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We are delighted to share that South Hill Primary School has been awarded the Gold Artsmark award. Thank you to Mrs Toms and the Arts team.



To any of our Chinese families, we wish you a very happy new year on Sunday.

Wellbeing News – Worry Monsters.

Everyone worries about things that happen at school from time to time. Sometimes children experience difficulties or have to work through a problem. These could include issues such as: tricky relationships with friends and friendship groups to finding break and lunchtimes challenging. Whatever, the issue, here at South Hill School every classroom has a worry box or worry monster for children to post their anxious thoughts into. If a child wishes to post a worry and remain anonymous, this is absolutely fine too. The class teacher will address any problems on a one to one basis or discuss within a class context.



Therefore, if your child is experiencing anything that it is affecting how they feel when they're at school we are here to listen and support your child.

Class News—6 Sycamore

Sycamore have had their teachers beaming with pride this week. In English they produced some brilliant writing about different characters they have read about, and even looked at how authors handle time to write a flashback. In maths they have been loving algebra and challenging themselves with great resilience and perseverance. In computing, they are looking at variables in programming and designing games, and they are excited about how this leads into next half term's learning - using microbits.



Maths Corner— Y1

Year 1 are working on the construction of numbers, focusing on **teen numbers**. Making ten and some more e.g. 11 would be ten and one more, 14 would be 10 and 4 more etc...



Using equipment is very important:

Cuisenaire rods show a tens rod and a 3 rod = 13

Bead strings show 10 beads and 3 beads = 13

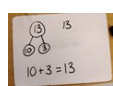
Tens frames show one whole frame and 3 more = 13

Using '**benchmark 10**' helps children to know that they have ten so they do not need to count 10 – a complete 10s frame would not need counting.



Moving on, **pictorial** representations would be used e.g. 15.

This then moves to the **abstract** (written numbers) showing 13 as a part-whole model so that children can see ten and some more e.g. 10 and 3 = 13 so children know that the 1 in 13 is worth 10.



School start time 08:40

A reminder that parents are responsible for their child until the doors open at 08:40 (unless booked in for a breakfast club). We have a few children arriving at school at 08:15 unaccompanied, and are waiting outside in the cold.

PE Uniform

During the cold weather we would like to remind you that joggers or skins can be worn on PE days. These items should be dark, plain and non branded. We do not expect the children to come to school in the cold weather wearing only shorts.

Is my child too sick for school?

Please follow this link if you have any doubt with regards to sickness and attending school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. This NHS website has lots of useful information. If you have made the decision to keep your child home due to being unwell, you must inform the school office every day your child is absent.

Young Voices—O2

Choir members had an amazing time at the Young Voices concert on Monday. These are some thoughts from Carah, Eden, Ellie and Corina:

It was my first time and it was a great experience. I loved Urban Strides!

It's such a fun time with your friends and it feels great to be part of such a huge choir [over 9000]. We had a great view of the stage and I loved singing when all the lights were down.

BIG thanks to all the staff who supported us on Monday and special thanks to Kerry Talbot for helping with all the admin along the way.



NSPCC Numbers Day

This month we are supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their numbers day. Their day will consist of lots of fun and inspirational maths activities throughout the day. In order to support the NSPCC we are asking for a £1 donation and in return your child will be able to come to school in a maths/number related outfit. Donations in cash only to your child's class teacher. (There is no need to spend lots of unnecessary money on an outfit. Something with spots, shapes, numbers, hand made are all perfect examples).



"Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

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



Attendance

The class with the best attendance in the past week is: **Sparrows with 98.33% attendance. Super!**



Yours sincerely
J Wellbelove L Wren
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Co-Headteachers



Star of the Week	
Wrens	Hemani
Robins	Freddie
Goldfinches	Harjan
Sparrows	Alex M
Owls	Blake
Kingfishers	Artem
Ash	Teddy
Beech	Dylan
Holly	Alicia
Maple	Katie
Oak	Betsy
Silver Birch	Izzy
Sycamore	Ryder
Hazel	Aliyah

Morning Games Club

Year 1 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



Change of Circumstances

Have you experienced a change of circumstances over the Christmas Break? Are you in need of some financial assistance?



If you have not already done so, please follow this link in order to claim Free School Meals/milk and additional help that the school may be able to offer you. This link is open to all children from all year groups.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>



Dates for your Diaries

Welcome Back. Please remember all children should be wearing a coat and appropriate footwear for the weather.

January

Sunday 22nd	◆ Chinese New year (Year of the rabbit)
Monday 23rd	◆ Mrs Crowe to meet parents Y4 Holly only 9am
Wednesday 25th	◆ Burns Night
Wednesday 25	◆ Y1 Multisport taster day (Wear PE kit)
Monday 30th	◆ Kingfishers Class Assembly 8.50am

February

Friday 3rd	NSPCC Numbers day £1 donation cash Wear Maths related clothing Whole school
Saturday 4th	◆ Herts County Cross Country Trials 10am-11.30
Week commencing 6th	◆ Feel Good Week
Thursday 9th	◆ Y5 Space Centre Class Trip 9am
Monday 13th— Friday 17th	◆ Half Term

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	2800
Colne	3000
Bulbourne	2500
Lea	2575

Attachments

- ⇒ Family lives Spring Term
- ⇒ Beezee Bodies Healthy Lifestyles

Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- ⇒ Bytomic new beginners
- ⇒ Baracudas