

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley



We suddenly feel quite festive at Hannah Ball School. December is upon us in what seems like the blink of an eye and all of a sudden we have just over two weeks left of our term. We still have so much to do and we are very much looking forward to all of the treats that are ahead of us. We have our EYFS and KS1 Nativity production, our Christmas meal day and our PTA Christmas disco to look forward to. In the meantime our Year 2 children are going on a trip to Windsor Castle, we have assessments to complete a Christmas art day and we also have a book sale (from the South Bucks children's book group). What a lot of things to squeeze in!

Thank-you to all of our parents who attended our 'Focus on Phonics' coffee morning. This was a really valuable session with lots of information about how to support children in their earliest stages of reading.

Please keep your donations coming in for The One Can Trust. Please see the list of suggested items below. This is a charity very close to our hearts and one which supports many of our families. As Christmas approaches, money can become quite tight. If you feel as though you need some support, we can make food bank referrals on your behalf. Please don't hesitate to contact us and we will deal with your query in the strictest of confidence. We also do have links with a variety of charities that provide clothing, so again, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need some support. (via office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk).

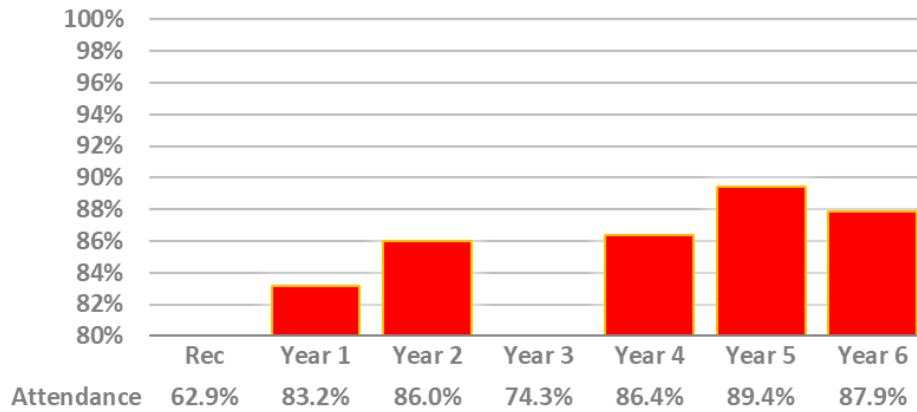
Please also find attached to this email a copy of our uniform policy. We have ensured that our uniform can be purchased from a variety of different places and don't insist on any of the uniform items having our logo. This approach has been in place for a number of years and although we are very proud of our new logo, we certainly don't insist on you having to buy any items of our uniform with this on. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance - information for parents

In the event that your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school to let us know. To notify us of your child's absence, please use the email address: office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk or phone the school office on 01494 522476 giving your child's name and class and the reason for absence. This email address is monitored by Mrs Sullivan who deals with daily attendance matters.

Thank you.



Star of the Week

Reception

Aneesa for settling into Reception and learning lots of new routines.

YEAR ONE

Kai for putting in so much hard work and effort in all her lessons and following all our classroom rules.

YEAR TWO

Aleeza for settling well and making a fantastic start to her learning at Hannah Ball school.

YEAR THREE

Yaman for always trying his best and how well he has settled into his new class.

YEAR FOUR

Sethun - for doing extremely well in his spellings. This is an area he struggles with but after getting feedback from the teacher about how to improve his spellings, he has clearly been practicing at home scoring 10/10.

YEAR FIVE

Nycole - for her hard work during writing week, she has been doing really well with her phonics and reading.

YEAR SIX

Marly for his excellent retelling of 'Rose Blanche'

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Thank you to those parents who came to the Reception 'Phonics' coffee morning. It was great to be able to go through how we teach phonics in Reception and how important this skill is to support early reading. A key point to take away from the meeting is that when you read and go through the sounds with your children at home, that this is done in small 10 minute slots. Please continue to teach your children the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words that we have sent home, along with their letter sounds. This will give them so much confidence when learning in school and especially with their individual/guided reading .

YEAR THREE

It has been very exciting this week in year 3! We had a great trip to the Verulamiam museum where we explored ancient artefacts, visited the hypocaust and dressed as Romans.

In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using an exchange. In English this week we have published our 'Jungle book' inspired stories and are exploring a new text.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about shapes this week and have been amazing at identifying them and sorting them into groups. In science they have been looking at what clothes we should be wearing in autumn and have been dressing up their own characters. Well done Year one!

YEAR 2

This week in English, the children have been continuing to look at the story 'The Tunnel'. They started the week by drawing and writing their own story maps, then they worked in groups to describe the different settings in the story. The children came up with fantastic adjectives to describe the settings which we have displayed in the classroom. In Maths, the children have been learning to subtract 2 two-digit numbers across a ten. They learnt the method of 'exchanging' a ten into ones to make the answer easier to work out. In Computing, we looked at Pointillism Art and how to create this effect using '2 Paint A Picture' on Purple Mash. The children created beautiful Pointillism Artwork that is now displayed on our Year 2 Purple Mash display board.

YEAR FOUR

This week in Science, year 4 have been busy being scientists learning all about how to take readings on a thermometer. They travelled to different parts of the school to record the temperature as well as measuring the temperature of water from the fridge, hot kettle, a puddle outside and the cold tap. They were able to record their results in a table and also use mathematical knowledge to work out the difference between the hottest and coldest temperature. In History, we have continued our learning about the Egyptians and looked at how the pyramids were built and what was kept inside. This will further help the class to develop their own designs of the pyramid that they have made in Design and Technology and will start building on Friday. Well done year four for all your hard work this week, have a great weekend!

YEAR FIVE

This week year 5 have been learning about the geography of Egypt, presented information about the different Egyptian gods and published their final write from last week which was great! We have looked at the different objects that Pharaohs were buried with and the importance of them. In science, the children used what they have learnt about separating materials using different methods. They had to separate the different components of 'alien soup', working out that they needed to evaporate the remaining solution to get the salt back.

YEAR SIX

Year 6 have been busy this week. In English they have been writing their own versions of 'Rose Blanche', changing the story from third person to telling it from her point of view. I have really enjoyed reading their excellent stories and can't wait to have them up for display! In maths, year 6 have been learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers. They started by using bar models to understand and explain the concept before learning efficient methods to solve calculations. In history, year 6 have been finishing their double page spreads about Anne Frank. They look great and you can see some of them below! We have also been looking at how women were affected by world war 2 and the impact women had on the workforce during WW2. In science, year 6 have been learning about renewable and non renewable energy sources, ready to create information leaflets next week. An excellent week year 6, well done!

Thursday 24th November 2022

LO: To write a fact file about Anne Frank

Anne Frank

Anne Frank is the most significant female. Anne Frank was born on 12th June 1929 in Frankfurt and she lived with her Jewish parents. They were named Otto and Edith. She had an older sister named Margot. Margot was three years older than Anne. In 1943, Anne's parents decided to relocate their family to Holland in Amsterdam. On her 13th birthday in 1942, Anne received a diary which she always used. This was the first sentence she wrote in her diary, "I hope I will be able to confide everything to you, as I have never been able to confide in anyone."



Anne Frank



A month later, Margot received the devastating news that she was to report to a labour camp in Germany. Even though the annex was unfinished,

Facts about Anne

- She lived in an annex with 8 people.
- She died when she was 15.
- She shared rooms with a dentist.

Life in the secret annex

There was a secret door behind the bookshelf that leads to a secret room. Anne and her family lived in that room for two years. There was another Jewish family that has been hiding there too. In total there were eight people hiding in there. On the way there, Anne wore two vests, three t-shirts, a jumper, two trousers, six pairs of socks and shoes. They wore that long because they don't want to be suspected with a bag and a suitcase. After two years, Anne was always worried if she and her family gets caught. There was German police everywhere, when suddenly there was a loud bang at the door. Anne had to share a room with a dentist but she really thinks it's her room.



Anne and her family got caught and they went to concentration camps. Her parents went to different concentration camps, but Anne and her sister Margot went to the same concentration camp. Her sister died of a disease. Margot was only 18. Suddenly, Anne died when she was 15. It is such a young age! She has gotten the same disease as her sister. Her dad survived. He decided to publish Anne's diary. Anne's diary has been translated into over 50 languages.



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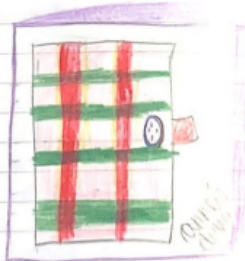
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Early life

Annelies Marie Frank was born on 12th June 1929 in Frankfurt, she lived with her family - who were Jewish - Otto and Edith and her elder sister Margot. Anne's family led quiet life in a multi-faith area on the outskirts of the city. However, following its defeat in World War I, Germany was a troubled country; its people poverty and unemployment. The Frank family settled in Amsterdam where Anne's dad worked as a trader in herbs and spices. Anne was recognised as an excellent student.

Jewish people faced a rising tide of prejudice. In 1934, the year after the Nazi party had control, Anne's family decided to move to Holland.



Later years

Sadly when WWII began, turbulent times returned to the Jewish community. Anne and Margot changed schools and Otto was forced to give his business to an employee. Otto began building a secret annex behind his work premises so his family can go into hiding.

My dream Anne's dream Come true

Following her capture, Anne's writing was discovered by two of the family's helpers. They kept it safe in the hope of returning them to Anne.

In 1947 - just five years after Anne received her diary - her father proudly published some of her work.

Anne's bedroom



On her 13th birthday, Anne earned a red and white plaid diary that she adored. The first entry she wrote was "I hope I will be able to confide everything to you, as I have never been able to confide in anyone."





Christmas collection

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- 1
Christmas biscuits
and / or
puddings
 - 2
Mince pies
and / or
custard
 - 3
Packet gravy
and / or
stuffing mix
 - 4
Cooking oil
and / or
UHT milk
 - 5
Baked beans
and / or
jam
 - 6
Cooking sauces
and / or
chutney
 - 7
Healthy cereals
and / or
sugar
 - 8
Tinned fish
and / or
tinned veg
 - 9
Tinned corned beef
and / or
tinned ham
 - 10
Instant coffee
and / or
tea
 - 11
Tinned potatoes
and / or
rice (500g)
 - 12
Condiments
and / or
sauces
 - 13
Tinned meat meals
and / or
pasta (500g)
 - 14
Tinned veg soup
and / or
tinned pies
 - 15
All donations
to One Can
by today
please

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ONE CAN AT CHRISTMAS!

Do feel free to donate alternative items if you prefer - these are just our suggestions.

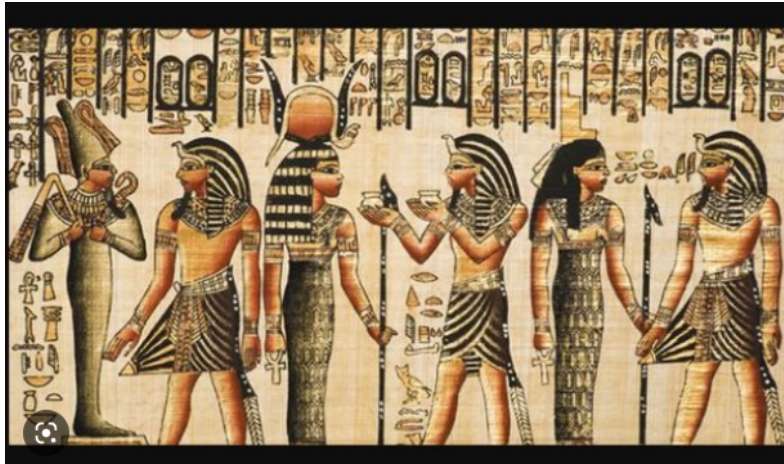
Please drop off specific Christmas items to us by **Friday 2nd December**.

Our final day to receive essential items is **Thursday 15th December**.

SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT:

Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food, refrigerated or frozen food.

INFORMATION!!



Year 5 will be having an Egyptian day on the 16th of December where they can dress up. We will be doing some writing, art, using hieroglyphs and learning about Tutenkhamun. (Costume ideas could be - mummy, Egyptologist, Pharaoh, builder, farmer, artisan etc)



THE KINGS CORONATION AND SATS INFORMATION



Due to the Kings Coronation and the announcement that this will be a bank holiday there are some changes to the SATS timetable this year.

English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 and 2 will now take place on Tuesday May 9, the English reading paper on Wednesday May 10, mathematics papers 1 and 2 on Thursday May 11 and maths paper 3 on Friday May 12.

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Friends of Hannah Ball School present...

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS DISCO

Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 5-6.30pm

Ticket £5, which includes a glow band, nibbles and a slice of pizza

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Featuring DJ John Johnny to entertain you!!!

Drinks, popcorn, and sweets available to buy

Get your tickets from Mrs Pyne. SEE YOU THERE!

Winter HAF Camps have opened up for the Buckinghamshire area.

This is a camp which is free of charge for those in receipt of free school meal. Children eligible will receive a meal while they are there and also have the opportunity to participate in all the games and activities available.

You are eligible to attend up to four sessions over the week.

Please note you will need your unique HAF code (available on food voucher letters) to be able to book this. We will not be able to take any bookings with without the code. If you have not received this you will need to speak with Buckinghamshire council.



HAF WINTER CAMPS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Lent rise School, SL1 7NP 2pm-6pm.
Beechview Academy, HP13 7NT 9am-1pm
Redgrave Leisure centre, SL7 1JE 2pm-6pm
21st - 23rd December 2022 & 3rd January 2023

HOW TO BOOK	WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME
<p>Visit www.getactivesports.com and register yourself and your child, if you're new to GetActive. Sign in with the usual logins if you have used us before.</p> <p>Select your nearest venue and view live availability.</p> <p>Select the days and session times required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Government funded programmeActivities and nutritious food to children entitled to benefit related free school meals.You are welcome to book up to 4 days at one of our completely free venue.A nutritious hot meal will be included as part of the schemeWe offer arts and crafts, sports and team games, summer themed activities, talent shows, music, dancing, and much more!

Please contact our office for further information
01344 860 868 | www.getactivesports.com





South Bucks Children's Book
Group

in association with

Hannah Ball School

Friday 9th December
3.15 - 4pm
in the Dining Hall

Bring in your outgrown or unwanted books.

We will exchange every book you bring for a token,
which you can then swap for more books.

If you have no books to swap, but would still like to come,
tokens will be on sale at 50p each.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
December 2022		
Friday 9th December	South Bucks Childrens Group – Book swap – After School	Whole School
Monday 12th December	Nativity 'A star from afar' 9.30am	Rec, YR1 & YR2
Tuesday 13th December	Nativity 'A start from afar' 1.45pm	Rec, YR1 & Yr2
Tuesday 13th December	Hannah Ball Christmas Disco 5pm–6.30pm	Whole School
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Art Day	Rec, YRS,1,3,4,5,6
Thurs 15th December	Trip to Windsor Castle	Year 2
Friday 16th December	Egyptian Day	Year 5
Friday 16th December	Christmas Art Day	Year 2
Tues 20th December	Last day of term (Normal finish time)	Whole school

Date	Event	Who?
January 2023		
Wed 4th January	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School
Thur 5th January	Start of Spring Term – School Opens	Whole School
Fri 27th January	Aylesbury Waterside Theatre trip	Year 4
February 2023		
Fri 10th February	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
Mon 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
March 2023		
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
April 2023		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
May 2023		
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
June 2023		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
July 2023		
Tues 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Wed 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
September 2023		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School