

Friday 25 February 2022

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It has been lovely to see the sun out this week and lots of outdoor learning. We hope the pupils have a good half term. We have met with our Parents Association and we look forward to them sharing with you the plan of spending for our pupils. As always, we thank our Parents Association for all their hard work in raising money for the pupils at South Hill.

Holidays during Term Time

Please be advised that our Attendance policy does **not allow children to take time off school for holiday or going abroad to visit relative**. Any infringement of this may lead to a **Fixed Term Penalty**.

Inclusion Matters

Is your child on the SEND register? If so, you should know that SEND Passport to Success meetings are taking place now! Your views, concerns and wishes are very important to us when planning the individual approach to supporting your child. If you have not already booked a meeting with your child's class teacher then please as soon as possible.

Local Area SEND Support

On the SEND page of the website, you will find links to lots of support and courses. The latest local area support includes information on a SEND family information fayre on 12 May and also a list of support phone lines for parents who would like support.

Healthy Packed Lunches and Snacks

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, the following advice from School Health may be of interest to you.

A healthy nutritious lunch enables your child to be at their best and make the most out of their learning. But providing healthy lunches doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive. For example, try switching expensive crisps for carrot sticks, using left overs from dinner to make lunches for the next day or try making pasta salads. Try to cut back on high sugar or high fat foods such as chocolate, crisps, sweets which will only give a short burst of energy and will not sustain your child throughout the remainder of the school day.

For more information and handy tips please see the websites below -

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/20-tips-to-eat-well-for-less/>

News from Sparrows

In Science this week, Sparrows class took advantage of some good weather and explored the outdoor area to search for animals, which fly, swim, walk or climb. The children spotted birds, squirrels, fish and a woodlouse. Back in the classroom they sorted animals according to their different characteristics.



Year 3 Earthquakes and Volcanoes Workshop

As an introduction to our topic, Sarah, from One Day Creative, came in to teach Year 3 about Earthquakes and Volcanoes in a fun and active way. We played games which taught us about the different layers of the Earth, how volcanoes are formed and we experienced how our movement would be affected by different readings on the mercalli/richter scale (how they measure the severity of Earthquakes). We also learnt about Tsunamis and famous natural disasters.



Oak Class Assembly

Year 5 Oak shared their learning about Ancient Egypt in this week's class assembly. They spoke about the different roles people had, rapped about how to mummify a body, shared information on important gods, presented their handmade Egyptian death masks and read out letters about the discovery of Tutankhamun. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the topic and loved ending it with the assembly.



Year 6 DSSN Athletics Event

We have received the results of the above competition and are pleased to inform you that the boys came 2nd in their group and the girls came top in theirs! The girls team will now represent Dacorum in the Herts County Games in March! These are fantastic results with both teams exceeding expectations!

The Big Walk and Wheel, 21 March to 1 April

Please see the attached information from Mr Shane.

South Hill Litter Picking Party.

Saturday 26 February, 11.00am-3.00pm

If you are passionate about environment and want to take part in the litter picking event on **Saturday, 26 Feb 22 from 11 am**, come and join our South Hill community. Mr B will DJ us along the way. Spaces are limited to 30 and the equipment is provided by Dacorum Borough Council, but if you have your own equipment, feel free to join us. One responsible adult must accompany one child.

Dacorum Music School String Day

Dacorum Music School is running a String Day for all string players at primary school in Year 3 and above. Please see the attached information.

Have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely

J Wellbelove *L Wren*

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Star of the Week	
Wrens	Lizzie
Robins	Arthur
Goldfinches	Bobby
Sparrows	Theo
Owls	Ottilie
Kingfishers	Freddie
Ash	Rosalie
Beech	Daisy
Holly	Elif
Maple	Anuar
Oak	Maisa
Silver Birch	Beau S
Sycamore	Cassie
Hazel	Josh

PE Lessons

For PE lessons, please note the following:

- Earrings (stud type only permitted) should be removed or covered with tape provided by your child. If removed, they are your child's responsibility.
- Trainers are required for all PE lessons and should be kept in school
- PE kit should be kept in school

If your child is missing any items of PE kit on the day of a PE lesson, spares will be lent if possible.

If your child is in receipt of PP funding, the school can offer support with PE kit and trainers.

If you have any spare PE kit/trainers at home, please donate to school.

Thank you

All the 2s Results

Thank you from the PTA for a fabulous amount of money raised!

£392.03

The top three classes are:

1. Ash
2. Holly
3. Sparrows



2/2/22 to 22/2/22

Dates for your Diaries

February	
w/c 28	• Book Week
March	
Wednesday 2	• Goldfinches Class Assembly 8.55am
Thursday 3	• World Book Day (dress up day)
Tuesday 8	• Y1 Sports Taster Day Hemel Sports Centre (am) • Y5 trip to National Space Centre • Sparrows Class Assembly 2.50pm
Wednesday 9	• Owls Class Assembly 8.55am
Wednesday 16	• Science Afternoon • Y2 trip to Shrek's Adventure • Year 5 KNEX Challenge
Thursday 17	• Year 6 KNEX Challenge
21 March - 1 April	• Big Walk and Wheel
Tuesday 22	• Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 23	• Wrens Class Assembly 8.55am • Y6 trip to Tate Gallery
Thursday 24	• Secret Mothers' Day Shop (PTA) • Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Monday 28	• EY & KS1 Movie Night 3.15-5.00pm
Wednesday 30	• Y1 trip to Whipsnade • Robins Class Assembly
Thursday 31	• KS2 Movie Night 3.20-5.15pm
April	
Friday 1	• Easter Non-uniform Day (£1 donation per child) • SEN Coffee Morning 9.00-10.00am • Early finish 1.15pm (last day of term)

Herts School Games Survey

South Hill is working alongside the DSSN to gather information. This survey has been created by Hertfordshire School Games Organisers (SGOs) to gain information from parents in Hertfordshire. The information gathered from this survey will give the SGOs valuable data which will be used to shape provision and programmes for all young people. The information gathered in this survey is anonymous and will be kept private within the Herts SGO network. Please click on the following link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/LmurPfk8an1vYwax7>

The survey will take less than 2 minutes to complete. We really hope you can help us by clicking on the link and answering the questions by Friday 25th March 2022.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Attachments

- Big Walk and Wheel
- Dacorum Music School - String Day

On Website

- Parenting Workshops & 1:1 Advice Sessions
- Local Area Support and Courses 23.2.22
- Local Area SEND information 23.2.22
- Berkhamsted Easter Holiday Camps (early bird)
- Apex Easter Holiday Camps