

Friday 29 April 2022

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We would like to wish Miss Van Komen all our love and luck as she leaves today to start her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing from her soon and we thank her for all her hard work this academic year.

Enjoy the extended weekend.

### **Electric Umbrella**

We welcomed Electric Umbrella to school yesterday morning. Wow, their performance was first class! The children and staff sang, danced and listened to jokes. Everyone was absolutely engrossed by the incredible performers and their boundless energy and sense of fun. Mrs Edwards, member of staff, commented after the event 'Loved it! I had the BEST time; it was so uplifting watching the children completely immersed in the fun! It was really touching to see some of the children I have been involved with over the years so happy and engaged'. This performance was paid for by a recent Wellbeing grant won by Mrs Albery.



### **Recycling Assembly**

On Thursday, Joanna Boyd, who is the Environmental Awareness Officer for DBC came to speak to us about recycling. Scott said "It was very good, I enjoyed it. It showed that everyone can make a difference." After the assembly, a few children said that they wanted to buy their own litter picking sticks. You don't have to pay for them! Dacorum Borough Council



offers all equipment for FREE. Please register at <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/community-living/community-partnerships/street-champions>

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop**

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who attended the information meeting about the Phonics Screening. If you were unable to attend, there is information on the school website <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/earlyreading-phonics>. Any questions please speak to Mrs Masters or your child's class teacher.

### **SEND Coffee Morning Friday 6 May**

All parents and carers are invited to join Mrs Donley for a cup of tea or coffee from 9.00-10.00am next Friday 6 May. These coffee mornings are a chance to meet people and have a chat. They are very informal. Please come along!

### **Forest School - REMINDER**

It is really important that your child wears **long trousers** (leggings or joggers) for their Forest School sessions. These can be brought into school and kept here purely for these sessions.

### **Curriculum Maps for the Summer Term**

This term's curriculum maps are now on the year pages of the school website. Please take a look to find out what your child will be learning this term.

### **Online Parent/Carer Forum - Black History Month**

Herts for Learning are hosting a free online forum on Thursday 19 May from 5.30-6.45pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers who are and/or have children from black and mixed heritage backgrounds to participate in a facilitated discussion (with Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers) about Black History Month. HfL want to hear direct experiences, find out what is working well and hear suggestions about where improvements could be made. They will share their findings and use the feedback to provide further resources and support to maintained schools in Herts for BHM 2022 and beyond. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **Concert/Open Day with Dacorum Music School**

Dacorum Music School are holding a concert and open day event on **Saturday 7 May** at St. Johns church for anyone interested in taking up a musical instrument. The DMS Youth Orchestra are performing film music including music from Encanto, Star Wars and much more. After the concert there is a chance for KS2 children to try out all the instruments as well as meeting the players and finding out more about each instrument. Tickets are only £5 per family! [www.ticketsource.co.uk/music-at-st-johns/t-vlaqjm](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/music-at-st-johns/t-vlaqjm) See the attached flyer for more information.

### **Quik Sticks Hockey**

We entered Year 5 & 6 teams into a Kwik Sticks Hockey tournament which took place on Wednesday at the Laureate Academy. Considering that this is the first time most of the children had tried hockey, they all did really well with the Year 6 team finishing third and the Year 5 team were the winners! The Year 5 team will now go on to the county finals in the summer. A HUGE well done to all of the children who took part and a special thank you to Mr Kilty and Mrs Mboma for their support at the event.

### **Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre, 12 May, 10am-3.00pm**

Please see the attached flyer for information.

### **Young Voices at the O2, Thursday 5 May**

We would like to wish the choir a fantastic day at the O2 next Thursday. Please note that tickets were distributed digitally. Please check your emails/spam folders if you have not yet accepted your tickets. Also look out for the final arrangements email from Mrs Toms sent yesterday.

Have a great bank holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely

*J Wellbelove*      *L Wren*

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Star of the Week	
Wrens	Quinn
Robins	George
Goldfinches	Ruby
Sparrows	Jasmine
Owls	Kaila
Kingfishers	Mia
Ash	Roo
Beech	Freddie D
Holly	Suma
Maple	Sidney
Oak	Izzy
Silver Birch	Gabriel
Sycamore	Arthur
Hazel	Keity

Dates for your Diaries	
May	
Monday 2	• BANK HOLIDAY - school closed
Tuesday 3	• Year 5 Local History Walk pm
Thursday 5	• Young Voices at O2
w/c 9	• Y6 SATS Test week
Monday 9	• KF History Walk 1.15pm
Tuesday 10	• Owls History Walk 1.15pm
Tuesday 17	• EYFS Fairytale Castle Day (in school)
Thursday 19	• Class and Team photographs
Tuesday 24	• Jubilee Day (information to follow)
Wednesday 25	• Y6 trip to Thorpe Park
Thursday 26	• Y6 Mayan Day (in school)
30 May - 3 June Half Term Break	
June	
Monday 6	• INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 8	• Fathers Day Secret Shop (PTA)
13-17	• Y6 PGL Residential
w/c 13	• Y5 Cycle Course
Wednesday 15	• Y1 trip to Kew Gardens

**Hemel Old Town Market**  
**Sunday 1 May, 11.00am-3.00pm**

**Great bargains and cake!**  
**The shops will be open too!**

**Mr B will be on the music and is ready for your requests! He is looking forward to seeing you all.**

**YV YOUNG VOICES**

CHOIR members are so looking forward to their Concert at the O2 next week !  
It's your last week for practising ! Keep singing!

**May Hem**  
**Youth Event for Year 6 & above**

Daniella Hobbs, of Expressions Drama Club, is running a fun event on 30 and 31 May for children in Year 6 & above. Lots of fun things to do. See flyer on website (newsletter page).  
Booking essential

**Attachments**

- Online Forum BHM flyer
- Dacorum Music School Concert/Open Day
- Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

**On Website**  
**(newsletter page unless stated)**

- May Hem (Youth Event)
- Family Fun Run - Bubble Rush - 15 May
- Football May Half Term Courses - Watford Football Trust
- Lemon Jelly - Music and Movement - 2-5 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years - 2 weeks free taster
- Game On Saturday football (reception to Y3)