

Friday 18 October 2024
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The PTA held its AGM (Annual General Meeting) this morning; thank you to the parents who attended. I am sad to announce that the PTA Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down, which means we will no longer have a PTA.

I would like to thank Becky, Gill and Hannah for leading the PTA and organising such lovely events. Their hard work and dedication means we now have a DT/cookery room, and new sheds for PE equipment on the playgrounds. We do have a plan for future events which will be shared in due course.



DSSN Target Games—Y3

Last week, year 3 took part in a DSSN target games event. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the competition against each other and being involved in a Hemel-wide tournament with a chance to win a trophy. South Hill came 4th and 7th out of 18 teams. Well done Y3.



Yr1 Local History Walk

Great behaviour, super listening and lots of learning from Year 1 Sparrows and Goldfinches on our local historical walk to support our learning on "Changes around us". It was a pleasure being out with the children and representing our school. Thank you to all our parent helpers that walked with us.



Holly Class News

In English, Holly class have been exploring adjectives and how to use them as expanded noun phrases. Our inspiration is the beautiful picture book called Sulwe, which we are covering for Black History Month. In Science, we made cup and string phones and investigated how sound causes vibrations to travel.



Class News - Oak

We have had a busy week. A group of children completed bikeability training, despite the rain! In Maths, we have learnt to identify prime numbers and composite numbers. A useful video is here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zmx8ap3>



We are continuing to learn about Viking daily life. A reminder that Oak and Silver Birch classes have Viking Day on Friday 24th October.

SATs Information Evening 14.10.24

Thank you to the year six parents who attended the SATs information evening on Monday 14th October. If you couldn't make it, don't worry - the presentation is on our Year 6 page of the school website.

School Photograph Day—Wednesday 23 October

Remember to bring your smile on Wednesday as its school photo day. Children that have PE on this day should bring their PE kit in a separate bag so they can get changed after their photograph. All children should be in their full school uniform please.



Minor Illnesses

There are things we can all do to help stop the spread of infections.



- Minor illnesses such as colds, sore throats, coughs etc: parents are encouraged to send their children to school unless they have a fever or a rash.
- Handwashing using soap and water: please ensure children do this before mealtimes and after using the toilet.
- Catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue, putting it in the bin and washing hands after.
- Get vaccinated: parents should ensure their children are up to date with all vaccinations.

Neurodivergence Support

What does it mean to be **neurodivergent**? Someone who is **neurodivergent** behaves, thinks and learns differently compared to those who are neurotypical. Please follow the link here to more information that may be able to help <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/send> and then click on Neurodivergent support.

Staff News

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Cogger is expecting her second baby in March. Mrs Cogger will remain teaching Kingfishers with Mrs Masters until her maternity is expected to start in March. We wish her a healthy pregnancy.

Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting the amazing Children in Need charity that will be celebrated on Friday 15 November. Children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform for a suggested donation of £1 per child. All donations are to be made via the School Gateway app.

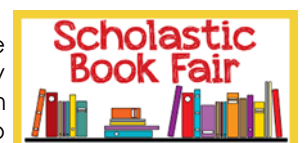


Online Safety

The attached edition of the online safety newsletter includes information on smartphones vs feature phones, an online safety checklist, discord and gaming tips for neurodivergent children. Hopefully, the guide will help to keep your child safe online.

Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be returning to South Hill on Thursday 21st—28 November, after school in the hall. A fantastic opportunity to replenish your home library, or to purchase gifts for special occasions. (No cash, online payments only).



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	94.1%	
Robins	98%	
Goldfinches	97%	
Sparrows	93.7%	
Owls	96.6%	
Kingfishers	97.4%	
Ash	95.7%	
Beech	96.3%	
Holly	96.7%	
Maple	93.7%	
Oak	98.3%	
Silver Birch	94.7%	
Sycamore	95.5%	
Hazel	95%	
Whole school	95.9%	



Star of the Week

Wrens	Josepha
Robins	Meila
Goldfinches	Bailey
Sparrows	Zayn
Owls	Ezric
Kingfishers	Zimal
Ash	Rifaat
Beech	Harry
Holly	Frankie
Maple	Yigit
Oak	Haseeb
Silver Birch	Ben
Sycamore	Tyler
Hazel	Marija

October	
Monday 21st	◆ Parents evening 4-7 pm
Tuesday 22nd	◆ Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip ◆ Wrens Parents' Consultation 9 am -12 pm — Headteacher's Office ◆ KS1 Home learning Parents Meeting 9am ◆ Netball Match—Home Game
Wednesday 23rd	◆ School photograph day (individual) ◆ Parents Evening 4-7 pm
Thursday 24th	◆ EYFS phonics session — parents welcome 8.50-9.20 am—in class ◆ Y5 Viking Day—Children can dress up as a Viking
Friday 25th	◆ Last day of half term—School finishes at 3.15/3.20 pm
Monday 28—Friday 1st	◆ Half Term ◆ Deadline for Secondary School Applications.
November	
Monday 4th	◆ School begins at 8.40am
Tuesday 5th	◆ New Parent Tour 9.30am ◆ Netball match—away—Brockwood school
Thursday 7th	◆ International Day—EYFS & KS1 2pm ◆ International Day—KS2 2.30pm in the school hall ◆ Boys Football A team—Hemel School

House Points	
Gade	600
Lea	500
Bulbourne	475
Colne	325

Attachments

⇒ DSPL8 News
⇒ Herts Neurodiversity Support Office
⇒ Online Safety Newsletter

⇒ Please click on the link below to access all attachments
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