

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Lateness: On Wednesday over 10 children arrived late for school and then on Thursday we had 9 children that were late. This is extremely disruptive to learning, both for your own child and for the rest of the class. Please be in ON TIME!

Attendance: As a school, we aim to have 96% attendance each week. This week, I am so pleased that Year 1 had more than 96% attendance and have won our trophy this week. Well done, that is a fabulous effort. Now that they have set the standard, let's all try and improve and try and get to over 96% as a school!

Please see the useful guide about keeping your child off school.

It has been great to have all of the children back in for a full week and to see them all working so hard. This half term is really short and we are keen to squeeze everything in. We are very lucky to be working with Chiltern Rangers to develop our Forest school provision. Groups of our children will be working hard to develop some of the paths, manage the woodland and develop the meadow and wildflower areas. I am pleased that Chiltern 'Habitat Rangers Work Experience Team' from Alfriston and Stony Dean will also be working alongside our children. What an amazing opportunity for us all and I can't thank Paul and his team and Chiltern Rangers enough. We have had grants from Heart of Bucks and also John Lewis to enable this work to go ahead.



From Cassie, Madiha, De'shawn and Maria from Green Life Heroes, Year 6.

There has been some construction up on the bank and there is going to be a new path that will lead up to a new forest school. When you get to the end of the path, there is a fire pit, so during the session, the class can sit around it. Children have made some plans to make sure the forest school is full of nature to explore. They have decided to put lots of bird houses around the area so children can be around more wild life. There are also going to be bat boxes and leaf cutting piles for hedgehogs. In February, some children will have the chance to help with the building of the new path. Thank you for reading this. We hope that you are as excited as we are.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

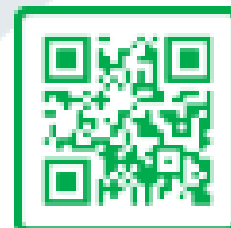
Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Attendance – information for parents

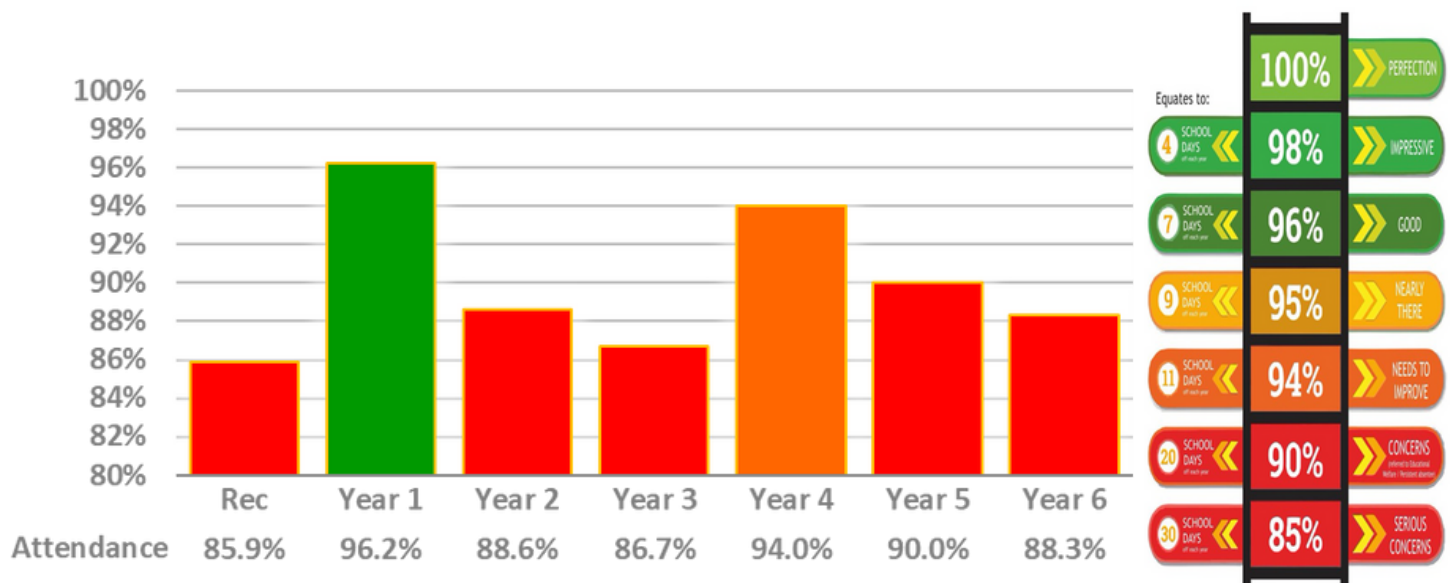
In the event that your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school to let us know. To notify us of your child's absence, please use the email address:

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
Kai, for now becoming more focused when on the carpet and completing his learning. Keep it up Kai!

YEAR ONE
Mayameen -She has been following class rules really well and making an effort in all her lessons- Well Done

YEAR TWO
Yousaf for his fantastic attitude towards his learning since starting the new term. Well done Yousaf, you have made a positive start to 2023!

YEAR THREE
Filip, for his hard work and focus in all lessons this week.

YEAR FOUR
Platon and Paulo - for settling in so well at Hannah Ball and working extremely hard across all areas. They have shown great confidence in interacting with their learning as well as making new friendships (which can be quite scary in a new setting).

YEAR FIVE
Oliver: For coming into school with a positive view for learning and being able to settle into the school day.

YEAR SIX
Ameliah for always trying her best and being a great role model in showing our Hannah Ball Values.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely break and it was so nice to hear all about the children's holidays when they returned and the lovely things they got up to. This week in reception we have been talking about our New Year's Resolutions and the things we want to try really hard at this year. We have also started reading our new story 'Whatever Next'. Please remember that we change library books on a TUESDAY. Lots of children were missing them this week so they've missed out on the opportunity to take a new book home. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1

This week In yr 1 the children have been learning about polar bears and how they survive in the arctic. They have also been looking at maps and how locate different places in the school using their mapping skills and key words they have learnt.

YEAR TWO

We have had a great first full week back in Year 2! In English we started reading and learning about the story 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. The children made predictions about the story, then we read it together so they could see if their predictions were correct. The children also learnt about similes this week and how they can use them to describe a setting. In Maths we have continued our shape topic by learning about lines of symmetry, how to sort 2D shapes and counting faces and vertices on 3D shapes. In Science this week, we started our 'healthy me' topic. We discussed ways we can stay healthy and talked about the importance of mental health, as well as physical health. Finally, in Topic this week, the children learnt about the 'Big 5' Kenyan animals. They worked in groups to research an individual animal, and then presented it to the rest of the class. They all worked really hard and found out some interesting facts about these animals. A great start to the new term Year 2!

YEAR THREE

This term in English, we are writing adventure stories and our new text is 'Stone Age Boy.' This week we made predictions about the text and used time connectives to sequence the events of the story.

This term in Maths, we are learning to multiply and divide amounts. This week we have made equal groups and found number sentences to match arrays.

In Topic this term, we are learning about the Stone Age. The children in year 3 are working very hard at home to create Stone Age homes to show prehistoric life.

YEAR FOUR

How quick this week has flown by! Year 4 have come back from their winter holidays all refreshed and eager to learn. We have moved onto Multiplication and Division in Maths and have been learning how to multiply by 10 and 100. In Science we have started our topic of 'Living things and their habitats' and so far learnt all about the 7 life processes. Be sure to ask your child about what these are! In English, we have started our new text - a Lenape Tale called 'Rainbow Crow'. The class have been busy imitating this week, getting to know the main character and learning about its appearance and personality. Well done year 4 for some great work this week.

YEAR FIVE

Year 5 hope that everyone has had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. We are very pleased to be back at school and there have been plenty of new beginnings which have kept us very busy.

We welcome Mrs Guy, who is our lovely new teacher at the moment and has fitted into our class with ease. She is not a stranger to our school so feels right at home.

On Thursday, Year 5 had their first swimming session which everyone who took part enjoyed tremendously. But, we would like to remind you that your children need to wear swim caps and the instructor reminded Year 5 that they will need to have one for next week. Unfortunately, we don't sell them at school.

In English our class has been reading a book called Skellig, by David Almond. We would like to encourage your children to read more of his children's books. There may be a few in our school library. Some of his titles are: Heaven Eyes, My name is Mina, Kits Wilderness and A song for Ella Grey to name a few.

Planners:

Please could all parents listen to their child read at least twice a week for 10 minutes. Each book they read - free reader or school book should be recorded in their planner even if they haven't finished it. (The children do know this) There are still many parents not signing their child's planner on a weekly or daily basis. This is an essential link between home and school. Finally, Mrs Guy and myself are looking forward to seeing your children learn and grow and so far, they have had a wonderful start to 2023.

Miss Dear and Mrs Guy

YEAR SIX

Year 6 have had a busy first full week back, beginning our new topics for the spring term - all based on and around the work and life of Charles Darwin. In English we have been learning our text map for a report about the 'Galapagos Flying Lizard' and have created our own creatures to write descriptive paragraphs about. This is ready for next week when we will be researching some of the other animals found in the Galapagos and writing a report about them. In maths, we have been finishing off our work with measurement and length and year 6 have done really well on their end of unit assessments - well done! We have also started our new unit on Ratio and Proportion where we have been looking at additive and multiplicative relationships between numbers. In science, year 6 have started working on our new unit, 'Evolution and Inheritance' and have been looking at how plants and animals have adapted over time to suit their environments. In Topic, we have been learning about Darwin's 5 year voyage on the HMS Beagle and have started to plot his various stops on a world map. An excellent first week back year 6, well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
January 2023		
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