

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Planned strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

The NEU teachers union are going ahead with their planned strike action on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. I will update you all on Monday 13th March when I have a clearer picture of whether we can open safely.

We will endeavour to keep the school open but if we can't we will prioritise like we did in lockdown. I will share further information on Monday 13th March.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Forest school

We have been helping Chiltern Rangers this week with making a peaceful meadow. We made signs which will read, 'No to Mow!' so that our meadow will have lots of flowers. We also learnt that our hill is actually chalk and this is very rare! This means that there will be lots of flowers in our meadow. It was a lot of fun and we wish to do this again very soon. Thank-you for reading this. By Madiha, Year 6.

Social Media

Please could all parents of children with phones make sure they are aware of the age restrictions for the various social media platforms. The reason these platforms have these age restrictions is that many children do not have the emotional maturity to use them appropriately. We are aware that some children have set up WhatsApp groups and there has been a spate of unpleasant messaging between children. Please ensure you monitor your child's use of their phone and any messaging or use of social media that takes place, This is your duty of care and a safeguarding concern if it is not taking place.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



National Online Safety

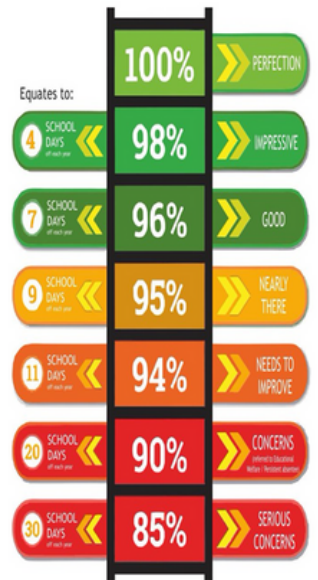
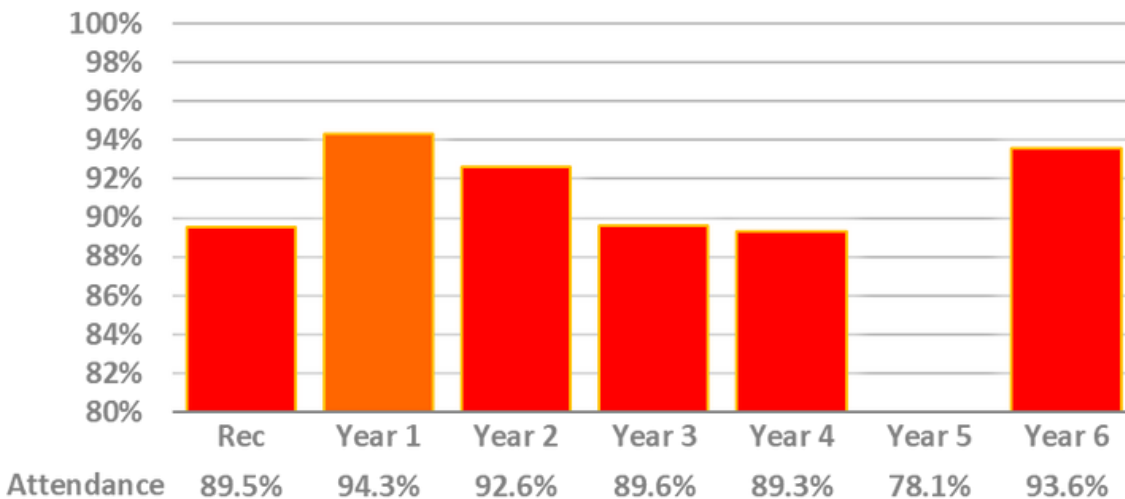
#WakeUpWednesday

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Excellent attendance is really important in order for your child to benefit from school and make the best possible progress.

Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Children should only be absent from school if they are really poorly. We have excellent pastoral care and qualified paediatric first aiders. If your child is under the weather, please talk to their teacher who will be able to ensure they are looked after with lots of TLC!

This weeks attendance



Schools have to regularly inform the Local Authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from school, have irregular attendance, or have missed 10 school days or more without the school's permission. Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence.

Schools also have a safeguarding duty, under Section 175 Education Act 2002, to investigate any unexplained absences.

**CERTIFICATES WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS WHO HAVE
SCORED OVER 1000 POINTS THIS WEEK! WELL DONE!**

**Year 1
Patrick
Mukundi
Mayameen
Isma**

**Year 2
Hajrah**

**Year 3
Laiba
Aniela
Dean**

**Year 4
Uzalr
Shammah
Sethun
Adiva
Anaum**

**Year 5
Owais
Luiz
Laeeq
Fredrik
Ibrahim**

**Year 6
Shazain
Muhammad
Israa
Amana
Aahil
Haydn**

And a special congratulations to:

**Hajrah (Year 2)
Anaum (Year 4)
Shammah (Year 4)
Amana (Year 6)
Haydn (Year 6)
Israa (Year 6)**

who have also earned a Silver Certificate! They have scored 1000 points each week for 5 consecutive weeks. Well done!

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Leo for now remembering to use his sentence rules in his writing. Great work Leo!

YEAR ONE

Sofia who is a very good role model in year 1 who always has amazing manners.

YEAR TWO

Jasmin for getting to the next level in herb cracking times tables and for making a fantastic improvement in writing. Well done Jasmin!

YEAR THREE

Ivy -who has shown that she is a responsible member of Year 3. She is always willing to learn new things and listens when she needs to. Her handwriting has exceptionally improved. Well done Ivy!

YEAR FOUR

Yasmine - for trying extremely hard with her comprehension in guided reading.

YEAR FIVE

Hareem - for reading more regularly at home and having her planner signed more frequently.

YEAR SIX

Maria for always embodying our Hannah Ball Values.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, it has been very exciting! We have been learning all about animals on the farm and on Tuesday some duckling eggs arrived! We have been watching them closely and were lucky enough to catch one of them hatching out of their egg!

It was a great sight for the children to see. We have also had fun in the snow, making footprints, snowballs and snowmen. Please continue to read with your child and especially keep practising the harder to read and spell words. Please try to make sure your child is on time every day, as if they are late they are missing out on their phonics, which is very important.

Reminder: Odds Farm trip permission slips and payment due by Monday 13th March. Have a great weekend.

YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week we have been finding the difference in Maths and in English we have used our senses to think about and write sentences about a farm. In PE we have had fun doing circuits which included star jumps, burpees, sprints and throwing.

English and Phonics homework is in your yellow books and Maths has been set online in your Mathletics accounts. If you are having any problems with your log in details for Mathletics please let us know. Have a great weekend.

YEAR TWO

We have had a great week in Year 2. In English we have been learning new skills to improve our writing. The children learnt about possessive apostrophes, using commas in a list and how to use adverbs to extend their sentences. These new skills will help them to write their innovated stories in the next few weeks. In Maths the children have been learning to double and halve numbers, recognise odd and even numbers and began looking at the ten times table. In Science we learnt about the different ways plants disperse their seeds. Then the children made their own paper helicopter seeds and had lots of fun testing them outside. On Thursday morning, we walked to High Wycombe town centre to visit Waterstone's Book Store. The children exchanged their World Book Day tokens for a book in the store. It was a great experience for the children and they enjoyed taking photographs with their new books in the Eden Centre!



YEAR THREE

This week in Year 3: We are publishing our instructional writing based on "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth". In Science, we learned how Rocks are formed and the rock formation cycle. During Whole Class Reading, the students read about the flute being the oldest instrument found and what it used to be made of before the modern versions of the flute. Maths, year 3 are learning what perimeters are and how to measure them. Exciting times in Year 3 and we are looking forward to it continuing.

Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

This week, year 4 have been busy learning all about the human digestive system and how the food travels from the mouth all the way to the exit point! (Yes, they all had a giggle at this, especially at the word poo!). In Maths we have moved on to our new topic on fractions. So far, the class have recalled some information they learnt in year 3 and are now ready to take the learning further. In RE, the children have been learning and discussing the concept of 'forgiveness'. We are approaching Easter, and the class are now able to connect the resurrection story to the festival of Easter. They have been linking forgiveness to Jesus, and how he forgave those who wronged him. This has been a great point of discussion, with everyone thinking that at some point in their lives they may need to forgive or ask others for forgiveness if they have wronged them. In Science we completed our science experiment on tooth decay and found that vinegar causes the most tooth decay. Be sure to ask your child about this!

Well done for a great week Year 4, have a great weekend!

YEAR FIVE

This week has been another busy time in Year 5. Your children have had their second session of life saving at swimming which was thoroughly enjoyable. Their next session will not require pyjamas and is a normal swim session. Please do ensure they bring their swim caps though.

Trip to the Tower of London reminder:

As you know we will be going to the Tower of London next Friday, which we are very excited about, but there are a few important points to remind you all of:

Your child will need to be at school by 8.00am as we will be leaving at 8.30am.

If they require a school lunch they will be able to order these next week and choose their options. However, on Friday they will need to be in complete school uniform including school shoes, bring their own filled water bottle and a suitable warm waterproof raincoat. There are buildings that will require them to walk outside to get to different areas so need to be prepared for any type of weather.

We have also been continuing to learn more about Tudor life and King Henry the VIII.

Homework will also include your children finding interesting or fun facts about Tudor times.

Homework this week:

Please learn your Story Map and Model Text for Monday. These were given out on Wednesday to take home. Continue to learn your spellings for last week and we will test you on Tuesday. Find fun facts about the Tudors and write them in your homework book and lastly don't forget to continue with Athletics.

We are encouraging your children to complete their homework, where they will receive a: 'Dip in the Goody Box' for doing so.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week year 6 have been continuing with their work on 'The Highwayman' and have been practicing the skills of writing dialogue, describing a character and writing in first person. They've done some excellent short pieces and are now ready to plan and write their own versions, which will be told from many different perspectives based on fairytale characters, next week. In maths year 6 have started working on decimals; focusing on addition and subtraction and rounding. They've all done so well and we were thoroughly impressed with their rounding skills. In topic, they have been working on their double page spreads showcasing all of the research they have gathered about the life of Queen Victoria. In science, year 6 have been looking at how to classify plants and about the different kinds of microorganisms. An excellent week year 6 well done!



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

**MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS
@ HAMILTON ACADEMY,
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**EASTER WEEK 2
TUE 11 APR – FRI 14 APR
TIMING: 9.00AM-3.00
WHO FOR: RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**

**COST:
ALL 4-DAYS | £90.00
CHOOSE 3-DAYS | £75.00
CHOOSE 2-DAYS | £55.00
CHOOSE 1-DAY | £30.00**

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UPCOMING CAMPS...

**MAY HALF TERM
30 MAY-02 JUN**

**SUMMER '23
FROM 31 JUL
TBC**

**YOU ARE ALL
WELCOME TO ALSO
COME & JOIN US IN
WEEK 1 OF EASTER**

**@ NAPHILL &
WALTERS ASH
SCHOOL**

**MON 03 APR –
THU 06 APR**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event | Who? |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| March 2023 | | |
| Friday 17th March | Tower of London Trip | Year 5 |
| Monday 27th March | Odds Farm Trip | Reception |
| 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 | | |
| Monday 1st May | May Bank Holiday | Whole School |
| Monday 8th May | Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation | Whole School |
| Mon 8th – Thur 11th May | SATS WEEK | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 23rd May | Tempest Photography – Class Photos | Whole School |
| Fri 26th May | End of half term (Normal finish time) | Whole School |
| June 2023 | | |
| Mon 5th June | INSET DAY – School Closed | Whole School |
| Thursday 22nd June | Trip to The Wimbledon Theatre | Year 3 |
| 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 |