

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Hingley

Dear Parents,

What a busy week back! Our four days have certainly been packed full of learning.

Our book swap was very successful today after school. A total of 96 books were swapped and South Bucks Children's Book Group very much appreciated the amount of donations they received. Thank-you to everyone that attended and thank-you to our friends that volunteered from the South Bucks Children's Book Group.

Our year 5 parents also attended a secondary school transfer information evening on Thursday. Again, it was excellent to see so many parents supporting this meeting and please remember that Mrs. Sullivan has shared the presentation. This has some really useful links to use. As ever, if you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please be aware that the weather is getting much warmer - it is very important that you take steps to help your child be '**Ready**' for school by sending them in with a named water bottle each day. Please also ensure that your child has sun lotion already applied. Caps can also be worn at playtimes and if it does get too hot, our staff will keep your children out of the sun

In our KS2 assembly on Tuesday, our pupils were looking at healthy food choices. We have been looking at the amount of sugar in certain snacks. For instance, did you know that in a box of 'Crunchy Nut Cornflakes' the second main ingredient is sugar? We also worked out that, if my memory serves me correctly, there are 16 cubes of sugar in a can (330ml) of fizzy drink. We will do some further work on healthier meal choices throughout the term, and please do note that we will allow one sweet treat in a packed lunch, and one juice drink. Grapes are an excellent choice of snack - but please slice them lengthwise to cut down on the choking risk.



## How to cut grapes the **RIGHT** way to avoid choking.

Did you know whole grapes are a dangerous choking hazard for babies, toddlers and young children? The photograph shows you how to slice them so they're safe to eat

Grapes should always be cut **lengthwise** so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. Never slice widthwise because they'll still be big enough to choke on. You can either slice them downwards in half, or for small babies, you might want to cut them lengthwise again into quarters.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IF YOU ARE GIVING YOUR CHILD GRAPES IN THEIR PACKED LUNCH.**



As part of our Golden rules of , 'Ready, Respectful, Safe', I have been impressed this week with how many children have been on time for school. This is equipping them with a lifelong skill of punctuality and thank-you for helping them to be '**Ready**' for their learning.

Have a lovely weekend, please be careful in the sun!

# Star of the Week



## RECEPTION

**Zubayr for having the confidence to stand up in front of the class and share his holiday news with his friends.**

## YEAR ONE

**Hayden has settled back into class really well after half term and has made some very positive choices towards his learning this week. Hayden has also enjoyed contributing during our History and English lessons. Keep up the good work Hayden - we are very proud of you!**

## YEAR THREE

**Aarib. - for always making the right choices in class and for always presenting beautiful work. Well done Aarib**

## YEAR TWO

**Alberto for working hard in Maths this week. Well done Alberto!**

## YEAR FOUR

**Isaac for being resilient. He often struggles to put his ideas onto paper in English, however he is starting to believe in himself and is starting to produce work that is relevant.**

## YEAR FIVE

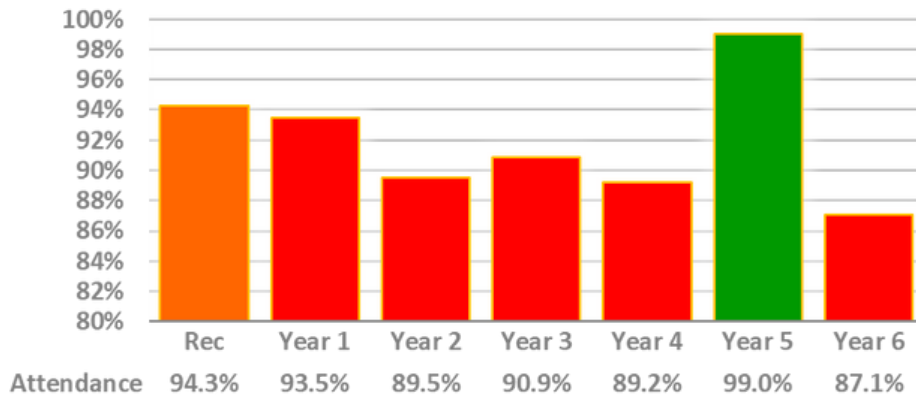
**Ayaan Abbas for exceptional behaviour at all times.**

## YEAR SIX

**Harley for his excellent improvement in the presentation of his work.**

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Hannah Ball Attendance this week.....



**Well done to Year 5 for winning the attendance trophy and class prize this week!**



## Urgent Needs: 26-5-23

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned mixed veg
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Healthy cereal
- Biscuits
- Pasta sauces
- Tomato ketchup
- Rice pudding
- Tinned pulses

**Sorry we can't accept:**

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### RECEPTION

Welcome back everyone and we hope you had a great half term. We have enjoyed listening to the children's holiday news and it has been nice to hear of the children going out and about in the fabulous weather. This half term, we will be learning all about rockpools and our story of the week is called 'Sharing a Shell'. Do talk to the children about this fabulous book and see if they can remember the many characters that were in the book. Please continue to listen to your child read each evening and sign their planner. Please go over their 'Harder to Read and Spell Words' in preparation for their upcoming journey into Year 1. We want the children to feel really confident about their next step and for them to look forward to the extra challenge coming their way.

### YEAR ONE

Year 1 has settled quickly back into school this week with a really positive attitude - well done to you all, hopefully you all enjoyed running around on the bank to celebrate. This week we have been busy recapping our graphemes preparing us for our Phonics screening that will take place next week. Please keep practising with the booklets that have been sent home. In English we have started our new topic 'Dinosaur Planet' which has linked into our History and Art lessons with Fossils and dinosaur silhouettes. In Maths this week we have continued with our topic of multiplication and division, please support your children at home and continue to practise counting in 2's, 5's & 10's Please keep reading at home with your children and send them to school with their books and planners daily. Have a lovely weekend - don't forget your PE kits on Monday and Wednesday.

## YEAR TWO

The children have made a brilliant start to their final half term in Year 2 this week. They have been making predictions in English about the story we will be reading this half term. They looked at pictures from the story and wrote what they thought it was about. In Topic they have also been using their prediction skills to guess what we will be learning about this half term. They were shown a pirate ship and the children guessed what information we'd be learning about pirates. They are really excited about this topic! In Maths, the children continued to learn about Fractions. This week they have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions. We also looked at equivalent fractions- two quarters and a half. In Computing, the children started learning about coding. They learnt how to put simple instructions into the computer to program an object. Well done Year 2, I am really looking forward to this half term!

## YEAR THREE

Well done year 3 for making it past your first week. In maths we have finished up on money and we are heading into time. In English, the students are writing an explanation text about the water cycle. In science, we just went back over what we have learned about plants. PSHE, we had talked about how to stay safe online and to talk to trusted adults if they feel unsafe. In topic, we learned about James Lind and his exceptional discovery on how to cure scurvy. PE, we are back to having PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Hope you all have a nice weekend. Looking forward to next week. Miss Stickland

## YEAR FOUR

The children have come back full of energy for the final term of the year.

We have dived straight into our learning and have been studying our new text 'Matilda' as our whole class read. In English, we have put a twist on Matilda and will be looking at a Poem by Hilaire Belloc in which Matilda tells lies and is 'a little bit naughty.' In Maths the children have been learning how to partition decimals. In RE, we have been looking at what places are special to us and why? How do we feel when we are in our special places? We will then expand on this and look at why a Church is a special place for Christians. Finally in Science, our skill for this term is 'research'. We will be looking at the famous scientist 'Sir Isaac Newton' and learning all about his scientific findings. We will conduct experiments along the way based on our findings. Thank you for a great week year 4, have a great weekend.

Reminder - timetables check assessments will be taking place next week. These need to be completed before 16th June so we have opted to them early next week. Please keep on practicing.

## YEAR FIVE

This week in English we have been learning about the life of Toad, from our current class reader.

Your children worked in groups of 4 creating a timeline and used descriptive language to express how Toad's emotions changed throughout chapter 9.

In Maths, we have been investigating measuring angles and using protractors. We have posted up more courses on Mathletics in relation to this topic. Groups 2 and Phase 3 have another link to help support their learning at home in this weeks homework.

During Science they have also been using their IT skills, making presentations about Friction, which both Miss Dear and I are looking forward to seeing next week.

Just a reminder about wearing correct PE kit please, as there are a few children in year 5 not wearing black sweaters. But, now that the warmer weather is upon us, your children may not need to wear a black sweater, but these do need to be named clearly, in case they are left on the playground or not put on their hook in the cloak room properly. We still have some children that can't find their sweaters after PE yesterday. To add to that, it is now essential for them to bring in a water bottle everyday.

Homework:

Learning Activity: Record and create a diary of one day in the weekend.

Maths:

Mathletics

Topmarks – Beat the button

Maths Frame UK – Alien Angle Attack and Multiplication

Spellings: Words based on our Class Reader.

Reading: Regular reading and recording as per usual.

Enjoy the sunny weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

## YEAR SIX

It's been lovely to have everyone back this week after half term and Year 6 have certainly hit the ground running! They have been thoroughly enjoying their introduction to our new class text 'Macbeth'. This child-friendly version of the Shakespeare classic has definitely engaged them and year 6 have been able to successfully retell the plot in a storyboard format as well as In Maths this week, Year 6 have been introduced to Pie charts; interpreting them and calculating percentages from the data presented. In the afternoons, year 6 have been learning their lines for the production and we have begun rehearsals. Year 6 also started their 6 weeks of swimming yesterday and it was lovely to see the progress some of them have made in their swimming capabilities since I last took them swimming in year 3!



# NOTICES



**YEAR 1 - GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
© CRESSEX COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
HOLMER LANE, HIGH WYCOMBE  
HP12 4QA

WHEN: SATURDAY 17 JUNE  
TIMING: 9.30PM-11.00AM

WHAT TO BRING:  
ANY FOOTBALL/SPORTS KIT  
SHIN PADS  
DRINK

**300 SPACES AVAILABLE**  
CONFIRM YOUR SPACE TO PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT:  
ADAM@AJDFOOTBALLCOACHING.COM

CAN'T MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT? PLEASE DROP US AN EMAIL TO GAIN AN INVITATION TO OUR SUMMER TOURNAMENT DATE



**HAF Camps**

**FUN and FREE Sports and Arts camps!**

MON 31ST JULY - FRI 4TH AUGUST  
MON 7TH AUGUST - FRI 11TH AUGUST  
MON 14TH AUGUST - FRI 18TH AUGUST

**10am-2pm Everyday**

\*FREE Hot meal included.  
Available for Ages 5-12.  
Who receive free school meals.

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**Community Group**



**DOWNLEY DYNAMOS LIONESSES**

Is your daughter currently in Year 5 or 6 and looking to join a local girls' team?

DDJFC Lionesses are an enthusiastic, fun and welcoming team, looking for new players for the 2023/24 season.

**Come and join us for a drop in session:**  
Sunday 11th June 9-11am  
Pedestal Playing Fields, Bradenham Road, HP14 4ES

At Downley Dynamos, our ethos is 'football for all' and we pride ourselves on providing a safe and fun environment for children of all footballing abilities. Junior Football is all about having fun, enjoying regular exercise, building self-confidence and developing basic skills and technique.

All coaches are DBS checked and have completed relevant safeguarding courses.

**For further information please contact Louise Banks:**  
[clubsec@downleydynamos.com](mailto:clubsec@downleydynamos.com)

**ACCREDITED CLUB**  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
June 2023		
Thursday 22nd June	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory	Year 3
Wednesday 28th June	Matilda Theatre Trip	Year 4
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