £117!**

Thank you!

**EASTER CRAFTS raised £190! Thank you
to everyone who came along, and
especially the volunteers who organised it**



Save The Date!

**We will be holding an information evening
for Y5 & 6 parents about our upcoming trip to**

PGL Bawdsey Manor on Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm in the school hall.



This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

On Sunday, children in Choir went to Royal Albert Hall in London with a lot of other primary and secondary schools performing too; there were over a thousand people attending. Participants sang many different songs including: Seaside Postcards, Give Life Back to Music and a few others. Some of the older students from other schools danced to the music in the back whilst parents watched the performance in the audience. We asked a couple children who attended the event what they thought of it and if they would like to do it again, all of their replies were very positive! Miss Walker went along to support them and she said 'It was a lovely experience seeing the children sing their hearts out!'.



St Ippolyts Church

The King's Breakfast Service

Sunday 7th May 10.00am

A short, informal service for all ages, which will be followed by a lovely breakfast of sausages in rolls, pastries and fruit. Please come along and join us!

St Ippolyts and Gosmore Open Gardens 2nd July 12-5

We still need a few more gardens to sign up to make this year's Open Gardens a success. Could you open your garden? We would love a range of gardens, big and small, formal, informal, allotment style etc. It doesn't have to be perfect (what garden is?), if you enjoy it we are sure that others would love to see it.

We are looking for gardens in the area of Waterdell Lane, The Crescent, Mill Rd, Orchard Close, Townsend Ave, Mill Lane (from Mill Rd to Gosmore Rd), Gosmore High St. and Maydencroft Lane. If you are able to open your garden or would like more information, send an email barbara.thomas@live.co.uk or call 07443228468