

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Hingley

We have had yet another busy week in Hannah Ball School, which of course, is not quite over. As I write this, preparations are under way for our book sale which takes place straight after school. On Monday KS2 had an assembly all about internet safety. They were very knowledgeable and do know how to keep themselves safe. Now it's over to you! Our children are excellent users of IT and our job is to try to keep one step ahead of them, especially where internet safety is concerned. Please see the tips from the NSPCC which we hope that you find useful.

Our Reception and KS1 children performed their nativity to the school this morning. Mrs. Machinguata has told me how wonderful it was and how proud the children were to perform it to the rest of the school. Well done everybody and for our staff team, lead by Mrs Walsh for all of their hard work too.

At the moment, many of you are concerned about a variety of illnesses that are around, including scarlet fever and strep A. We have sent some useful information out over the course of the week and would like to share the latest advice from the UK health security agency with you. This is attached to the newsletter. If your child is just experiencing cold symptoms, they should still attend school. Please see the separate attachment for further details.

We have two performances of our Nativity (A Star from Afar) next week and tickets are available from the office. These performances are on Monday 12th December at 0930 and on Tuesday 13th December at 1:45 pm. We also have our Christmas Disco, Christmas meal and jumper day and Y2's trip to Windsor castle too.

Please remember that we don't break up until Tuesday 20th December and this will be at the normal time. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Nicholas Hingley

# Tips to help keep your child safe online

**Helpful tools and advice you can use to keep your child safe when they use the internet at home, at a friend's house or at school.**

The internet is great for learning, sharing, connecting and creating. So try and balance how you guide your child on online safety with an understanding of why they want to use it. You don't want your child to feel they can't come to you if they encounter a problem online.

## **Set rules and agree boundaries as a family**

- ✓ Set boundaries for how long your child can spend online and what they can do.
- ✓ Agree this as a family so that access to devices can be shared fairly.
- ✓ Remember there are tools that can help you manage and monitor access and use across all devices.

## **Talk about online safety and get involved**

- ✓ Have conversations about online safety little and often and build it into other conversations.
- ✓ Ask questions about what they do online, such as what sites they visit and who they talk to.
- ✓ Make the use of the internet a family activity.
- ✓ Remember to share these rules with babysitters, childminders and other family members.
- ✓ Talk to other parents about internet use, such as what they do and don't allow.



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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

### Know who they are talking to

- ✓ Tell your child that strangers can pop up anywhere online: email, instant messenger, social networking sites or online games.
- ✓ Your child may feel they know someone well, even if they've only played a game with them online. So remember to talk to them about what they share with people they've only met online.
- ✓ Discuss boundaries and say you'd like to be friends on social networks, initially.
- ✓ Understand the games they play.
- ✓ Ensure your child knows what to do if someone they don't know contacts them, eg ask you for advice.
- ✓ Show your child how to report abuse and how to block people on the websites they use.

### Check content is age-appropriate

- ✓ Check age ratings of [games](#), online movies and websites.

### Use parental and privacy controls

- ✓ Check the privacy settings on social media and websites.
- ✓ Adjust parental controls to suit your child's age and maturity.
- ✓ Make sure you always log out of your online accounts.

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or contact the NSPCC [helpline](#) on  
**0808 800 5000** to discuss any concerns



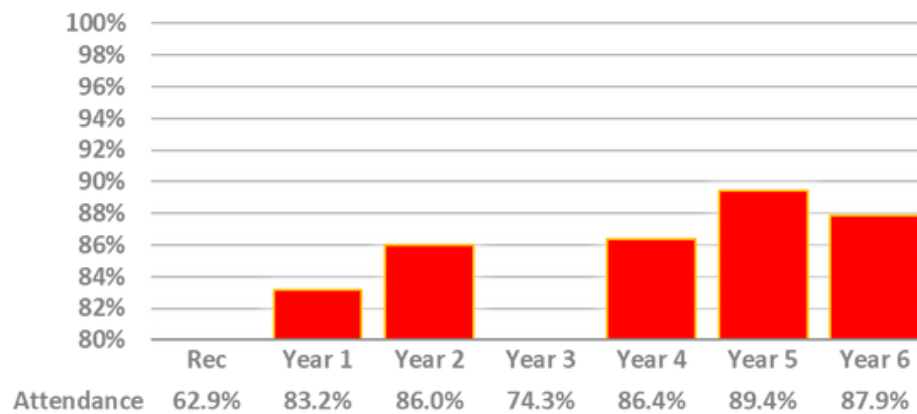
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# ATTENDANCE

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](mailto: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

Our star of the week is Matei for working independently in phonics to write simple CVC words

### YEAR ONE

Ivor - for his excellent progress in his work and particularly his writing he has been trying hard! Well done Ivor

### YEAR TWO

Somto for reading with expression and confidence. Also, he has been a fantastic narrator in our Christmas show.

### YEAR THREE

The star of the week in year 3 this week is C'Jay for his kind words towards his peers and for his concentration and hard work in all lessons.

### YEAR FOUR

- Sana - for taking ownership and understanding the importance of reading at home to an adult and getting her planner signed. She is now on her way to achieving her bronze level in our class reading challenge.

### YEAR FIVE

Domenic - for a sustained, super attitude to learning since arriving and always trying his best. He is curious and likes to challenge himself.

### YEAR SIX

Madiha for always being an excellent role model and for showing great leadership skills

# MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

## RECEPTION

Reception have had a busy week learning their songs for the Christmas Production. You are in for a real treat and it is a great opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible to be prepared for this very special event. Can children please bring a water bottle each day to school containing fresh water. It would be lovely if the children could have a go at doing their own zips now that the weather is getting much colder. We really do encourage the children to be as independent as possible. Please can we remind you that our soft start ends at 8.55 am. School finishes at 3 pm and again, please collect your child as promptly as possible as children can find it difficult to understand when they are the last one on the carpet and their peers have gone home. Please remember to sign your child's planner each evening, after listening to them read.

## YEAR THREE

In English this week we have been learning all about persuasive language and explored how it has been used in our new text. In Topic we had a debate on the Roman invasion's impact on Britain. This week in Maths we have been resilient when subtracting two 3-digit numbers across a 100.

## YEAR 2

We have been really busy in Year 2 this week! The children have had English and Maths assessments, and they have been working really hard on them. As well as their assessments, in English, the children have been learning new skills that they can apply to their writing. They learnt different synonyms that they can use for the word 'said' and put these into sentences. They have also been learning to use different connectives to extend their sentences. I look forward to reading the stories that they write next week with all their new skills they have learnt. In Maths, the children have been comparing number sentences using the terms 'less than', 'greater than' and 'equal to'. They have also been using their knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve number problems. The children have also been working really hard practising for the Christmas Show. They are really excited to perform it for you all next week!

## YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have been working extremely hard this week completing assessments for Maths and English, well done! They have also been busy exploring and understanding the features of instructional writing in English. We have been studying 'How to make a Witches' Potion' and the importance of some instructions having to follow a chronological order. Next week, the class will be innovating their own peculiar potion! I can't wait to read some of these. In Maths we are almost at the end of our multiplication and division unit and the class have been working hard in learning the different methods to help with their 3,6,9,7,11, and 12 times tables. Please continue to practice your times tables daily at home. Well done year 4 for a great week!

## YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have planned and carried out an experiment to see which material is the best insulator to keep food cool for a lunch box. The children designed how to collect their data, how to test the materials and used scientific equipment to measure the temperature and the time taken. We have started to investigate Egypt as a tourist destination in preparation for our hot write, taking into account the different audiences of different holiday brochures (families, retired people, people on their honeymoon) which has guided their research focus. I can't wait to see what they produce! Domenic - for a sustained, super attitude to learning since arriving and always trying his best. He is curious and likes to challenge himself.

## YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been learning all about the Blitz and the guidance given to British citizens at the time. To follow this, year 6 have been learning about air raids and will be writing their own set of instructions titled, 'how to survive an air raid' next week in English. In art, year 6 have been creating some excellent silhouette paintings based on the blitz. They look great! In maths, they have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions by integers. We began by using pictures to develop their understanding before moving on and learning how to calculate the answer procedurally. A great week year 6, well done!



# 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)**

Friends of Hannah Ball School present...

## HANNAH BALL SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS DISCO

Wednesday 13th December 2023 5-6.30pm

# SOLED OUT

band, nibbles, a slice of pizza

ONE WELCOME!

Featuring DJ John Johnny to entertain you!!!

Drinks, popcorn, and sweets available to buy

Get your tickets from Mrs Pyne. SEE YOU THERE!

Parking on the kerb  
**forces pedestrians  
into the road**

**#BeConsiderate**





**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.**



The poster features a dark blue background with white snowflakes and a light blue gradient at the bottom. At the top right is a circular logo with the text 'GET ACTIVE' and 'www.getactivesports.com'. The main title 'HAF WINTER CAMPS' is in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below it, 'BUCKINGHAMSHIRE' is in white. The venues and dates are listed in white text. Two white boxes with blue headers contain 'HOW TO BOOK' and 'WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME'. At the bottom, there are two white reindeer with orange antlers, a row of logos including 'Three Holiday Fun and Food', 'HOLIDAY AND ACTIVITY SCHEME HAF 2022', and 'Buckinghamshire Council', and a small circular logo with a crown.

# 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

Visit [www.getactivesports.com](http://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.

Select your nearest venue and view live availability.

Select the days and session times required.

### WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME

- Government funded programme
- Activities 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 scheme
- We 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](http://www.getactivesports.com)

Three Holiday Fun and Food  
HOLIDAY AND ACTIVITY SCHEME HAF 2022  
Buckinghamshire Council

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
December 2022		
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
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day	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