

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Hannah Ball School are well and truly back into the swing of things after our Easter break. It is always an exciting time starting a new term as we have lots of new topics to launch and books to read and things to learn! Year 6 are working hard to prepare for their SATS too although there is not much time left until their tests start. The children will inevitably start looking forward to the end of term and their transition into their next year groups, although as teachers (and I'm sure as parents) we want the time to slow down a little as we have still so much to pack into the term!

I contacted you earlier in the week about strike action. This is taking place on Thursday 27th April and then again on Tuesday 2nd May. At the moment Reception and Year 2 will not be in school on either day and Year 4 will not be in school on Tuesday 2nd May. I am waiting for confirmation from other classes and I should be able to let you know the fuller picture by Monday. Currently we will be able to be open for Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6.

I would like to wish all of our families that are celebrating the end of Ramadan and very happy Eid. I hope that you enjoy this very special time with your family.

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Tomika and Travis as they have both settled in well into our class and are able to follow our class routines and structure. Keep it up!

YEAR ONE

Joao—for massive improvement in his phonics – Well done!

YEAR TWO

Isabelle for writing a fantastic letter in English and always coming into school with a positive attitude

YEAR THREE

Tescelia has worked really hard in all her subjects which is great to see. She always wants to help the teacher in the classroom like tidying up the stationary and handing out books. Well done Tescelia =)

YEAR FOUR

Esterlyn – for producing excellent work in English. She always thinks about the success criteria and implements that into her writing producing amazing pieces of work.

YEAR FIVE

Domenic – For following instructions and being an enthusiastic participant during PE.

YEAR SIX

Olivia for her excellent attitude towards her learning on return to school this week.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Welcome back from the Easter holidays! We hope you had a lovely break. This week the children have been telling us all about the things they have done in the holidays and it sounds like you were all very busy! We have now started our new topic " Do ladybirds have spots?" , in which we are going to be learning all about different minibeasts. We also have some special visitors arriving throughout this term and another one at the end of the half term, so lots to look forward to! Mrs May has also been busy in the Reception garden planting potatoes with the children. We will be learning how to look after them and help them grow.

Please continue to check Tapestry for observations we have sent home before the holidays to see your child's learning. Have a good weekend!

YEAR ONE

Welcome back Year 1!
We have had an amazing start to the term with full attendance.

In English we have written a short story about Little Red Riding Hood.

In Maths we have been learning about estimation. In History we are starting to learn about the upcoming Coronation and have been learning about King Charles III.

We have also starting learning about Shabbat in RE.

In Science we have been looking at plants that are around the school.

In Computing we are learning about coding and giving and following instructions using symbols. Keep up the good work Year 1.

YEAR TWO

We have had a great first week back in Year 2. In English the children wrote letters to their friends telling them all about their Easter holiday; it sounds like they all had a great time! In Maths, the children have been learning about 'mass' and how to weigh objects in grams and kilograms. On Thursday, they used scales to weigh objects in grams and on Friday, they used scales to weigh themselves in kilograms. In Science the children started a new topic all about living things. We discussed things that were living, not living and used to be living. We explored life processes and how we can tell if something is living. In Topic this week the children learnt about Hannah Ball (the school's name sake) and Dame Frances Dove. We talked about why these two ladies were significant and why they are important figures to Wycombe. All the children have come back to school with a really positive attitude towards their learning and I am looking forward to the rest of the term.

YEAR THREE

It is great to see year 3 back for the new term. For English, we are finishing off our character descriptions for Iron Man, students are using their adjectives and expanded noun clauses to help them create their writing work. In Maths, we have started to learn a new type of measurement, mass. The children are learning how scales work and the different types of measurement, kilograms and grams. We have an exciting new topic in science, we are learning all about plants. The students are looking forward to understanding what helps a plant grow and growing plants themselves. In RE we are learning about the importance of sharing. I am looking forward to what this new term brings, we start swimming next week which will be fun for all. If you didn't get a form please let Mrs Sullivan or Miss Stickland know. Hope everyone has a great weekend, looking forward to next week.

Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have come back for the spring break all refreshed and eager to learn. We have been busy reading our new unit in English on 'How to Train your Dragon' and imitating the text through a story map. This will also be sent as homework, so please practice the story map. In Maths we are still working on fractions and have been adding both improper fraction and mixed fractions. Our new topic in Science is 'Electricity' and have been discussing what appliances need electricity to work. To support your learning, see if you can identify different electrical appliances that use electricity in your house and share your list with the class. And finally, I would like to wish everyone at Hannah Ball who will be celebrating the end of Ramadan this weekend a very auspicious and happy Eid - EID MUBARAK! I hope you have a great time with your family and friends.

YEAR FIVE

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter Break. This is your children's last term before going into Year 6, so we will be busy preparing them for this exciting move.

Garsington Opera Workshop:

On Monday the Garsington Opera Team will be leading a second workshop with Year 5.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first visit, so we are looking forward to their return.

Change of PE day:

Now that we have finished our swimming sessions our new timetable has been issued and our new PE day will be Monday.

In English we have started learning about Poetry and the various terms and structures linked with writing poetry. Your children will be bringing home the class text that they need to learn. This will also include a copy of the story map.

Homework:

Spellings, Mathletics and Learning our class text.

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been enjoying the start of their new topic 'Blood Heart' which links to our science and English too. They have been creating cover pages for both science and topic to show us what previous knowledge they have. In English, we have started our novel, 'Pig Heart Boy' which year 6 are thoroughly enjoying so far - the children are already immersed in the story and debating whether or not Cam should have the surgery. This is excellent considering we will be having a class debate on this very subject soon!

Well done year 6 for all your hard work this week - make sure the homework pack is completed for next Thursday please!



Attendance, Punctuality & Meetings with Staff

As a school we are always striving to make positive improvements and hope that we can work in partnership with you as parents to make this happen. May we remind all of our parents that time off during the school term is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and all parents/guardians must complete a request form before taking any time off school.

Here are a few tips to help us keep moving forward:

- Medical appointments, where possible, should be made at the end of the school day. We are aware that circumstances do not always allow for this, but there is an expectation that students should attend school before/after the appointment.
- All Children should be in school ready to start learning by 8.55am (Registers are taken at this time). Any child arriving between 9.00am and 9.30am will receive a late mark. Children arriving after 9.30 will receive an unauthorised absence mark which will affect their attendance. Any child arriving after 9.00am must come into the school via the front door to be signed into school with a legitimate reason.
- Do not keep your child off school for minor illnesses e.g. cough or cold. The school has qualified first aiders who can attend to most issues and if your child is deemed to be too poorly to remain in school you will be contacted to take your child home.
Help your child to understand the benefits of regular school attendance.

Attendance Calls – Reminder

If your child is not able to attend school for a genuine reason you are required to phone the school and inform us as to why your child will be absent on that day and every subsequent day that they are absent. If the school is not contacted, Mrs Sullivan will contact you by phone to enquire about the reason for absence and to assist in encouraging regular, consistent student attendance. To help us with this it is therefore vital that all pupils' contact details are kept up to date.

If you need to talk to a member of staff...

We do encourage parents to talk to us, if they have any questions, queries or concerns, however the member of staff you may want to talk to might not be available before, during or after school, please email Mrs Sullivan at office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk who can check availability and book you in to save disappointment.

Information Received.....



Have your child's seat checked for FREE

DATE: Thursday 8th June 2023 TIME: 10am - 3pm

LOCATION: Sainsburys Car Park

90 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury HP19 8ED

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Have your child's seat checked for FREE

DATE: Thursday 15th June 2023 TIME: 10am - 3pm

LOCATION: Asda Car Park

Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe HP12 4NU

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
April 2023		
Monday 24th April	Garsington Opera Workshop	Year 5
Tuesday 25th April	School Nurses - Vision Check	Whole School
Thursday 27th April	Possible Teacher Strike Day	TBC
May 2023		
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	Whole School
Tuesday 2nd May	Possible Teacher Strike Day	TBC
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Whole School
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Mon 22nd May	Teaching Talons	Rec, Y1 & Y2
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