



Friday 8th September 2023

Parent Bulletin

- Welcome back, Building works, Transport Issues, SALT update, Home/School Agreement and Communication

Welcome back

- ◆ I hope everyone had a lovely summer. The sunny weather definitely waited until the children were back at school. We have had a busy week welcoming all of the children back to school and look forward to the year ahead.

Building Works

- ◆ There were lots of developments over the summer with regards to the school site. The main boiler is being replaced by Herts County Council contractors which included a new gas feed, pipework and high level heaters throughout most of the school. Old tanks, pipework and radiators have been removed. Our building team unexpectedly had to build a boiler room extension which delayed our current project by a few weeks.
- ◆ We are currently extending and re-designing the front entrance building and walk way. The purpose of this is to improve the space, making it safer and more practical for the children and the size of the school. I hope this project will be near completion in 4 weeks.

Transport Issues

- ◆ We have been inundated with phone calls, emails and reports of difficulties and issues with transport this week. Please be reminded that transport is provided by Hertfordshire County Council and is contracted to a transport company through a tender process every 3 years. This does not involve the school and although we try to help where we can, please can you direct queries, questions and complaints directly to the transport company (London Hire) and/or Hertfordshire SEN Transport team.
- ◆ We will now be having weekly meetings with London Hire and the Contract Management Team Leader at Hertfordshire SEN Transport, to try to resolve the issues being experienced.

London Hire

- ◆ In the first instance please call the main office on: 01992 511 615.
- Alternative contacts:
- ◆ Michele Graves Tel: 01992 939400 / 07496 393 882
 - ◆ Lee Mordecai: 01992 939 401 / 07539 361418
 - ◆ Danny Jackson: 07957 916 007 / 0208 1876 132
 - ◆ Dennis Kibble: 07946 056076
 - ◆ For non-urgent enquiries please email Herts@Londonhirecs.co.uk

Hertfordshire SEN Transport Team

- ◆ Telephone: 0300 123 4043
- ◆ Email: SchoolTransport@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Update from the Speech and Language Therapy team (SALT)

- ◆ Please click on the link below to read an update from Annick Algar - Highly Specialist Lead Therapist.
- ◆ SALT Update

ACTION REQUIRED: Home/School Agreement 2023

- ◆ Please read carefully the [Home/School Agreement](#) on the school website under Statutory / Statutory Policies and confirm you have read, understood and consent through **Arbor > View student Profile > Consents**. This can also be found under your **Notices**. (We have currently only had **57 out of 170** consents given.)

Communication

- ◆ Absences: Please call or email the school office in the morning. Please do not send messages via transport. We need to hear from you directly.
- ◆ If we have not heard from you once the morning registers have closed, parents and carers will receive an automated Attendance Follow Up email and/or SMS notification from us via Arbor. Your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence if we do not hear from you.
- ◆ Please log in to Arbor regularly or download the Arbor app to keep updated.
- ◆ These parent bulletins are sent out every Friday in term time. Please view via the link sent on Arbor's in app message, email or on our website: <https://amwell.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/friday-bulletins>
- ◆ Newsletters are sent out on the last day of each term.
- ◆ School meals account, clubs and other activities should all be paid for via Arbor.