Heritage House School Newsletter

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Dear parents & school community,

In this newsletter we share the opportunities and learning that our learners have had in this summer term.

It has been packed with opportunities for development from musical events to sports, retail, horticulture and culture.

The highlight in June was the Chesham Schools Carnival, which so many families attended. It is indeed a special occasion as we paraded through Chesham with all other local primary schools. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture – we are certainly on the map as a vibrant Chesham school!

We also welcomed this term Vache Baroque a classical group of musicians who serenaded the building from our main PD hall.

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Our horticulture provision goes from strength to strength. This half term we welcomed Chesham in Bloom who Awarded us a bronze prize with comments:

> *All learners .... clearly enjoy the garden area. They grow courgettes, potatoes, runner beans and many other vegetables and flowers. Nearby is a delightful activity area and shed under trees where the learners can go in wet or cold weather. They can also grow on seedlings in the greenhouse. The school has built on a good relationship with Chesham Rotary Club who support some of the activities.*



We also welcomed RHS judges as Chesham competes to win a Small Towns Award - and look forward to the result.



Did you see the SIZE of our Sunflowers in the LEAF garden??? Grown from our own seeds!



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Many thanks for your feedback concerning End of Term reports.

I can see from your many comments, you have appreciated the work the whole school community, especially teachers, therapists and coaches, completed to celebrate your wonderful children, our learners.

As this school year comes to a close, thank you to everyone who supports this amazing school and all it achieves.

Jacqueline





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VACHE BAROQUE

Beautiful music and spellbinding stories...

We were fortunate to have Vache Baroque come to visit us on a hot day in July. Classes arrived to gentle music from a harpsichord, violin and guitar. Vache Baroque then took us on a magical journey involving magicians, seas and storms.

Learners, staff and families were all enchanted by the music and spellbinding singing. We really didn't want to leave when the session ended!







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Schools of Chesham Carnival

Rainforest

Celebrating 100 years of David Attenborough…

Learners created their colourful costumes using recycled materials. We had a record number of HHS families and staff and the roads were a sea of green as we paraded through the streets of Chesham.



We were delighted to be awarded for our efforts with the **'Highly Commended'** award by the mayor of Chesham.



In the park we ran a stall selling items made in our construction lessons – which all proved very popular!





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ASDA Heroes

This year Chestnut Class participated in the Asda Heroes project

Learners chose three of Asda's Sustainable Development Goals to focus on:

- **People** - providing healthy produce for local families in need
- **Planet** - tackling textile waste and growing fresh produce
- **Prosperity** – teaching learners life skills; upcycling of textiles and growing produce - then using them to put the produce in for our local community

Throughout the project Chestnut Class gained knowledge of the world of work, and what it means to be a global citizen. Learners completed an Asda Heroes workbook and worked on a collaborative project:

- Chose and created a symbolized soup recipe card
- Grew produce in our Potting Shed horticulture area for the soup recipe
- Designed a bag using old clothes and textiles

All coming together with the idea of putting the produce we have grown, and soup card recipe, inside in tote bag; then giving it to people in need, in our local community.

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ASDA Heroes

Award-winning work!

Chestnut Class's innovative hard work led to Heritage House School being awarded the: **'Making a positive difference within their community'** Award!











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Buckinghamshire Children & Young People's Partnership
Working together to reach our goals

Short Breaks

Parents & Carers Engagement Session

Thank you to everyone who joined Buckinghamshire Councils recent engagement meeting via TEAMS - it was lovely to see so many families join us to share their views and experiences, and to hear more about the Local Authority's plans. The session was facilitated by Rowena Shepherd and Wendy Smith, from the Local authority. Please click here if you'd like to view their presentation.



It isn't too late to have your say!
Even if you were unable to attend the session, you still have the chance to share your views by completing one of the questionnaires below.

I strongly encourage you to take part - this is your chance to have your views heard and help shape the future of the Bucks Short Breaks provision. Click on the relevant QR code below.

If you DO currently access Short Breaks

If you DON'T currently access Short Breaks

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WE'RE GROWING...

WE'RE BUILDING!

we are creating more learning areas and provision with a new area for our learners 14-19yrs in the new school year.

We are excited to announce that works will soon begin in the LEAF building to create a dedicated space for our older learners to experience possible future opportunities associated with volunteering/ employment.

The **Potting Shed Cookery School & Delicatessen** will be created next to the Cafe. Learners will have a state-of-the-art area to learn key skills when preparing food.



The plans include opening up the deli to the public and creating work opportunities for learners.

Further developments will create additional learning areas including a laundry, office area and new toilets.

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Hydrotherapy

HOW REFRESHING!

Our Hydrotherapy Pool is getting a splashy new look...

Major works have already begun to refurbish our hydrotherapy pool - and is scheduled to be completed by 1 September 2026.

The whole area is being upgraded to replace the wooden structures, changing rooms, toilets, hoists and the overall general look of the area.









WE DID IT!

We are delighted to announce that we, HERITAGE HOUSE SCHOOL have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognized for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

Organizing several sports events for our learners to widen their experience of sport
Attending several sports festivals to widen our experience and enjoyment of sports
Being invited to compete at Regional Competition in Table Cricket
Broadening our after school club offer
Sharing information about inclusive sports clubs/out of school activities with families
Tracking 20 active minutes a day for our learners
Collating information about out of school physical activities of our learners with families/carers
Establishing cooperation with Sports Leaders during National Fitness Days and Sports Days

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us with their help, advice and information this year. We could not do it without you.
We look forward to applying once again in 2027!





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Colne Valley Special Sailors in Rickmansworth, Aquadrome

Making sailing accessible, inexpensive and fun for people with disabilities of all ages

SUMMER

SAILING

25 July to 5 September

Wednesdays and Saturdays only

(no sailing on Saturday 29 August)

Contact our Booking Officer for more information and availability. **Booking is essential.** Please call us on **07756 442721** send an email to bookings@cvssailors.org.uk







Inclusive Cycling Sessions are back!

Running in Aylesbury and Marlow, these sessions enable individuals of all ages and abilities to enjoy the benefits of cycling using adaptive cycles. Family members, carers, and friends are welcome, and each booking allows two guests to join for free.

Click here to book your space



VACHE BAROQUE

Summer Festival

Vache Baroque and their Co-Founder Betty have worked with Heritage House this year providing music lessons and concerts as well as CPD for school staff. Families are invited to their family friendly Summer event:

Sunday 6 Sep 26 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Under a big-top circus tent, come and set sail to a theatrical world of water, with singers, players, actors, and all sorts of sounds coming from our immersive surround-sound speaker system. There might even be a blue whale! Specially curated for a more 'relaxed' experience. Everyone is welcome to attend, including families with babies or very young children and those with learning disabilities, neurological conditions or movement disorders. Featuring BSL interpretation.

Book Now! **Tickets £1 – £20**

Venue: Vache, Chalfont St Giles HP8 4SD
Grounds open from 10.30am; Main (interactive) show starts at 11.30am.
Running time c.1 hour, to include a short interval.