

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Dear Parents,

I am sure you will have fun reading all of the news from your children's classes this week. We have been very busy and it has been a great end to the term. I was pleased to read about Reception's visit to Odd's farm and of course about their fantastic behaviour on the trip. Well done to all of our children. Of course, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. May and Mrs. Yusuf will never say well done to themselves - so I would like to say thank-you for all of your hard work organising the trip and also to Mrs. Pyne and to Esterlyn's mum who also helped on the trip. Well done to year 1 for winning our attendance trophy this week. I will speak with Mrs. Meeking and decide what their treat will be after Easter. It was lovely to see some of the year 1 and 2's Easter Bonnet parade today. Some of the designs were fabulous and you (including parents) have obviously been working hard to make them at home. Well done everybody. Mrs. Walsh and her team also organised an Easter Egg hunt this afternoon, so the children in year 1 and 2 really have had an EGGcellent end to their term! Year 4 went to the Union Baptist Church this week to learn more about what Easter means to Christians. Thank-you to Mrs. Mir and Mrs. Manivannan for organising this trip and for the team at the Union Baptist Church for their time and a really informative morning.

Please note that Year 6 have a work pack to complete each day in preparation for their SATS. Many of your children are doing so well, and this will be the last push towards the SATS and preparing them for their secondary schools. Please try to provide a quiet space for your children to complete this homework. Please also encourage them to complete it and it will need to be handed back in on Tuesday 18th April.

Football

The year 5 and 6 boys and girls football match was unfortunately cancelled this week because the pitch was waterlogged. We will try and reschedule the matches for after Easter.

Clubs after Easter

Coach Ollie will be running a girls football training after Easter. This will take place on a Wednesday before school. Please keep an eye out for the letter. A Key Stage 2 choir letter has also gone out - so please do reply to this. Please also be aware that club letters will go out straight after Easter.

Activities over Easter

Please see the link to activities over Easter for families <https://www.visitbuckinghamshire.org/article/whats-on-this-easter>

Have a lovely break. We will see you all on Tuesday 18th April. (Monday is an INSET day)

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

The whole class for having exemplary behaviour on our trip to Odd's Farm.

YEAR ONE

Roman-Grey has been working really hard with his English work this week and is always putting his hand up to contribute to lessons. Well Done Roman-Grey keep up the great work!

YEAR TWO

Ashvika for writing a fantastic set of instructions on how to plant a bean seed. Well done!

YEAR THREE

Alicja is always polite and kind to the students and teachers around her. She always has beautifully presented work and tries her best in all subjects. Keep up the great work Alicja. Bravo!

YEAR FOUR

Askari - for always being helpful around the classroom without asking. He takes it upon himself to hand out books, especially planners at the end of the day ensuring that no one forgets them.

YEAR FIVE

Hanna
For working consistently and conscientiously in all subjects.

YEAR SIX

Cassie for her effort in lessons and excellent presentation in her books across all subjects.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Reception had a great start to the week with a visit to Odd's Farm Park in Wooburn Green. We saw piglets, baby lambs, rabbits, goats and cows.

The children enjoyed feeding the goats and listening to an exciting presentation all about goats. We have awarded all of the children in Reception, 'Star of the Week' for their exemplary behaviour when visiting the farm. Please continue to read with your child over the Easter holidays and it would be great if you could go over their Harder to Read and Spell words with them. Have a lovely Easter break and enjoy your family time together.

YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week, we have been busy continuing with our new story "The Secret Sky Garden" and we have all really enjoyed taking part in science this week where we have been making rain gauges, to collect and record the rainfall over the week.

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Easter Bonnet parade, there were some truly awesome entries! Well done everyone!

Homework has been sent home in yellow books this week and Mathletics is online.

We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter half term, don't eat too much chocolate :) and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 18th April.

YEAR TWO

We have had a lovely week in Year 2! In English the children have been writing instructions on how to plant a bean seed. First, they learnt about the key features of instructions and what it should include when they are writing their own. They have worked really hard and have produced really great writing. In Maths the children concluded their topic on 'Length and Height' by comparing and ordering and using their addition and subtraction skills to work out the difference between a range of heights and lengths. During Topic this week, the children made houses based on their plans from last week. They used a range of materials to create their designs in pairs and then presented them to the class. To conclude the week, the class enjoyed lots of fun Easter activities! They made 'Easter Nests' using chocolate, cornflakes and mini eggs, then they had an Easter bonnet parade with Year 1 and finally the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt! They all had a great time and enjoyed receiving their chocolate eggs. I hope that Year 2 have a wonderful break which is well deserved after a busy term!



YEAR THREE

Wow, I can't believe how quickly these 6 weeks have passed.

Year 3s have been busy working on their character descriptions for 'The Iron Man'. Students were making sure they knew that they needed to have adjectives and nouns to be successful in this. In maths we have completed our fractions, learning equivalent fractions using number lines and bar models. Forces and magnets are our new science topic which will continue into next term. I want to say well done for all the Year 3 students for completing their assessments last week, you are all amazing. I am looking forward to next term with Year 3 and the adventures we will have. Well done Year 3 and parents for this term! Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

We have reached the end of another term and what a busy term it has been. We started this week with a lovely visit to the Union Baptist Church where the children were able to see another place of worship and relate it back to their learning in

RE. Their behaviour was exceptional and represented Hannah Ball School with great manners. During the visit, we were told how the Christians worship in the Church, what Easter means for Christians and also all extra activities they do for the community. This was then followed by a tour of the Church, ending with a session of arts and crafts. The children made their very own egg Easter decorations (please see pictures attached of our visit).

In English we have finished writing our persuasive advert and have been busy creating this on PowerPoint. The class have enjoyed learning all the skills on how to use PowerPoint and I now look forward to some amazing PowerPoint presentations in the future. Well done Year 4, you have worked extremely hard through the term and deserve a well earned rest. Have a great Easter break.



YEAR FIVE

Our last week of Spring Term and what a busy time we have all had.

Swimming:

We have now completed our swimming sessions for the year and will revert back to having normal PE lessons twice a week at the start of Summer Term. We will notify you as to when our extra session of PE will take place and any change of days if there are any.

Attendance Award:

Year 5 won the attendance award last week so have had a special popcorn and movie treat. Well done, Year 5 and let's keep it up.

Next Term:

We will be learning about rivers and wild weather in Geography, which is very topical, in recent months, examples of extreme weather have been seen globally. Your children may like to keep an eye out on the news for interesting weather events that they can share when they return.

Homework:

Thank you to those that wrote some lovely facts about King Henry VIII, house points were rewarded.

Here is the holiday homework: (It is also in their Homework books)

Given out: Friday 31st March 2023

Learning Activity:

Create a timeline of your life. Include some of the main events for example – places you have gone on holiday to, family members, starting or moving schools. You can even predict the future.

Mathletics:

Our next topic after we have completed the unit: Decimals and Percentages will be – Perimeter and Area. Mrs Guy and I have set some tasks for you to do as an introduction to this topic.

Purple Mash:

There are 2 – 2Do tasks posted for you to complete:

1: History Task

2: Art task

Spellings:

Read, write, look and learn –

Our next test will be on:

Tuesday 18th April 2023

Reading:

Continue to read regularly and record what you have read in your planner. Please remember to have your parents sign that you have been reading.

Please note that Hannah Ball have a non-teaching – inset day on Monday the 17th of April but everyone will be back as normal on Tuesday the 18th April.

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been learning all about the life of Victorian children including what their working conditions were like and life in the workhouse. In English, they consolidated their learning through writing balanced arguments to decide whether workhouses were useful or not. I've been impressed with their balanced arguments and the quality of writing they are all producing. In maths, we have been working on ordering fractions, decimals and percentages and how to calculate percentages of an amount. Year 6 also enjoyed the Easter Tombola yesterday where they won many eggs! Well done for all your excellent work this Term year 6.

Please Note:

We have given each child in year 6 a homework pack to complete over the Easter holidays. This will be very helpful to aid their revision in the final run up to the SATS. It is laid out as 10 days worth of tasks – 1 task for each subject each day. There are 3 booklets within the pack : one for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, one for Maths and one for Reading. We suggest that the children follow the layout and complete the work daily (e.g to complete all day 1 tasks on the first Monday, all day 2 tasks on the Tuesday etc). It should take no more than hour to complete each day. We will be going through each pack when we return after Easter to mark and correct them, so please ensure they are completed and handed in by Tuesday 18th April.

£2 PER FAMILY

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 10-12

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Easter Holiday Activities

3 - 15 April 2023

Join us for our Egg-cellent Easter Craft Activities in the first week and Your Amazing Brain themed crafts and activities in the second week. Enjoy our Easter egg trail on every day over the holidays. Don't miss our special Family Easter Event on **Saturday 8 April!**

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Introduction to childminding course

Starting 26 April 2023

Are you looking for a rewarding and flexible job in childcare?

If you love the idea of working with children and helping them to grow emotionally, physically and educationally, then becoming a childminder could be the career for you. This **6-session course** will cover all areas you need to get yourself set-up.

For additional information, support or guidance information please contact the Early Years Workforce Team on:

eycpd@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

01296 382 468

Book on to the next course by scanning the QR code.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
<i>April 2023</i>		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
Tuesday 25th April	School Nurses – Vision Check	Whole School
<i>May 2023</i>		
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
<i>June 2023</i>		
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
<i>July 2023</i>		
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
<i>September 2023</i>		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School