

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

I have been able to spend some time in each class today to see how well our children are doing with their writing. They are all working very hard indeed and are producing some pleasing pieces. We use Talk for Writing in our school which gives our pupils a structured way of writing.

Here is a little more information from the talk for writing website.

Talk for Writing, developed by Pie Corbett is powerful because it is based on the principles of how people learn. The movement from imitation to innovation to independent application can be adapted to suit the needs of learners of any stage.

Talk for Writing has had an outstanding impact on schools. Typically, schools have found that children initially double their rate of progress and, where the approach has been applied systematically across a setting, many schools have moved from dire results to outstanding success. Schools already performing well have not only increased attainment, but also enjoyment and engagement.

The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that children internalise the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully.

Schools underpin their English work by establishing a core reading spine of quality fiction, poetry and non-fiction that all children experience and draw upon. Imaginative units of work are developed to create a whole-school plan that is refined over the years, is well-resourced and documented to release teachers from planning and preparation so that they can focus on adapting their teaching for children's learning. You can find more information here <https://www.talk4writing.com/about/>

Please ensure that you read the information about the strike day on Wednesday 1st February. It contains important information about the school closure, with only certain children attending on an invite only basis. If you are a key worker, and you believe your child should be allocated a place, please contact the school office in the first instance. Office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk

Next week is National Storytelling week. Your children have some homework that has been set by Mrs. Machingauta, so please talk to your children to find out more.

Please also see the important information about Parents evenings on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February– again this will be in a separate letter.

Attendance – information for parents

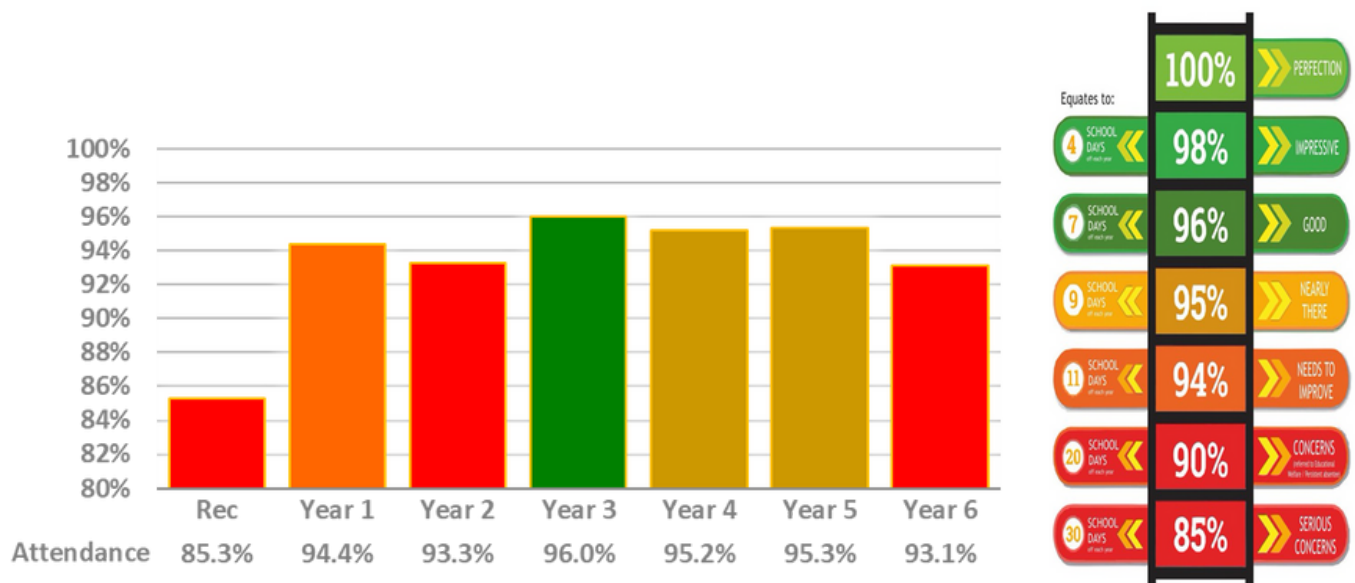
In the event that your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school to let us know. To notify us of your child's absence, please use the email address:

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.





Dear Parents

Please can your child return any library books they have borrowed on Monday 30th January 2023.

Fines are now being issued for any lost library books

Thank you

Every food item from the kitchen is now Halal I



YOU'RE INVITED TO

WYCOMBE WANDERERS WARM HUB

Where - Adams Park

Who - Over 65's (with a +1)

**When - Every Tues/Thurs in
Jan/Feb 2023**

starting 10th Jan

Time - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

**To book - Call us on 01494 455736
or visit wwfc.com**

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SPRINGBUCKS
GYMNASTICS CLUB



February & Easter Holidays Gymnastics & Trampolining Camps

During the February Half Term & Easter Holidays we will be running some fun and action-packed gymnastics and trampolining holiday camp days for ages 4 – 11 years, with the option for half or full days.

Please visit our website www.springbucks.co.uk and click on the Holiday Camp section for more details on how to book in via our website shop.

VENUES: Hazlemere Youth Centre, Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB
Court Garden Leisure Centre, Pound Lane, Marlow, SL7 2AE

February: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th at Hazlemere Youth Centre & Thursday 16th Feb at Court Garden

Easter: Tuesday 5th & 11th, Wednesday 4th & 12th April at Hazlemere Youth Centre and Thursday 6th & 13th April at Court Garden

PRICE: £16.00 for a half day (9am – 12 or 1 – 4pm)
£35.00 for a full day (9.00am – 4.00pm)

**BOOKINGS ARE FILLING UP FAST SO BOOK IN ASAP TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Millie for trying hard to use her sounds to write a simple sentence in phonics.

YEAR ONE

Younas.

He has been working really hard in English and maths and trying his best to use his phonics sound mats during writing as well as his number line to 20 during maths. He has also showed great effort in his handwriting.

YEAR TWO

Tayyab for working really hard in Maths this week. Well done!

YEAR FOUR

Harley - for coming up with a very relevant and exciting innovation for his English writing

YEAR FIVE

Nicholas: For being helpful with other members of the class during Maths lessons.

YEAR SIX

De'Shawn for his resilience and effort throughout the week

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

The children have had a busy week in Reception, learning about how to order the animals in the Chinese New Year. Lots of mathematical language could be heard, such as, first, second and third.

Just a polite reminder that your children's ears should be covered for Health & Safety reasons if they wear earrings to school. Please apply micro-pore tape (which can be purchased from Boots) before school or remove your child's earrings each morning. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please also provide a set of spare clothes, including socks, shoes/plimsoles, so that we can keep a set on their peg in school.

YEAR TWO

This week in Year 2, the children have been working really hard to finish planning their innovated stories about 'Lila and the secret of rain'. They finished their story maps and have now got to the exciting part- writing their stories! I am looking forward to reading them. In Maths we have started a new topic all about money. The children have been learning to count pounds and pence, and then working out the total amount of money they have altogether. In Science, we have continued with our topic 'Healthy Me' and the children learnt about the importance of a balanced diet and what that looked like. They finished the lesson by designing their own healthy dinner. Finally, in Topic this week, the children looked at the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK. They learnt that because Kenya is a country on the equator, it is definitely hotter than High Wycombe!

YEAR FOUR

This week year 4 have been busy innovating a Lenape Tale in English. They have enjoyed thinking about how a particular animal came to be and have come up with some fantastic ideas. I can't wait to read these! In Science we explored school grounds looking for habitats for various mini-beasts. This followed on from our learning in class exploring animals that are invertebrates and animals that have an exoskeleton. To end the busy week, Year 4 will be visiting Aylesbury Theatre to watch 'Demon Dentist' on Friday. This show will tie in with our class text next term. The children are super excited and I can't wait to share such a memorable experience with them.

YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 took part in an amazing workshop, led by the Garsington Opera Group. Your children enjoyed taking part and some of our year 5 children were given letters and asked to join them from March to July rehearsing for an operatic production. This opportunity is free and although a huge commitment would be an amazing once in a lifetime experience to undertake.

Homework this week:

Spellings, Grammar or Punctuation Focus and a Maths task is to continue to learn your times tables using TT Rock Stars and regular recording of any reading taking place.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have become immersed in the world of 'Darwin's dragons' - the new novel that we are studying in English. They are really enjoying the story so far and can't wait to see what happens next! They have been reading the story, answering questions based on it and creating their own comic strips to summarise what's happened so far. In maths, year 6 have contributed their work on ratio and proportion; focussing on scale factors solving word problems. In science, we conducted an investigation to see which 'beak' (tongs, tweezers and pegs) was the best for picking up various 'seeds' (tic tacs, starbursts and malteasers).

This was to gain a better understanding of how finches in the Galapagos adapted depending on which island they settled on. In PSHCE this week, year 6 looked at how to recognise their emotions in relation to seeing others in the world suffering. I was thoroughly impressed with the thoughtful and mature discussions that arose during the lesson. A great week year 6, well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
February 2023		
Weds 1st February	Teachers on Strike – School open to certain pupils only	Whole School
Mon 6th February	School nurses – Height & Weight Checks	Reception
Tues 7th February	Parents Evening 3:30–5pm	Whole School
Thurs 9th February	Parents Evening 5pm–8pm	Whole School
Friday 10th February	Police & Lawyer Visit	Year 5 & 6
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