

End of the week message – Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday to you all! Hope you have had an enjoyable week. It has been lovely to see some sunshine this week; definitely raises the spirits of everyone.



We have enjoyed another busy week at Boxmoor which has included more visits from prospective parents and carers for our Reception class 2025; our Year 6 children who show our visitors around the school are not only a credit to the school but a credit to their parents. Year 4 treated us to a celebration of their learning this week; they spoke with confidence and maturity about various aspects of what they had learnt in class. Today it was so lovely to see the school community support for Children in Need as children and staff dressed in their pyjamas or Children in Need clothing. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthwhile cause.

"No one has ever become poor from giving" Anne Frank

PTA Film Night

The children have chosen **Inside Out 2** to watch at Film Night on **Friday 29th November from 5pm to 7pm**. Tickets are now available for **£4 per child** which includes drink and crisps, which can be purchased from the School Shop on Arbor.

PTA Christmas Fair

Plans for the PTA Christmas Fair on **Saturday 7th December from 12:30pm to 3pm** are already underway.

Our traditional Christmas Fair is full of fun and games for children and adults alike. It's always a popular event with many stalls selling out early but it can only be such a success with your help. We'd love it if you're able to have a rummage in the cupboards or add a little something extra to your shopping list to donate to our Xmas Fair fun. There is no pressure to donate, but if you're able to, below is an outline of which donations are required by which class. You can either send in your donations with your child or bring them in to the school office.

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated this week. Below is a reminder of the items that the PTA would like donated over the coming weeks.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Donations Required</u>	<u>Classes</u>
LAST WEEK	General Tombola & hamper goodies plus small lucky dip bits (including unopened, in-date leftover Halloween sweets)	All year groups
Week commencing Monday 18 th November	Chocolate Tombola donations (unopened, in-date and nut-free please)	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Week commencing Monday 25 th November	Bottle Tombola donations (alcohol must be handed to a PTA rep, teacher, or the school office)	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2
Week commencing	Any further donations from all categories & year groups will be very gratefully received.	All year groups

Monday 2nd December		
Friday 6th December	Cake donations for the popular cake stall. These can be shop bought or home-made but must be in-date, nut-free and with clearly labelled ingredients please.	All year groups

On behalf of the PTA Committee, thank you in advance for any donations you're able to make.

PTA Festive Fundraiser

The children have been very busy drawing their self-portraits for the PTA Festive Fundraiser this year. The self-portraits have been added to the tea towel design to celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary.

Individual and multiple orders of tea towels can now be purchased from the School Shop on Arbor. Orders for the tea towels will be made in early Decemeber and will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Not only do the tea towels make good souviners for the school's 50th Birthday but they make fantastic Christmas presents for friends and families.

School Council Cake Sale

Thank you so much to those of you who supported the School Council Cake Sale both in terms of donations and buying cakes on the day. Our School Councillors were fantastic in serving cakes to those who came along to the sale. A big thank you to Miss Fox who is leading the School Council and is working with the children to raise money for a traverse wall.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that a grand total of **£165** was raised. We still have some cakes and biscuits left over so are planning to sell them at the Nursery Open Morning on Saturday.


Children in Need

As outline above, it was wonderful to see everyone supporting Children in Need today. Donations can still be made via the School Shop on Arbor, if you have forgotten to make a donation today. Thank you so much for your support. I look forward to announcing how much was raised in next week's end of week message.

Maths Morning for Parents and Carers

On **Wednesday 27th November**, we invite parents and carers to visit their child's class for a Maths session. The sessions will run from **9:00am to 9:30am and 9:30am to 10:00am**. This is to allow parents and carers with more than one child to visit each class. If you have 3 children in the school, we recommend that you split the hour equally between the 3 classes. Please sign in via the main office and make your way to your child's class ready for the first session.

Maths might be taught differently to how you were taught at school, so this is an opportunity to see the strategies that are being taught in order to support your child with their learning at home. You will expect to see the following taking place across the school; Maths games, Maths across the curriculum, Maths Fluency sessions, Maths songs, rhymes and Everything Maths!



We hope that by holding these sessions you will have a better understanding of your child's Maths' learning at our school.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Tickets for the following Christmas Performances will be available via Arbor from **Monday 18th November**.

Parents and Carers can book 2 tickets for each performance. There will also be the option to complete a Google Form expressing interest for additional tickets if they are available.

The dress rehearsals for each performance is open to parents and carers with very young children to attend. Nursery children will be watching the Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance during the school day.

EYFS Performance of Baarmy Bethlehem

Dress Rehearsal - Monday 9th December at 9:30am
Performance 1 - Tuesday 10th December at 9:30am
Performance 2 - Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am

Key Stage 1 Performance of The Innspectors

Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday 10th December at 1:30pm
Performance 1 - Thursday 12th December at 1:30pm
Performance 2 - Friday 13th December at 9:30am

Office Receptionist Vacancy

We are recruiting for a part-time office receptionist to support the administrative team during the busy times in the morning, Monday to Friday. If this is something of interest to you or you know someone who might be interested, please see the link below which takes you to the advertisement on the Teach in Herts website.

[Click here to access the part-time receptionist vacancy on Teach in Herts website](#)

Boxmoor Website

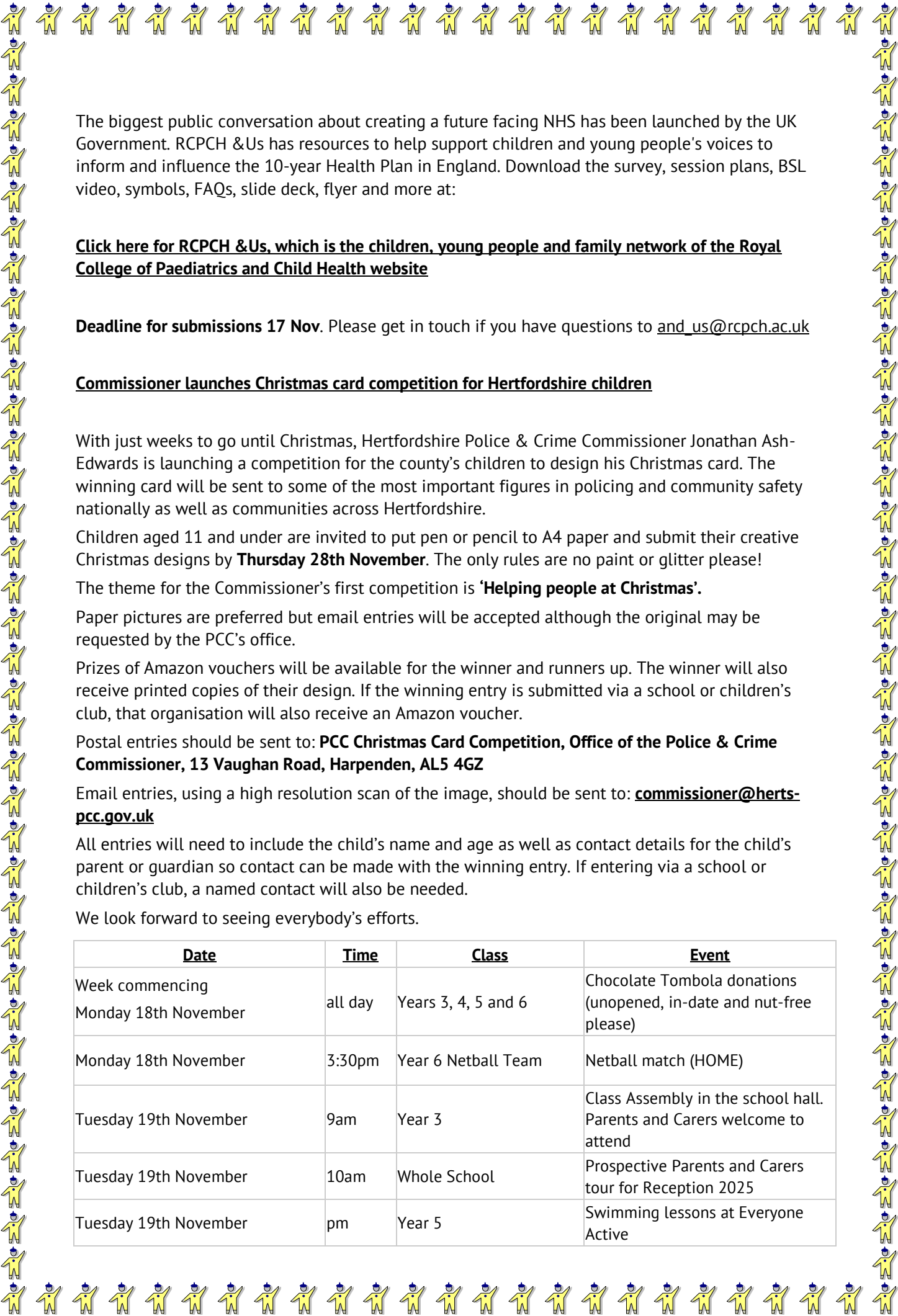
Our Boxmoor Website has had a bit of a facelift and is now more user friendly. It continues to be a work in progress, but is now live to parents, carers and the wider community. We would appreciate parents and carers taking a look at the website and giving us your feedback. You might need to do a hard refresh so that you get the best first impression of our new design.

DSPL 8 Parent and Carers Newsletter

Please see attached DSPL8 Parent/Carer newsletter for your information.
DSPL 8 are delighted to announce our parent/carer information fayre will be held on **Tuesday 3rd December** at Chaulden Community Centre, please see hyperlink below to book tickets.

[Please click here to purchase tickets for the parent and carer information fayre](#)

Change NHS Resources for Children and Young People



The biggest public conversation about creating a future facing NHS has been launched by the UK Government. RCPCH &Us has resources to help support children and young people's voices to inform and influence the 10-year Health Plan in England. Download the survey, session plans, BSL video, symbols, FAQs, slide deck, flyer and more at:

[Click here for RCPCH &Us, which is the children, young people and family network of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health website](#)

Deadline for submissions 17 Nov. Please get in touch if you have questions to and_us@rcpch.ac.uk

Commissioner launches Christmas card competition for Hertfordshire children

With just weeks to go until Christmas, Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Jonathan Ash-Edwards is launching a competition for the county's children to design his Christmas card. The winning card will be sent to some of the most important figures in policing and community safety nationally as well as communities across Hertfordshire.

Children aged 11 and under are invited to put pen or pencil to A4 paper and submit their creative Christmas designs by **Thursday 28th November**. The only rules are no paint or glitter please!

The theme for the Commissioner's first competition is '**Helping people at Christmas**'.

Paper pictures are preferred but email entries will be accepted although the original may be requested by the PCC's office.

Prizes of Amazon vouchers will be available for the winner and runners up. The winner will also receive printed copies of their design. If the winning entry is submitted via a school or children's club, that organisation will also receive an Amazon voucher.


Postal entries should be sent to: **PCC Christmas Card Competition, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, 13 Vaughan Road, Harpenden, AL5 4GZ**

Email entries, using a high resolution scan of the image, should be sent to: **commissioner@herts-pcc.gov.uk**

All entries will need to include the child's name and age as well as contact details for the child's parent or guardian so contact can be made with the winning entry. If entering via a school or children's club, a named contact will also be needed.

We look forward to seeing everybody's efforts.

Date	Time	Class	Event
Week commencing Monday 18th November	all day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Chocolate Tombola donations (unopened, in-date and nut-free please)
Monday 18th November	3:30pm	Year 6 Netball Team	Netball match (HOME)
Tuesday 19th November	9am	Year 3	Class Assembly in the school hall. Parents and Carers welcome to attend
Tuesday 19th November	10am	Whole School	Prospective Parents and Carers tour for Reception 2025
Tuesday 19th November	pm	Year 5	Swimming lessons at Everyone Active



Wednesday 20th November	am	Reception	Forest School
Thursday 21st November	3:30pm	Year 6 Netball Team	Netball Match (AWAY)
Friday 22nd November	1:30pm	Whole School	Prospective Parents and Carers tour for Reception 2025

Dates for your Diary

That's another end of week message for this week. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing your children again next week.

Regards,

Vicky Campos
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