

Friday 13th October 2023
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Thank you to Mrs Carver and Mrs Master and to those of you that joined us at our **Parents Grammar Morning**. We hope it was useful to hear about the grammar taught across our school and to look at the progression across each year group. It was lovely to see so many adults visiting classes to see their children learning grammar in action! A copy of the PowerPoint can be found on our website front page. Please also visit the English curriculum page where you will see a list of the grammar elements taught in each year group under the tab 'Grammar Plan.' You will also find other information about our English Curriculum.



[Long Term Plan - Literacy](#) [Grammar Plan](#)
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Class News - Holly

In Holly Class this week we have been busy writing persuasive speeches to ban the dark! We have focussed on using adverbs and subordinating clauses to add more detail to our writing. In maths we have worked extremely hard on our column addition and subtraction and learnt mental strategies to support us in answering questions quickly or having an approximate answer. We took pride in our work from Black History week and showcased our work in assembly to demonstrate our protest to keep our favourite passions, our telephones made in science and our printing skills in art!

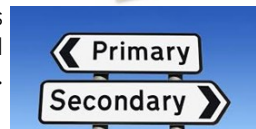
EYFS & KS1 Harvest Assembly

The children had a wonderful time singing their Harvest songs to visiting parents on Tuesday afternoon. Big Red Combine Harvester is always a favourite. The pupils had an opportunity to reflect on all the food they enjoy and to be thankful.



Y6—Moving On

All parents of Y6 students should **apply for a secondary school place for their child by 31 October 2023**. County have recommended that applications are made before this date to avoid any delays due to technical issues. Don't delay, apply today!



Eco Warriors

Schools and youth groups across the borough have been challenged to create sculptures of endangered species using recycling and waste materials. Our entry is a **Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterfly** - endangered in Hertfordshire and will be on display in The Marlowes shopping centre from 10am until 3pm and will be judged by a local artist



amongst others. The competition is all part of the 'Big Recycling Hunt' an initiative to promote recycling and waste awareness. Please follow this link to find out more information. <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/all-news/2023/10/03/join-the-big-recycling-hunt-at-the-marlowes-shopping-centre>

Litter Picking Party

This was a great success as our squad of Litter Pickers worked as a team to help keep our community clean! Thank you to Mrs Tomsa, for leading this event and to Mr Brathwaite who supported with his music!



World Mental Health Day

World mental Health day was Tuesday 10 October. Although the school did not advertise a special event for this day, each class took part in a 'sit and stop' session of reflection.



Y5&6 Tag Rugby Festival

Wednesday 11 October Y5 & 6 visited Camelot Rugby Club and played in the Tag Rugby Festival. Luckily the weather held off and the children seemed to have had a fantastic time, learning new skills and working up a sweat. Well done Y5 & 6, for representing South Hill Primary School so well.



Extreme Reader competition closing soon

Where is the most unusual place you can read? This competition encourages our pupils to read a book in a strange (but safe) place. Please take a photo of your child reading a book somewhere we wouldn't expect and upload it to the attached pro forma. Then tell us a little bit about the book itself and why they like it. Please send entries into admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk



PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH KEY STAGE

Entries can be submitted as paper copies or by email. The deadline is Friday 3rd November 2023.

Yours sincerely
J Wellbelove
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every

South Hill Weekly Attendance



Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	94%	
Robins	92%	
Goldfinches	97.5%	
Sparrows	96.7%	
Owls	94.7%	
Kingfishers	95.3%	
Ash	97.7%	
Beech	98.3%	
Holly	96.3%	
Maple	97.6%	
Oak	93.7%	
Silver Birch	97%	
Sycamore	94.8%	
Hazel	97.9%	
Whole school	95.9%	

October	
Monday 16th	◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm All Classes except Silver Birch
Tuesday 17th	◆ Silver Birch Parents Consultation 9-12am Miss Skinner ◆ No Game On lunch club today ◆ Prospective Parent tour 9.30 New to Reception 2024-25
Wednesday 18th	◆ Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip ◆ Y6 Sycamore Class Assembly 9am ◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 19th	◆ Silver Birch Parents Consultation 9-11.30am Mrs Ghedia ◆ Y3-6 Cross Country Festival
Friday 20th	◆ Y5 Viking Day in school all day ◆ End of half term 3.15pm finish ◆ PTA AGM 6.30pm
Monday 23rd–Friday 27th	◆ Half term—School closed
Monday 30th	◆ School returns 8.40am

House Points	
Gade	575
Lea	625
Bulbourne	800
Colne	675


Lost Property
Our lost property is available to view at the KS1 door every Friday morning and afternoon at drop off and collection. Help us to reunite lost items with their owners. Please help us be naming your child's item before bringing them to school.

Star of the Week


Wrens	William
Robins	Indiana
Goldfinches	Whole Class
Sparrows	Lola
Owls	Edward
Kingfishers	Anda & Whole Class
Ash	Adiyan
Beech	Julian
Holly	Noah & Amellia
Maple	Lola
Oak	Adi & Maisie
Silver Birch	Oliver
Sycamore	Channing
Hazel	Theo

Change of Circumstances
Have you experienced a change of circumstances over the Summer Holidays? 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>



Attachments	
⇒	Extreme Reader blank proforma
Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)	
⇒	MMD Recorder
⇒	Barracuda's October Activity Camo