

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Message from Mr Hingley

This has been another busy week at Hannah Ball School – although this is not unusual at our school!

On Monday our year 5 and 6 pupils received a PSHE session from Spark2Life, a company that specialises in supporting young people through transitions to secondary school. The girls football team were meant to have a match arranged for Tuesday at Kingswood school, which because of the weather, was cancelled. What a shame! Thank-you to our parents for their understanding. On Wednesday our KS2 choir started back. There are still spaces for this and it is free, so please fill in a slip should you wish to join.

Next week is anti-bullying week. Mrs. Walsh has asked us to wear our funkiest odd socks for the day to show that it's ok to be different. As many of your children know, I love socks, so I will have to dig out my best mismatching ones. We also have a non uniform day on Friday in aid of Children in Need.

Well done everyone for their hard work this week. I have had the pleasure of reading some wonderful setting descriptions from Year 3 and have seen how hard Year 1 are working in their maths lessons. Please keep supporting your children at home by reading with them each day and offering to help with their homework. We have three classes that are above 95% attendance, so please let's try our hardest to get into school next week and improve on this.

Next week, we are starting our reverse Advent Calendar collections for the One Can trust. The idea behind it is that for each day, instead of opening a window, we fill a box with the suggested donations. We will work backwards through their Christmas tree, starting with day 14 – where we will collect tinned vegetable soup and or tinned peas. We have included an image of the items that OneCan need, so please feel free to send these in and we will start creating our own OneCan advent calendar. These donations need to be with One Can by 2nd December. Your help and support in this would be very much appreciated.



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:

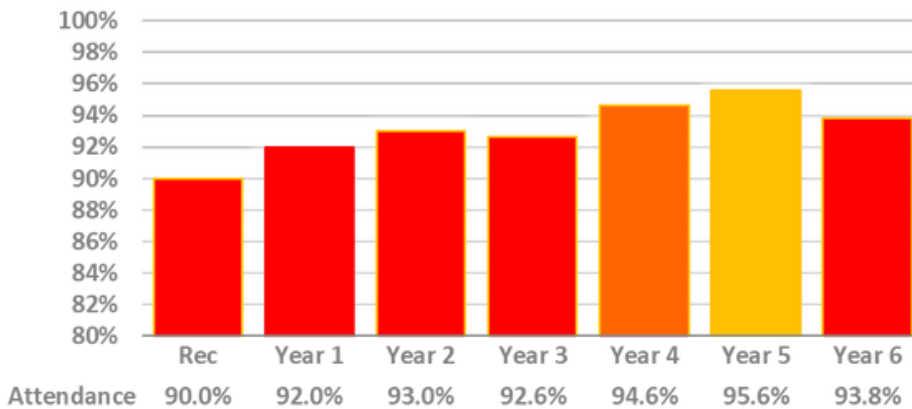
Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food, refrigerated or frozen food.

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

Millie for trying hard to use her sounds when reading to an adult.

YEAR ONE

Haleema for working independently in Maths
Well done Haleema!

YEAR TWO

Emanuelly for working hard while learning new concepts in Maths this week. Well done Emanuelly!

YEAR THREE

Ivy-Rose as she has had a really good attitude to learning this week, producing some good work and focusing well on the tasks set.

YEAR FOUR

Sara – for becoming more confident in answering questions knowing that it may be incorrect. By doing this, she is allowing herself to understand where her misconceptions are and therefore correct herself.

YEAR FIVE

Poppy, for working so hard across the curriculum but specifically for her confidence and resilience in Maths recently.

YEAR SIX

Sarah for her use of mental strategies and thinking about the what the most of efficient method is when approaching calculations.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, the children have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been acting out the story at carpet time and they have been learning about 'stranger awareness'. To consolidate the children's learning, we would like to make porridge, using porridge oats and milk, with the children next week for them to taste. We will be offering a topping of honey and sugar. Please contact a member of Reception if you do not want your child to take part in this activity or has a known allergy to any of the ingredients being used.

YEAR 2

This week in English the children have been busy planning their letters that they are going to write to King Charles next week. They have been learning about Windsor Castle and planning questions that they could ask the King about it. In Maths, Year 2 have been using their number bonds to 10 to help them work out subtraction questions. They grasped the concept really well! In Science, we learnt about the ethologist Jane Goodall and why she is such a significant figure. During this lesson, the children also learnt lots of interesting facts about chimpanzees! Finally, in PSHE, we continued our topic 'Celebrating Differences' by talking about the differences between boys and girls, and how these differences make us unique. Well done on another great week Year 2!

YEAR FOUR

This week has gone extremely fast for year 4 and we cannot believe it's Friday already! We have been busy designing Egyptian cartouche with hieroglyphics in Art & DT which we will be making out of clay. In Maths, year 4 have found subtraction (with more than one exchange) a little bit tricky to begin with, but with perseverance and resilience they have now mastered it and are now confident in completing subtraction calculations using the column method. Well done year 4! In English we have been enjoying our new 'Harry Potter' text, studying the features used by the author JK Rowling on how she creates atmosphere and writing setting descriptions. We hope this will help inform their main narrative writing next week. Keep up the good work year 4!

YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have been using concrete resources in maths to show how they know numbers are square numbers and cube numbers and have been confidently developing their maths language. We have also been looking at prime numbers which we have found challenging. In science, we practiced making filters to clean water and investigated different ways to separate solids. The children have learnt so much new science vocabulary, that they've had to make a second glossary in their books! We have begun to look at solutions and mixtures and will continue to try new ways of separating in the coming weeks as well as investigating reversible and irreversible changes we can make to different materials. Next week we have our Egyptian workshop to look forward to.

YEAR SIX

We've had a great week of learning in year 6 this week. In maths, we have been looking at different mental strategies and efficient ways of solving calculations. We also looked at the order of operations and looked at how adding brackets can change the answer to a calculation. In English, we have been delving further into Rose Blanche and spent some time relating the character's actions to the Edmund Burke quote, 'all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing'. Year 6 had some really thoughtful insights into the quote and we ended up having a very engaging class discussion about the actions Rose took, what they would have done in her situation and what would have happened if she'd ignored it. In science, we have been learning the scientific symbols associated with circuits and have been investigating what happens when the voltage is increased. In history, we wrote some wonderful letters in role as an evacuee during ww2. An excellent week year 6, well done!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022: REACH OUT

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. In Support of this we at hannah ball will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



COMPETITION TIME!!

We are inviting all Hannah Ball pupils to design an Anti-Bullying poster.

Now is a great time to promote positive friendships.
Winning posters will be displayed in school.

A winner will be picked from Early-years, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2 and winning posters will be on display in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
November 2022		
Mon 14th November	Odd socks day for Anti-Bullying week	Whole School
Fri 18th November	Children In Need -Non Uniform Day	Whole School
Tues 29th November	Trip to The Verulamium Museum	Year 3
December 2022		
Thurs 15th December	Trip to Windsor Castle	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