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What a busy week at South Hill School! The festivities are really building up and the seasonal snow has added to the fun of wintertime! We would like to thank our South Hill staff who make this season so special for our pupils. We would also like to thank parents and our PTA for all your support this term and to our pupils for brightening our days. In our last newsletter of 2022, team South Hill would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Staff News

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Shaw at the end of this term. She has been with us for eight years at South Hill. She has decided to stay in education but has moved away from whole class teaching in order to spend more time with her children. We wish her lots of luck for the future. We welcome Mrs Jandu to the EYFS team, as she joins Miss Senior to teach in the Wrens class from January.

We would like to congratulate Miss Senior, who has been appointed the Acting EYFS Lead at South Hill.

We also say farewell to Miss Bates, our Year 6 Teaching Assistant who will be joining Abotts Hill School in January. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success in her new role. Miss Vadher will be joining South Hill as a new Teaching Assistant.

Class Assembly—5 Oak

Oak performed their class assembly with a review of the term! A short history of the Vikings, poems about oak trees, facts about Mount Everest and we finished with a Bollywood dance. Parents got to see it twice!

We enjoyed it and enjoyed looking back at a busy term!

The KS2 Carol Service

What a wonderful KS2 Carol Service at St John's Church which always conveys the beauty of Christmas time. The carols were beautifully sung and thank you to Father Mike for the service and to Mrs Toms, our Music lead. We are very lucky to be linked to such a lovely church.



Choir

The Choir have performed at a Christmas lunch for the elderly at the South Hill Centre yesterday afternoon. They performed a number of Christmas songs and carols. It was well received by all!

EYFS Production

The EYFS Christmas production of 'A Wiggly Nativity,' was fantastic. We are so proud of our youngest pupils in the school. They acted, danced and sang so beautifully. Well done to the whole EYFS team for your hard work and making us all smile!

Wrens and Robins were finally able to perform their Nativity. All the children were fantastic remembering their lines, dance moves and sing bing beautifully. We are very proud of them, as I'm sure you are too!

We have been writing letters to Santa, listing presents that are in Santa's sack and Christmas cards to our friends. We are becoming such fantastic writers.

In maths we have been exploring numbers in the environment. Whilst we were practising our nativity we were spotting shapes in the hall.

KS1 Production

Our Key Stage 1 production for 2022 was called The Bethlehem Bake-Off, inspired by the popular television programme. Year 2 took the speaking and acting roles, where the traditional nativity story was intertwined with a baking competition between the angels, shepherds and wise men. Year 1 children participated as dancers; they were stars, angels, shepherds or travellers to Bethlehem. Year 1 and 2 joined together to perform six songs, complete with actions. The children all enjoyed the opportunity to perform on the stage to their families and to the rest of the school.



South Hill Christmas Fair

Thank you to the PTA for the Christmas fair last Friday. It was a roaring success and so many families joined us to share in games and fun, as well as food and drink. The PTA raised an excellent £1300 for our new DT project, which will be a new kitchen for our pupils to cook in! This is very much appreciated, and we thank all involved in making this a very popular and crowded event!

The Christmas Silent Disco

Thank you to the PTA and our very own parent DJ Mrs Berry. The silent disco was a huge success with pupils and staff! What a lovely Christmas treat from our very valued PTA!



Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople

"Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

This week's winners of the Golden Dustpan for the tidiest classrooms are Beech and Silver Birch. Keep up the good work!

Attendance

The class with the best attendance in the past week is:

Ash with 97.77% attendance

Yours sincerely

J Wellbelove L Wren

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OStar of the Week	
Wrens	Whole Class
Robins	Ava
Goldfinches	Mason
Sparrows	Lakshan
Owls	Jude S
Kingfishers	Akshaj
Ash	Saviour
Beech	Ben
Holly	Ben
Maple	Millie
Oak	Isabella R, Whole class
Silver Birch	Niamh
Sycamore	Corina
Hazel	Jake

Morning Games Club

Year 2 and above

Don't forget Mr B's friendly, fun Morning Games Club which starts at 8.00am. At only £3.50 per session, your child can start their day in a fun, friendly way.

Please book in advance; regular and ad hoc bookings are welcome.



Please contact the school office for more information.

Please note, breakfast is NOT included.

KS2

School Clubs 3.20-4.15 pm

- KS2 Girls Football - Monday—Years 3 - 6
- Netball Club - Tuesday—Years 4, 5 & 6
- Football Club - Thursday—Years 3 & 4

-  Football Club - Friday—
Years 5 & 6 

KS1

Lunch Time Club

- Girls Football - Thursday—Years 1 & 2

Please check with the office
for availability

Reception Application 2023

For Parents/Carers of children applying for a place in reception for September 2023

- The deadline is 15th January 2023

[APPLY HERE](#)



Dates for your Diaries

School closes early Wednesday 21st, 1.10pm Rec, Y1, & Y2.
1.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6.
No need to call the school office!

December

Monday 19th	◆ Street Dance making up missed session
Tuesday 20th	◆ Serenade (Production including Street dance, Choir, and Musical talent)
Tuesday 20th	◆ Christmas Movies and snack in the school hall this afternoon.
Wednesday 21st	◆ Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 21st	◆ Early finish EY and KS1 1.10pm ◆ KS2 1.15pm

January 2023

Monday 9th	◆ Return to School 8.40am
Sunday 15th	◆ Reception application closes
Monday 16th	◆ Young Voices Choir at O2



Library Club



A quiet time for children to read, or be read to! 8.15am, all children welcome £2 per day to secure your place. Please book via the school office, payment via the Gateway app.

Breakfast NOT included.

House Points

Gade	1375
Colne	1325
Bulbourne	1000
Lea	1050

Attachments

⇒ Winter Safety

**Recently Added On Website
(on Newsletter page unless specified)**

⇒ The Jayne Marie Dance School