

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our families after what has seemed like a long summer break. It has been lovely welcoming your children back to school and meeting our new Reception children for the first time. I do enjoy this time of year – it's always full of excitement and hope for what the future may bring.

There follow some reminders about our routines and expectations for our school community.

Arrival / departure

We are operating a one way system at the bottom of Philip Road and we are not allowing cars to drive up further than the green. This is for your child's safety. We do ask that you respect this system, even when Jorge, our caretaker, is not on hand to help. We will report dangerous or illegal parking to the police.

Arrival times (Please note the change)	All children need to arrive at school between 0845 for a prompt 0850 start.
Dropping off	School staff will be available from 0845. Before this time you must remain with your child as they will not be supervised.
Late arrivals	If you are late, you must accompany them to the office to sign the late book. This will be monitored closely and persistent offenders will be required to attend a meeting with the Headteacher.
Breakfast club	This is run on site, from 0800 each morning. There is no need to pre-book and the charge is just £2.50. Please pay using ParentPay.
FINISH TIMES	
Reception – 3:15pm	Collection from the classroom

Food

Breakfast items	Breakfast bagels/ dried cereal will start again from next Monday 11th September. Due to the continued rise in the cost of living, we are offering this completely free of charge. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that there will be bagels everyday as this is dependent on the delivery schedule.
Snacks	EYFS and KS1 will be provided with a free snack (fruit). If your child is in KS2 please provide them with a healthy snack such as fruit. Please note that we are a nut free school.
Hot lunches	If your child is in EYFS and KS1 your child will be provided with a free hot meal. If your child is in KS2 the charge for hot meals is £2.71 payable via school grid / Dolce. These meals can be pre-ordered at home or in school.
Packed Lunches	Please provide healthy options for your child if you decide to supply a packed lunch. No fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or nuts please.

PE

On days when pupils have a PE lesson, they will wear their PE kits for the whole day

PE days	
Reception	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 1	Monday, Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 3	Monday, Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Swimming on Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday, Friday
Year 6	Tuesday, Wednesday

Swimming

Hannah Ball School have always provided an extensive swimming programme for our pupils. We are committed to maintaining this, even though costs are rising. We have therefore decided to keep the costs in line with last year (£24 for a 12 week programme payable through [ParentPay](#)). Ensuring that your children can swim and develop their water safety is an important life skill.

Swimming lessons start next week for our pupils in Year 4. Please see the separate letter details costs, kit needed (including goggles) and timings. We are planning to provide lessons later in the academic year for pupils in Year 3, 5 and 6.

Swimming
Kit required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Wear PE kit on the day (Thursday)o Tie back long hairo Swimming capo No jewelleryo One piece swimming costume (NO sports shorts or ¾ trousers)o Towelo Goggles (see separate letter)

Hannah Ball School Uniform

Our school uniform requirements can be found here: <https://www.hannahball.bucks.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

All items of uniform can be purchased from any high street shop. Sports Crest in High Wycombe <https://www.sportcrest.co.uk/> stock a variety of branded items (ie T-shirt for PE, Jumper, book bag, drawstring bag) that can be purchased if you would like to do so.

Please ensure all your children's items of clothing / lunch boxes /water bottles are labelled as we have lots of items that go missing and cannot always return these to you if they do not have your child's name on.

If your child does come to school with un-named items their teacher will put their names on with a marker pen.

Absences

We will not authorise any in-term holidays. If you take unauthorised holidays we will seek to fine you. Last term we fined 3 families for taking unauthorised holidays. |

Star of the Week



YEAR ONE

I would like to nominate my whole class for star of the week as they have adjusted well to their new classroom environment.

YEAR TWO

Shoaib for his fantastic attitude to learning. He has come back to school motivated and ready to learn. His confidence is growing and it is lovely to see!

YEAR THREE

Tayyab. He is an enthusiastic member of the classroom and always tries his hardest in all subjects.

YEAR FOUR

**C-Jay
For excellent behaviour throughout the week**

YEAR FIVE

Zohair - for trying hard to stay on task in class and completing his writing in English independently.

YEAR SIX

All of year 6 for settling in so well and beginning to set a good example as role models to the rest of the school.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

In Reception this week it has been very busy! Before welcoming the children in to Reception we have been lucky enough to visit some of you in your lovely homes. We have loved you sharing with us all your favourite toys and drawings (and Mrs Wright really enjoyed meeting all your pets!)

Thank you all so much for being so welcoming.

Your children have started their school journey with us and we have loved welcoming them in. They have all been very brave as it can be a little bit scary leaving their parents/ carers behind, so we are really proud of them! We look forward to getting to know them all lots more over the coming weeks. If you have any questions about the staggered entry timings or anything else, then please feel free to ask.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE

Year 1 pupils have had a fantastic week of learning. They are all managing the transition from Reception to Year 1 very well keeping up with the high expectations we have set for them-what a resilient class! In English they have continued to develop sentence construction and use of adjectives to describe characters and settings. On Thursday, we had the Astronomy roadshow planetarium visiting and the children had an amazing fly through the Milky Way (or the solar system), looking closely at all the planets. They took a closer look at planet Earth and explored what makes our planet so special. They also looked at the stars in the night sky, learning how to recognise constellations and stories associated with them.

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YEAR TWO

Welcome back! Year 2 have had a lovely, calm start to the academic year. We have been recapping lots of English and Maths skills from Year 1. We have had an introduction to our Wonderful World topic and one very messy Art lesson, learning about primary colours. We have had lots of discussions about our feelings and setting our goals for this year. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend! From Mrs Elliott, Mrs Pascal and Miss Saeed.

YEAR THREE

Welcome back year 3. I hope that they all have enjoyed their first week back at school. We have been getting back into the swing of things. Our English topic book at the moment is the Jungle book. In Maths, we are going over place value in hundreds. In Geography, we are starting our topic called 'Are all settlements the same?'. Just a few notes that pupils need to be at school at 8.45 and finish at 3.20. They have been given their planners and reading books for the week. Please make sure that this is signed and any notes to tell us how well they have done with their reading. This is all for now. I hope I get to meet you all soon. Miss Stickland

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YEAR FOUR

Our first week completed and what a wonderful time we have had. The children have all settled into our school routine very well.

New topics:

Science - Sound

Geography - Trip around America

Maths - Place Value

English - Traditional Tales

Swimming:

Your children should receive a letter about swimming sessions which will begin on Thursday the 14th September today.

They will require: A Swimming Cap, Swimming Costume, Towel, and Swimming Goggles (which can only be worn with permission). They will also need to come into school with their PE kit on.

Please sign the form ASAP or email the office with permission to attend.

Look out for more information about what day PE will be scheduled.

Many thanks

Mrs Guy and Mrs Manivannan

YEAR FIVE

Welcome back year 5! It's been lovely seeing everyone back in school looking ever so smart and eager to learn. We have had a great start to the term, slowly easing into our English writing and introducing our new text 'Cosmic - one Giant Leap for Boy-kind' in line with our Topic 'Earth and Space'. To further the experience of space, year 5 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Planetarium on Thursday (yes, a Planetarium set up in our very own school!) where they enjoyed learning all about the planets, constellations and held some very cool meteorites from outer space! It was lovely seeing their curiosity come to life as they touched, smelt and observed what the meteorites looked and felt like. They also managed to see a smaller version of a 'moon buggy'. We are now looking forward to using this knowledge to support our writing in English as well as discover some more awesome facts in Science. In Maths we have started our new unit on 'Place Value' and the class have been busy recalling their knowledge on how to use a place value grid. It's been lovely having you back year 5, have a great weekend and see you on Monday!

Important notices:

Homework - to study the knowledge organiser sent for our new Science topic. Please familiarise yourself with all the key information and vocabulary.

PE - please note that PE days for year 5 will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes dressed in the correct PE kit from home.



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have had a busy and brilliant first week, hitting the ground running with their enthusiasm in all subjects.

They have been recapping some of their learning from year 5 in their maths lessons and have shown just how great they are at working together to practice explaining their mathematical thinking. In both reading and writing lessons, we have started to look at our new text, 'Macbeth' which the children have been loving so far. We can't wait to see what they produce when they begin creating their own versions. In PSHCE, y6 have made an excellent start, showing their maturity and kindness to one another as we looked at creating goals for the year and thinking about any worries we may have. They created worry spirals which we will be hanging on the trees outside our classroom so the rain can wash them away! Y6 have settled in well and are beginning to show how they are capable of being excellent role models for the rest of the school. Mrs Harris and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store. Well done Year 6 for such a brilliant first week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
September 2023		
Tuesday 12th September	11+ (secondary transfer test) practice paper	Y6
Thursday 14th September	11+ (secondary transfer test)	Y6
Tuesday 19th September	Tempest Photography -Individual photos	Whole School
October 2023		
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	Whole School
Monday 30th October	Autumn Term 2 begins	Whole School
December 2023		
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn term	Whole School
January 2024		
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day	Whole School
Friday 5th January	School Starts	Whole School