

Hannah Ball School

Weekly Newsletter

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We are now at the end of our second full term and are all looking forward to a much needed rest. Our pupils and staff have all worked incredibly hard throughout the term, in some trying circumstances. We have been affected, like many other businesses across the UK, by staff absences due to COVID, but we have stayed open and have not had to move to remote learning at all. That is a credit to my staff, who, at this very difficult time, have worked together and have been flexible to ensure that our school has remained open. Thank-you to everyone for your ongoing support.

Please remember that the children return to school on Monday 25th April. Please also make sure that they are arriving between **0845 and 0855**. We still have a core group of families who are arriving late, by five minutes or more. Some of these families walk to school and therefore cannot blame traffic/parking issues. Your lateness affects everyone else in the class. The knock on effects are: The class teacher will need to repeat whatever your child has missed because of your lateness, your children will have to order their lunches separately, which takes further learning time away from your children and often needs a member of staff to ensure that the lunch is ordered, your lateness disturbs the class as your child has to come in, go to the cloakroom and settles down in their seat - this often means that the other pupils cannot concentrate on their learning. Please think before you make the decision to be late, it is not only your child that is been affected, but the rest of the class as well (sometimes up to 29 children). I must congratulate everyone else (the vast majority of you) for getting your children to school on time. Sometimes we are late, and sometimes it cannot be helped, and we do understand. But these times should be a one off and not a regular occurrence.

Well done to Year 5 for their informative assembly today about Easter. It was nice to see some of our parents supporting their children today. We do hope that this will become the new normal - opening up after COVID. We do have some exciting plans to reconnect with our school community and we are all looking forward to the easing of restrictions. I am looking forward to more trips and celebratory events in the summer term - I know that Reception and Year 1 had a wonderful time at Odds Farm on Monday and I can't wait to read about it in this week's newsletter.

Thank-you to Mrs. Medhi for running the year 6 SATS information sessions yesterday, information has already been shared with parents and the pupils are receiving a work pack to do over the holidays.

Year 1 parents will be receiving some phonics screening practice materials, which you are strongly encouraged to use over the holidays.

Please continue to read with your children over the next two weeks. Remember we have Myon as well as library and reading scheme books.

And finally, to those celebrating Easter – have a good one! and Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families who are observing fast during this very special time.

Mr N. Hingley

Useful Links.....

- This information from Bucks about Healthy Ramadan <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/healthy-ramadan/>

We are still collecting for The One Can Trust - please see their website for further details <https://onecantrust.org.uk/>

Other Information...

Parents are being warned to be extra vigilant over seemingly fun videos that feature a menacing character with razor-sharp teeth.

The animated character goes by the friendly name of Huggy Wuggy, leading parents and children to believe the videos are aimed at youngsters and contain no inappropriate material.

But the blue bear-like creature chases and threatens other characters in nightmarish scenarios, leaving many children upset and frightened.

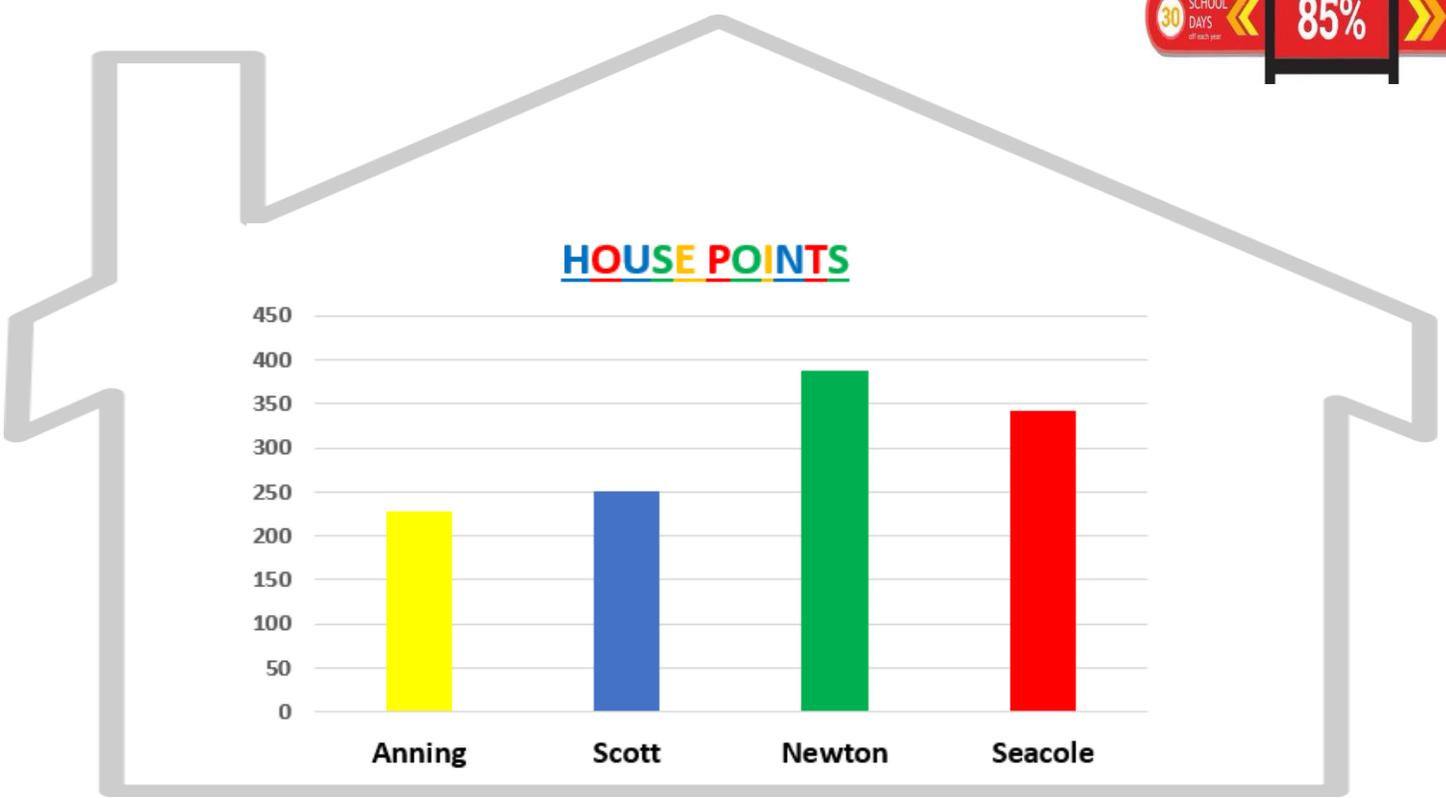
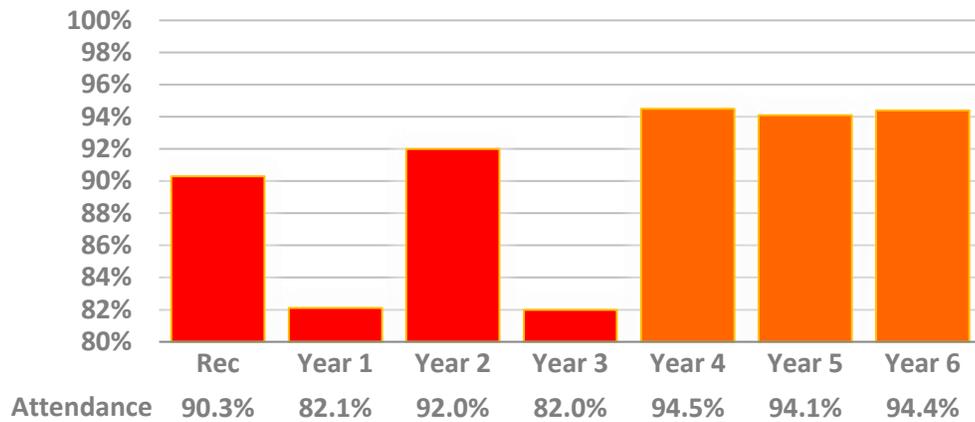
The character is from a survival horror game called Poppy Playtime, but has been made into popular videos which appear on YouTube and have seemingly slipped through parental controls. It is also recreated on Roblox.

Please see more information from Sky News <https://news.sky.com/story/parents-and-schools-concerned-about-viral-huggy-wuggy-youtube-videos-12579453>

One Can Trust

We are still collecting for The One Can Trust. We have moved the cage into our main reception area and some parents have already dropped much needed donations off. Please see the list below if you are able to help. We can also make referrals on your behalf. Please contact us in the school office if you need some extra help. You can be assured that we will support you in the strictest confidence.

Attendance & House Points...





Star of the Week

Reception

Aaron. He has settled in well into our classroom and is now beginning to understand our rules and routines. Well done Aaron

Year 1

Edward is our star of the week. He is always kind and cheerful. He works hard and is making great progress. Well done Edward.

Year 2

Aarib - consistent hard work to make his writing even better and for always demonstrating the Hannah Ball values.

Year 3

This week's star of the week in Year 3 is Logan, for his fantastic knowledge of fractions. He did a great job converting improper fractions. He also has been making good choices.

Year 4

Ibrahim - for great teamwork during inter-sports day. He displayed excellent behavior and played extremely well along with his peers.

Year 5

Ameliah - for having an amazing attitude towards learning and showing great focus



Math-Whizz

Class Progressions

 1st - Year 1 

 2nd - Year 6

 3rd - Year 3

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

GOLD

Anas

Aniela

Mihai

Owais

Nathan

Humayl

SILVER

Laila

Filip

Logan

Nicholas

Olivia

Ecrin

BRONZE

Hajrah

Fredrik



Coins

Earned

Year 2 - 4662

Year 4 - 1994

Year 5 - 1047

Year 6 - 178

Year 3 - 139



This week's Rock Legends

Year 2 - Filip

Year 3 - Shammah

Year 4 - Nicholas

Year 5 - Rania

Year 6 - Kyron

MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS & STUDENTS...

Reception

This week in Reception we had a very exciting start to the week with our (slightly wet) trip to Odds Farm. We saw lots of different animals and lots of new baby lambs and kids which we were even lucky enough to bottle feed! We even got the chance to ride in the tractor. Please check your child's book bag on Friday as they will have holiday homework and please check that your child has wellies in school that fit. Just a reminder Reception finishes at 3pm. Have a great Easter holiday, we will see you on Monday 25th April.

Please could you look for your library books and make sure that they bring it EVERY Tuesday.



Year 1

Our week started with a brilliant trip to Odds Farm. The children loved it. They particularly enjoyed feeding the greedy animals and riding the tractor with Farmer Harry. The children were very well behaved and we were very proud of them. On our return, in English, we wrote letters to thank Farmer Harry for our visit. In maths we have started to use rulers to measure objects in centimetres. We have also looked at the Easter story and know about the events that happened during the week. Have a great holiday everyone.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have come to the end of their writing unit and they have published their work in their neat books which they are so proud of. We have come to the end of our Shape unit in maths and have learnt lots about faces, vertices and edges, ready to start fractions after half term. It has been too cold for our beans and plants to grow very much, so we will continue to observe into the summer term. We have ended the term on a high by cheering each other on in our multi-sports competition this morning.

Year 3

In English this week, we have been writing and publishing our fantasy stories. In Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions. In RE we have shared stories about Easter and Ramadan.

Year 4

We have made it to the end of term and year 4 should be proud of all their hard work! The children have been completing their persuasive advert for a new toothpaste and have included some great features of persuasive writing, such as alliteration, slogans and imperative verbs. In art we have been busy sewing our own digestive system onto t-shirts. The children have had great fun creating these (there is a picture below showing their hard work). These will be on display for parents to see and take home as well as the children's very own teeth made out of clay. I also saw the class in action during swimming this week. It was amazing to see their progress and confidence as they all swam in the water. Thank you year 4 for all your hard work this term. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak to those fasting!



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Family Learning courses starting from 25th April 2022*
*Unless otherwise stated Mornings-9:30am-11:30am Afternoons-12:30pm-2:30pm

<p>Welcome to Family Learning Schools courses! We hope that you will join us for one of our fun and informative courses starting in January. Our courses are for parents only and will help you to support your child to make progress at school. Booking is essential. Please click on the links below or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582 For more information contact Kathryn on 07770 641997</p>	
 Moving up	<p>Reception: Getting Confident for Year 1</p> <p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Reception How can you help your child to be ready for Year1? Discover how to support your child's learning, so they can make this key transition as easily as possible and find out the similarities and differences in how children learn in Reception and Year 1. Find out fun, simple activities to support your child's well-being, confidence, and independence. Choose from: Monday 9 May**, Wednesday or Thursday mornings **three-week course only</p>
 Reading	<p>Reception, Y1&2: Support your child with phonics and reading</p> <p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 Find out how phonics is taught and what your child needs to know at this stage. Learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their phonics knowledge and skills. Choose from: Tuesday afternoons</p>
 Science	<p>Y1&2: Support your child with science</p> <p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Years 1 and 2 Understand how science can improve English and maths; and explore the outside world. Choose from: Monday 9 May**, and Thursday afternoons or Tuesday and Wednesday mornings **three-weeks course only</p>
 Science	<p>Y3&4: Support your child science</p> <p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Years 3 and 4 Discover how science is taught in Key Stage 2, and learn simple, fun experiments to improve your child's skills and knowledge. Understand how science can improve English and maths; and explore the outside world. Choose from: Monday 9 May**, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoons **three-week course only</p>
 Y3&4: Help your child be money confident	<p>Free online five-week course for parents and carers with children in Years 3 & 4 This is a free five-week course which will give you practical ideas to help your child use what they are learning at school, to develop their skills and build a good relationship with money. You will explore building an awareness of money through talking to children, making memories, learning about money through play and planning for sunny and rainy days. Starting on Wednesday afternoons</p>
 Wellbeing	<p>Keep your child safe online KS2</p> <p>Free five-week course for parents and carers with children in KS2 This free five-week course will give you practical ideas to improve your child's digital well-being through child-friendly activities. You will explore ways to keep your child safe online, support them with online learning, look at cyberbullying plus build a family contract for internet use. Starting on Wednesday mornings</p>
 Early Years: Busy Fingers	<p>Free five-week course for parents of children from 2 to 4 years Children learn best by doing. Use things found in your home to support your child's development, through simple and fun craft, construction, messy play & mark-making activities. Starting on Tuesday 26th April from 9:30am – 11:30am Online or Starting on Wednesday 27th April from 10:00am–12:00pm at Newtown Family Centre, Chesham</p>
 Volunteering	<p>Thinking about Volunteering Workshop</p> <p>Free online workshop for parents and carers with school age children Are you thinking of going back into the workplace? Discover the skills you have and how they match the skills you need to work as a volunteer. Look at where to find volunteer opportunities and what are the next steps on your journey. Monday 16 May, 9:30am-11:30am</p>
 First Aid	<p>Everyday First Aid Workshop</p> <p>Free Everyday First Aid Workshop This workshop looks at everyday First Aid for the family and how to manage an emergency situation. You will get lots of practical tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries and increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid. Choose from various venues across Buckinghamshire, dates and times may vary. Please visit our website for more information.</p>



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Where?	Who?
April 2022		
Monday 25 th April	Back to school	Whole School
Tuesday 26 th April	Garsington Opera Workshop	YR5/6
May 2022		
Thursday 5 th May	Wycombe Abbey visit	YR5/6 (Invited pupils only)
W/C 9 th May	KS2 SATS week	YR6
W/C 16 th May	KS1 SATS	KS1
Friday 27 th	School Finishes	Whole School
June 2022		
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th June	Back to school	Whole School
W/C 6 th June	Phonics screening check	YR1&2
W/C 6 th June	Multiplication check	YR4
W/C 13 th June	Multiplication check	YR4
W/C 20 th June	Multiplication check	YR4
July 2022		
14 th / 15 th July	Residential Trip	YR6
Wednesday 20 th July	School Finishes	Whole School



EPIC explorers Holiday Club 

20th-22nd April 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
24th April 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

For all primary school aged children
 £10 per child

www.unionbaptist.org.uk/holiday-club



