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COVER PICTURE

The installation of the solar panels started during the half term break, the intention being to have all the external work done within that week, so that Preschool's use of the patio area would not be restricted. This being the wettest February that anyone can remember, there were two days when the rain prevented work taking place on the roof. The time wasn't wasted because internal wiring and the power board replacement kept the engineers busy.

The completion of installation works won't mean that the Village Hall will be exporting power to the grid immediately. The works have to be inspected and certificated before the power supplier will consider receiving and paying for the surplus generated.

🐣🐣 EASTER EGG HUNT 🐣🐣

See how many Easter Eggs you can find in this issue!

Answer: Did you notice there were two in each basket? Forty nine eggs.

PARISH COUNCIL- Clerk's Report

Financing the Parish Council

Parish Council Funding – the Precept

The Precept is a tax, included within the local Council Tax, which enables the Parish Council to perform its functions.

Parish Councils can apply for other funding such as grants and funding awards, generally for specific projects, but they do not receive funds directly from central Government.

How is the Precept calculated?

The Parish Council is required (in law) to agree a budget before it can set its Precept and both must be agreed by the full Parish Council.

Once the Parish Council has forecast its budget requirements for the following financial year, it requests this funding from its 'local billing authority' – in our case, Chelmsford City Council – in the form of the Precept.

Chelmsford City Council then converts the Precept into an amount per Council Tax payer that is added to the Council Tax bill (according to the property band) for all the dwellings within the Parish area.

The Tax Base

The Tax Base is produced from the Council Tax system at Chelmsford City Council which gives a list of all the properties in each town or parish in the District. It then adjusts this to take into account any discounts that are given, for example, single occupancy, second homes or homes that are empty or exempt.

The properties are then translated in to Band D equivalents using the following ratios:

Band A	6/9	Band E	11/9
Band B	7/9	Band F	13/9
Band C	8/9	Band G	15/9
Band D	9/9 (base line)	Band H	18/9

For example Band A is six-ninths of Band D and Band H is twice Band D.

Finally, the estimated number of B and D equivalents to be built in the year are added to the list. This then gives the total number of Band D equivalent properties to use for the Tax Base.

The Tax Base is used to calculate the Band D charge for each town or parish which is done by dividing the total Precept requirement by the Tax Base. This figure will be compared with the previous year's Band D charge and supplied to the Parish.

For instance, for the 2023-2024 financial year for East Hanningfield, the Tax Base was 494.18 homes, but the estimated Tax Base for 2024– 2025 is 546.84 homes.

There are a number of reasons why the Tax Base changes. It can go up if more homes are created, but it can go down due to more properties in the town or parish claiming for discounts – most com-



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only an increase in the number of properties claiming the single occupancy discount. Other factors will include homes being demolished, becoming empty, becoming second homes, boundary changes or even a change in collection date.

I am pleased to advise that the Parish Council has kept its precept for the reference Band D property unchanged from last year. So none of any Council Tax increase will be due to the PC.

However, due to the increase in our Tax Base (number of homes) the total received by the PC will be £40,345 and increase of 11%. Part will be used to pay for the increase in costs of our existing services, part will be retained to ensure we can provide the necessary services required by the additional homes.

Lucy White, CiLCA

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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CITY COUNCILLOR

I appreciate it is some time since I have been able to contribute to the newsletter and apologise for this. Residents kindly elected both Mark Taylor and myself for another four-year term last May – and thank you all for your support – but since then there have been some changes which may go some way to explaining my radio silence. With the increasing turmoil politically, especially in relation to the Conservative Party, Mark Taylor has decided to rescind his membership of the Party and has become a non-aligned member, joining other Independent Councillors within Chelmsford City Council. Whilst the Conservative Group is disappointed at this, it respected his decision. At the same time, sadly Mark has been particularly unwell and continues to be unable to carry out any Ward duties at this time. As it stands, it falls on me to deal with all Ward queries and as always, if any resident has an issue, I am more than happy to look into this for you, and I will do my best to help you as soon as I can.





Council-wide discussions regarding the budget continue to dominate meetings. At the time of writing the Full Council is due to meet to approve a balanced budget which will set the Council Tax figure for the forthcoming year. It will be no surprise to residents to learn that funding is extremely difficult; because of the housing crisis the impact of homelessness means that the Council is having to fund temporary accommodation and this, along with other issues such as rising utilities costs has meant that there is a significant shortfall which will need to be covered by the Liberal Democrats raiding the significant reserves, prudently built up by the Conservative Administration over the last decade. Whilst things are tight for Chelmsford, it is in a better position than many other Councils nationwide.

The Local Plan Review has been underway for some time now – residents may remember an initial consultation last year, and the Preferred Options consultation will be launched soon. This will detail the proposed locations of further housing required within the Plan period up to 2041 which is estimated to be around 8000 homes over and above that already agreed in the current Plan. This is an important document and I would urge residents to respond to the consultation

when it goes live – the details of the proposed housing locations will be detailed at the Policy Board meeting on 14th March, with the agenda for this meeting being available around a week before.

In closing, I would like to again thank everyone who supported us, and I will do my best to serve the parish as well as I can. If any resident has an issue for which Chelmsford City Council is responsible, please contact me – my email address is below.

Cllr. Sue Dobson

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The recent spell of wet weather created huge extra pressures for our Highways Team. In one 24-hour period we received around 800 enquiries covering flooding and wind related damage - more than 4 times the amount earlier in the month! One night we cleared 75 fallen trees across the county and the clearing up continues. Overall, the team have kept the county's roads moving safely and deserve our thanks. You may well have seen the gritters are now about!

Food waste in black bins is a great problem. It takes up 25% of the waste collected in black bins contributing to climate change and of course a waste of money. It is suggested in the UK we throw away 45 million tons of food that could have been eaten. When food goes into landfill it releases methane, a harmful gas that contributes to climate change, it also costs us taxpayers millions of pounds to dispose of - the message is please recycle!

This is the time of year we prepare budgets and no surprise there will be tough decisions to be made but we remain committed to a balanced budget and protecting those vulnerable children and our older people.

As always if I can help on any issue, please let me know.

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HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY-Village Hall & Playing Fields

Finally Spring is just around the corner, we do seem to have been let off lightly this winter, (compared to other parts of the country) some cold spells, which we do expect, but no snow, unless this surprises us later in March. A lot of rain unfortunately, with the results of destabilising a number of trees! And of course some flooded areas, especially off the Tye and the Chase leading to school, the village hall/ shop/ car parks. HFC had ensured the ditches were as clear of leaves and debris, in November, as much as possible, but the problem is the drain culvert under the road, going towards Scarles Croft and the church, which is the responsibility of ECC Highways, who were informed straight away, but the cogs turn slowly unfortunately! (Only can be reported once apparently, it does not get escalated if more try!) As with the pothole situation, (which is a nationwide problem, but very frustrating), and causing so much costly damage to vehicles.

As reported, for over a year now, in the quarterly newsletters, we have made very good progress to secure funding for the solar panel project, through grants from a variety of sources, some generous donations and HFC's own reserves from fundraising etc.



The installation of the new Solar Panel system was started during the half term break 19th - 23rd February, to minimise disruption to our

regular hall users and the Shop/Post Office. Other electrical work, in preparation, was carried out in December inside the Hall, again to lessen the impact on users.

A requirement of these various grants is that we do have to publicise the results of the work carried out and show how the money has been spent. We are therefore planning a Village Hall **'Open Day'** on Saturday **April 20th from 10.30 and into the afternoon**, alongside our regular **'Book Sale'** upstairs. (Please see the separate advert promoting this event). All the users of the Hall and Field facilities have been invited to be there with a table/display to promote their various activities to the wider community, perhaps gaining new people, especially those who may be new to the area. HFC will be giving full details of how the whole Solar Panel Scheme has been achieved at the huge cost of approx £40,000 - which was no mean feat!! We will be offering free lunchtime refreshments and hope that residents will give up a little bit of their weekend time to come and visit us, even if it might be to just browse through our extensive library of second-hand books for both adults and children (+ DVD's; CD's and even jigsaws!)

Alongside the hirers the E.H. Parish Council will have a presence and HFC committee members will be able to explain how the facilities are managed. Our HFC Annual AGM follows this event a few days later on Tuesday 23rd April, at 7.30 pm, where anyone from the village (perhaps unable to attend the Open Day) will be welcome to come and hear our round up of what has been an especially busy year.

You will also read a separate report from the Fund-raising Committee, and see that unfortunately the decision has been made to not run the Fireworks/Halloween event that took place in October 2022 and again in 2023. This event was made possible by very generous donations from local businesses but it does take a lot of organising with health and safety and manning the event and car parking. We do struggle though to get many willing helpers to assist us, either prior to the event, on the night, and clearing up the following day - as the saying goes "Many Hands Make Light Work". We do also ask for donations on the night to help make this a fundraising event for the vil-

lage, but many choose to not contribute, even when buckets are rattled or even a card payment facility being offered.

We will still hold the Annual Village Fete in the summer (which does also mean we need willing helpers to make this possible, especially the putting up and taking down) and the Annual Art Show in the autumn. Without fund raising to help our funds, improvements cannot be made to the facilities available.

Another area that we know many would like to see improved are the Play Areas in the village, which many think are the responsibility of the Local Government/Chelmsford City Council, which sadly they are not. At the Open Day in April, there will be an opportunity for people to give their views on things they would like to see for improvement here, and be advised on the costs involved for new equipment and ways that funding may be possible (this is usually match funded, so if nothing in the pot to start then nothing offered!).

The Charity's web pages used to be hosted by the Parish Council's website, but now we have a site of our own. See the URL below.

Please be proud of your village and appreciate all that is offered for residents, both young and older!

***Jenny Mouser
Chairperson***

🌐 <https://e-voice.org.uk/hannasfield/>

To book the Hall/Sports facilities or to check on its availability, please go to the Hallmaster website at <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk.Scheduler/View/11289> or email hannasfield@outlook.com. Alternatively call the Booking Secretary on 01245 400965 (before 8pm) and leave a message.



VILLAGE FETE 2024 UPDATE

Please keep this date in your diary for the Village Fete

Saturday 6th July Midday to 4pm

We will be working hard to make the fete a great event for the village, stalls, entertainment, music, food, ice cream, bar, face painting, dog show and much more.

The fete will be raising money for
Hanna's Field Charity and All Saints' Church.

If anyone would like to volunteer or if any local business would like to sponsor the fete/offer a prize for the Grand Draw please contact us via the details below.



Regrettably we will not be running the
Fireworks and Halloween event this year.

It has become a challenge with a combination of
increasing costs and recruitment of volunteers.

We will review the position next January to see if we can
put this event on again in 2025.



Any queries or early volunteers please contact
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E. HANNINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Crime: The period seems to have been relatively quiet since the December Newsletter. We don't necessarily get to hear of everything but from police reports we know the following:

December: Thieves entered a property in Ashley Green via the locked front door and took car keys to steal parked vehicle outside.

January: Four men claiming to be police officers tried to persuade owner of a property in Old Barn Lane (off old A130 but in East Hanningfield Parish) to let them enter and became violent when owner became suspicious and refused entry.

There were no incidents reported direct to NhW. These incidents show that although we are fortunate to live in a low crime area we shouldn't be complacent.

The Bigger Picture (The Essex Police annual report 2022/2023 posted on 16th November 2023) provides the bigger picture. Key points from the Annual Report below include:

Essex Police is the biggest it has ever been with an establishment of 3,755 officers, 2,427 police staff, 102, police community support officers and a strength of 327 special constables.

Essex saw a 31.4 per cent decrease in ASB incidents and has been chosen as one of 10 forces to receive Home Office investment in Hotspot policing.

There was a 9.1 per cent decrease (2,815 fewer) in the number of recorded domestic abuse offences for the 12 months to March 2023 compared to the 12 months to March 2022.

There was a 6.3 per cent decrease in the number of sexual offences committed against females.

In the 12 months to March 2023 over £5m in funding was allocated to help support victims of crime.

There was 4 per cent decrease in the number of fraud offences related to business crime.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Roger Hirst says: "Thanks to the extra annual investment of £86m over the last seven years in Essex Police, the Chief Constable has been able to

recruit an additional 905 officers. Extra staff and equipment have also been funded so officers are supported while being out and about in our communities," This investment is making a difference. Between April 2022 and March 2023 saw a downward trend in crime figures with a year-on-year reduction of 1.3 per cent. "Overall crime is now below the level seen leading up to the pandemic with a 2.4 per cent fall between 2019/2020 and 2022/23". Let's hope the trend continues!

I mention all this because the PFCC for Essex is elected by the public. The role is to hold the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to account, effectively making the police and fire and rescue services efficient and effective. The present PFCC Roger Hirst's 4 year term ends in May this year and so you can vote for a new Essex PFCC on **Thursday 2nd May 2024** at the **Village Hall**.

When and how to contact the Police:

Essex police are offering more ways of reporting non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour through their digital 101 service on their website. Use it to contact the local policing team, tell them about something you have seen or heard, or request information.

A Live Chat service is available where you can send direct messages to a digital 101 operator Monday to Friday between 10am-9pm.

They still have the 24-hour 101 service which people can call if you feel you need to speak to someone or don't have access to the internet. **Always call 999** if a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed, if someone is in immediate danger or harm, if property is in danger of being damaged, or if a serious disruption to the public is likely.

NhW Email Alerts: Over 130 EH residents receive local emailed local crime alerts - contact NhW email address below if you would like to receive these.

Mike Plumridge, EH NhW Co-ordinator.

✉: NHWEastHanningfield@outlook.com.

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Hannas Field Charity

Important Notice

Open Day & Book Sale at the Village Hall

Saturday 20th April 2024

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Join us to see how we have recently installed Solar Panels to future proof the running costs of this important Village facility.

Meet with Solar Green, the local company who carried out our installation. Find out if they could help you to achieve this in your property.

Meet with the hirers of our facilities to learn about what service they provide that may be of interest to you and your family.

Meet and talk with the Parish Council representatives and invitees from local government and agencies.

Go upstairs and browse our wide range of second hand books, DVDs, CDs and Jigsaws.

Enjoy FREE refreshments for all ages



- Fri 29 10am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church.
12noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** of readings & meditation at All Saints' Church.
- Sat 30 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 31 **BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS**
-  10am **EASTER SUNDAY** Holy Communion with Rev. Sandy Southee at All Saints' Church.
-  10.45am **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** at Bethel Church

APRIL



- Tue 2 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 4 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 7 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) with Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 9 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the V. Hall car park.
- Thu 11 10-12 & 1-3 **PLAY IN THE PARK** at the Village Hall & Hanna's Field
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 14 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with healing theme at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 15 **BACK TO SCHOOL EHPS & SANDON SCHOOL**
- Tue 16 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 17 2pm **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 18 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.

- Sat 20 10am **VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY & PRELOVED BOOK SALE** & refreshments
- Sun 21 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Canon John Brown at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 23 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 24 8pm **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the first-floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 25 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sat 27 9.30am **MENS' BREAKFAST** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 28 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 30 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the Village Hall car park.

MAY



- Thu 2 Election for Police & Fire Commissioner.
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 5 9am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP) with Rev. Terry Brown at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 6 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 7 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Thu 9 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 10 pm **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** The meeting for all electors of the Parish. Refreshments available. Time tba.
- Sun 12 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with healing theme at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church

- Tue 14 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
- Wed 15 2pm **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** in the 1st floor meeting room at the Village Hall
- Thu 16 7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 19 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** with Canon John Brown at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Tue 21 **BROWN BIN, PLASTICS & CARTONS, PAPER SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
2.25-2.55pm **MOBILE LIBRARY** at the V. Hall car park.
- Thu 23 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM EHPS**
7.45pm **BIBLE STUDY** at Bethel Church.
- Fri 24 **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM SANDON SCHOOL**
- Sat 25 10am **CRAFT GROUP** at Bethel Church.
- Sun 26 10am **MORNING PRAYER** with Canon Andy Griffiths at All Saints' Church.
10.45am **FAMILY WORSHIP** at Bethel Church
- Mon 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue 28 **BLACK BIN, GREEN BOX, CARD SACK & FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**
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PULL OUT & PIN UP



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH-from the Churchwarden

Would YOU like the opportunity to revolutionise someone's life? Over the last few years, members of our congregation plus some of our friends have done just that, through a scheme called **Wheels for the World**, part of an established UK based Christian charity known as "Through the Roof". Their website can be seen at-

<http://throughtheroof.org/international-mission/wheels-for-the-world/>

Between us we have managed to fund 108 wheelchairs so far and hope to do something worthwhile this year too. The nitty gritty is that you contribute £42 with the option of a further £8 if you would like to purchase for the wheelchair recipient a Bible in their own language. If you were planning to give up chocolate or smoking for the 40 days of Lent, then this is just over £1 a day instead or perhaps in celebration of such an achievement! Maybe combine with a friend to share the outlay? All wheelchair sponsors receive a photo certificate of a recipient after a trip is completed.

The charity takes second-hand, unwanted even broken wheelchairs in the UK, refurbishes them to a high standard and transports them to a developing country, where a skilled volunteer fits the chairs for disabled people, bringing new hope and independence. In many cases they have not had a wheelchair before, hence for young and old it can really change their lives.

Some case histories from successful wheelchair distribution trips in recent years to Mozambique, India, Nigeria & Uganda:

Paul, aged 13, has severely deformed limbs. A group of friends collected him every day and together carried him to school. Paul really wanted a wheelchair to get to school and feel part of the group. Our team assessed him and found an appropriate wheelchair with extra cushioning to provide the right support. Paul now has dignity and freedom to make the most of his future.

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Samuel is 16. When the team first arrived at his family's hut, they didn't realise he was there, as he was so hunched up in a corner that he looked like a pile of clothing on the floor. He was unable to use the wheelchair he had as it was now too small. The team were able to enlarge and fit it specially, so Samuel could sit upright with supports and straps, freeing his hands so he could use them.

John is 52. He arrived at the distribution shuffling along with flipflops on his hands to protect them. He had been praying for a wheelchair to help him regain his independence and dignity. He left on the back of a motorbike taxi with the chair strapped behind him, a very happy man.

Winnie has cerebral palsy. Aged 15 she was living in the refugee camp with her father as her mother had left them. The team used wood and foam to construct a head support with more foam to make her comfortable in a wheelchair. Her father was taught some exercises to stretch Winnie's muscles to help her.

Please do consider giving this Lent towards this scheme to transform someone's life forever.

Contact Jackie Feehan if you would like more information by emailing jackie@feehan.org.

If you wish to pay online, either visit www.justgiving.com/ttr to donate £42 directly and securely online and reference "Wheels Sponsorship". If you wish to include a bible in their own language, please add a further £8 to make a total of £50.

Or you could donate by bank transfer, use a/c 00008105 sort code 40-52-40 and reference "Wheels" so your gift goes to Wheels for the World. The charity would like you to contact them on 01372 - 749955 or email info@throughtheroof.org so if applicable they may claim gift aid and also keep you informed about the good work you are making possible.

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A reminder March 10th is Mothering Sunday - do come to All Saints at 10am for our service and get a small posy of spring flowers for that someone special.

To celebrate Easter this year, we are holding in All Saints on Good Friday at 12 noon a service of readings and meditation. On Easter Day, Sunday 31st March a joyful service of Holy Communion to recall Christ's Resurrection.

We hope to see you and wish you a Very Happy Easter!

Gil Gordon
Churchwarden, All Saints'

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

Random 30 mph CSW checks continue in Old Church Road, The Tye, Bicknacre Road and the Common. CSW is part of the overall police strategy to deter speeding, the main cause of road accidents/fatalities and EH volunteers operate under the NhW umbrella. Vehicle registrations exceeding speed limit are forwarded to Essex Police and you will receive a warning.

Essex Traffic Police join the East Hanningfield Speed Watch from time to time. These officers stop drivers exceeding the speed limit and give them a speeding ticket on the spot.

We will be present at the **Village Hall Open Day, Saturday 20 April**, so do look out for us and come and chat. We will be asking people for their views about present road speed limits though the village and the effectiveness of the existing traffic calming measures.

We are still looking for few more volunteers to join us and share the load (currently there are 8 of us - 3 ladies and 5 gents). A couple more volunteers would make all the difference. A short training session, bright yellow jacket and insurance come free with the job! Contact us through NhW email address, on page15, if interested.

BETHEL CHURCH

Time is of the Essence

There's nothing quite like the joy of a newborn baby. We look at that little scrap of humanity in our arms and wonder what awaits. What he or she will become. A doctor? An astronaut? A teacher?

Ultimately, we hope that their life would be long, happy, and healthy

Unless you are looking to win the X-Factor, our souls aren't hungry for fame, comfort, wealth, or power. Those things create as many problems as they solve. Our souls are hungry for meaning. We want our lives to matter. The Psalmist writes, 'The days of our years are seventy or, if we are strong, eighty.' (Psalm 90:10)

Eighty years, sounds a long time but in days, it's just under 30,000. None of us knows how many years we've left, but we know how many we've been given till now. If you were to draw a line and add them up, eternally speaking, what would you have to show for your life? In the Old Testament, Job said, 'My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.' (Job 7:6)

Some teens may count the number of Facebook friends they have, the number of beers they can drink. Some adults measure success by the number of bedrooms in their house, cars in the garage, or the yield on their investments. Most make two mistakes - they think they've so much time they can afford to waste it, or so little time they can't possibly do something significant, so they don't try.

Our days are like suitcases, all the same size - but some can pack more into them than others. 'He who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.' (Proverbs 12:11).



The world tells us to live our best lives now because tomorrow is not promised. Whereas the bible says that our best lives are to come because tomorrow IS promised for the believer.

Numbering your days means offering them to God and seeking His direction for your life. If this has resonated with you in any way, and no matter how young or old you are – why not come and join us at Bethel.






Here's when we meet: Sunday Family Worship – 10.45am Thursday Bible Study – 7.45pm. Other dates are in the Village Diary,

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By the time you read this, everyone will be back at work, school or concentrating on the general chores of life. I hope every one had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all happy and Peaceful New Year.

Last November seems a very long time ago but it was a very happy and enjoyable meeting Pat, helped by sister, Chris, organised an afternoon of games for us. We started off with a board of famous faces for us to identify. Sounds easy but in practice it was quite difficult. I found I looked at them, pleased to find I recognised them, then deflated when I couldn't think of their name. I was not alone in this. In the end we landed up giving each other clues, regarding their claim to fame. Needless to say we all knew the answers when Pat gave them to us. WE also played a game involving rolling a die, no brainwork needed for this. Once we had won a prize we had to try keep it, as if some one else got a six they could take it off you. All of this was followed by tea and cake and a reminder of the December Meeting.

The December Meeting was held in the 'Beauvoir Arms' where we all had an enjoyable meal. This brings us to 2024 and our first meeting of the year. As usual it was Resolutions. This Year we had a choice of Four, 1/ Dental health matters. 2/ Impact of poor housing Conditions 3/ Say NO to gambling advertising and 4/ Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system. We had a discussion on all four then had tea. Then came the vote. Number 2 won, poor housing. Wendy has sent in our result. Later we will find out if the rest of the Country feel the same.

Our next Meeting was Wednesday 21st February 2pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker enlightened us on the myths of body language. I have a feeling we all tried to sit very still in order to keep what our body language says to ourselves

Marlene, President East Hanningfield W.I.



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EAST HANNINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The spring term at East Hanningfield has been busy and successful. The children and adults all returned from the Christmas break refreshed, eager and excited about the term ahead!

Our youngest two classes, Robins and Doves have been the first to perform for their adults; both classes did a wonderful job in their assemblies, celebrating the breadth of their learning. The children were confident, articulate and presented their learning so well. We were all very proud of the children.



The Year 4 children from Kingfisher Class represented the school in the 'Year 4 Superstars' event, run by Chelmsford School Sport Partnership at Melbourne Park. They competed in a variety of events from speed stacking and riding scooters to basketball and javelin throwing. The staff were so proud of how hard the children tried in every event and how supportive they were of one another. They came away with third place out of 6 schools! We were really proud of their achievement and for showing such great support to one another.

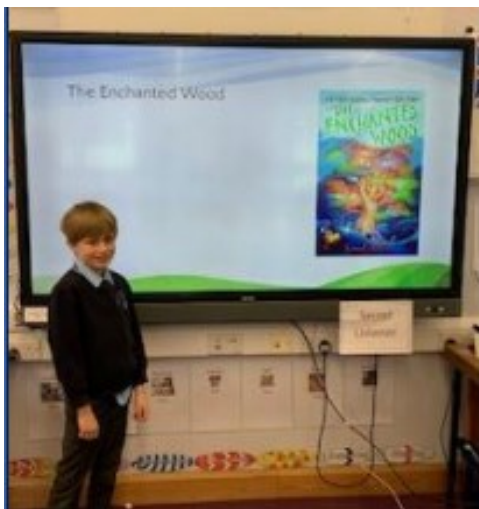


On the 6th February we celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'! Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Our themes this year were: inspiring change by making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online. All classes participated in lots of exciting activities to think about the importance of staying safe on-line!



Our oldest children in Owl Class spent the morning thinking about how technology has changed over time and made predictions of what it might look like in the future. They then created a group piece of Art - as requested by the children. (See opposite, below)

This term we have introduced 'Talk Time' each week in classrooms. The idea of these sessions is to develop children's speaking and listening skills. Each child is allocated a 5-minute time slot to present information about their favourite book to the rest of their class. This has been hugely successful with children either telling their peers about the book, or sharing a poster or PowerPoint giving information about why their chosen book is such a good read.



We are now starting to look forward to the weather warming up so we can begin to swim in our pool and enjoy playing on our field.

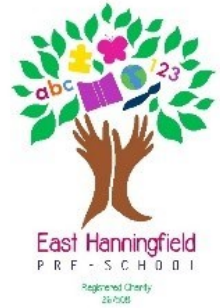
Best wishes for the summer.

Mrs Stainsbury (Head of School)

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News from East Hanningfield Pre-School



A big welcome back to all the children and parents.

What we are up to this term...

Our theme is **'Babies.'** We are discussing everything about babies, we will be identifying baby animals, and where they live. We have been making crafts with the children, to relate to all the different animals, Every week we concentrate on a different number, letter, and shape.

March

4th 0, 1 U Square

11th - 2 V Diamond

18th - 3 W Oval

25th - 4 X Hexagon

April

15th Y, 5 Star

22nd 6, Z Heart

29th 7, A Rectangle

May

6th 8, B Triangle

13th 9, C Circle

20th 10, D Square

We still have places available for 2-4-year-old children, please come down and visit us for a play date.

Also from April 2024 eligible working parents will be able to claim 15 hours childcare support once their child turns 2 years old. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to apply before March 31st 2024.

We have had some wonderful ideas for fundraising. Could we

ask you to sign up to Easy Fundraising, every time you shop you can raise vital funds for our preschool, all you have to do is sign up, once registered any purchases made through the app or website, the companies will donate money to the preschool Please find Link below: or alternatively download the app on your smart phone.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/east-hanningfield-preschool/

Dates for your Diary

4th March - Mothers day shop opens

27th May - 3rd June Half term

7th March - World Book Day

10th June - Fathers Day shop opens

10th March - Mothers Day

16th June - Fathers Day

29th March - 12th April

🌷 Easter Break 🌷

We are also selling bingo numbers each month: £1 each per number, each number sold will be put into a bingo pot to be picked out at random, the winning number will receive half the money raised, the rest will go to preschool. Please pop in and grab a number.

If you might be interested in your child joining us and would like to come for a visit, please contact us by phone or email. We also have a website which you can visit. We take 2 as well as 3-4 year funding.

Kerry

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Monday 6 May Closed

Monday 27 May Closed

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