

Friday 9th December 2022

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Wow! Our Key stage 1 play was a real Christmas cracker! Beautiful singing excellent dancing and great acting too. Thank you to parents, staff and of course our stars of the show "Our pupils!"

Staff News

We would like to inform our parent body, that Miss Wren has been absent this half term and will not be returning this term.

Miss Wellbelove has stepped up to full time headteacher in this interim phase and Mrs Farmery, Mrs Donley, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Clare and Mrs Masters have fulfilled additional Leadership roles at this time.

Class Assembly—3 Beech

Year 3 Beech had their class assembly on Wednesday. The children wrote their own lines and learnt them so well! Children got dressed as pirates and talked about their learning this half term. They sang a pirate song and even told pirate jokes. AAARRR!



Maths Corner- Robins. Counting to 10

In the last few weeks Robins have been learning how to count accurately with 1:1 correspondence. It is a really important foundation maths skill that all future learning builds upon. You can help your child at home by playing games such as rolling a dice and asking your child to count out that number of objects – conkers, pasta shapes, counters, buttons and so on. They should line up the items and touch each one as they say the number name. We need to focus on accuracy of counting and knowing that the total is the last number name in the set.



Choir news

On Saturday 3rd Dec South Hill Choir members joined Boxmoor School choir and sang at the BOHO Boxmoor Christmas event. We had a fabulous crowd to watch us and Santa even made an appearance. Our singing was amazing! With many thanks to those who supported us, especially Mrs Beamish, Mrs Rollini and Mrs Imrie



Online Safety

With Christmas fast approaching, some children may receive new devices, with older devices being handed down to younger children. With this in mind, we would like to remind you about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child. Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides, which you can find by following the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>

They also provide console buying advice and tips.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/gaming-consoles-for-children/>

And finally, Sony PlayStation and Internet Matters have collaborated to create an interactive quiz for children and parents to learn how to make the most of their

PlayStation settings for safer gaming. This is a great idea to get conversations going and for parents to learn more about the games that their children play.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

School Council

A recent pupil voice from the School Council requested that all children have an opportunity to read books at break and lunch times. We have located this new initiative in Charlie's Gazebo and the School have purchased some new outdoor cushions to make the experience pleasurable for the children.



Christmas Gift to our pupils from the PTA

As a thank you for all of your continued support this year, the South Hill PTA have organised a Silent Disco as a gift to all of the children. This event will be taking place on Tuesday 13th December during the school day. This is a free event and will be run by our lovely PTA. So that the children can achieve their full enjoyment, this day will also be a non-school uniform day.

Netball News

The South Hill netball team took on Grove Road as their first match of the year last week! Everyone played extremely well and resulted in a 5-2 win for South Hill. Miss Cason and Mrs Masters are extremely proud of how far the girls have come since September and we look forward to our next matches!



Lost Property

All Lost property will be on display at the KS1 door every Friday at 3.15pm ready to be reunited with its owner. Please make your way to the door to reclaim your property.

Staff Vacancy

We have a staff a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant from January 2023, 5 days a week, 1.5hrs a day, £10.50 an hour. For more information please contact the school office.

BeeZee Families Courses

A free healthy lifestyle programme for families with children aged 5-15 years who are above the ideal weight for their age. Families will learn about healthy eating, fun physical activity, cooking sessions, top tips for healthy lifestyle, and how to make healthy habits for life! See attached flyer.

"Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

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

Attendance

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

Sycamore with 96.55% attendance

a very close 2nd place is Holly with 96.25%

Yours sincerely

J Wellbelove *L Wren*

Miss Wellbelove and Miss Wren



OStar of the Week	
Wrens	Aiyla-Rose
Robins	Reuben & Ioanna
Goldfinches	Emilia & Lara
Sparrows	Whole Class
Owls	Whole Class &
Kingfishers	Whole Class
Ash	Ottilie
Beech	CJ
Holly	Ainsley
Maple	Ben J
Oak	Umair
Silver Birch	Shenna
Sycamore	Denis
Hazel	Khadija

Sporting News

Our South Hill Girls football team played their last group match on Monday, away v's Broadfield school. We had a great start in the game, once we managed to overcome one of Broadfield's very strong players. We scored three goals in the first half, with two from Mia and one from Izzy. There were no goals in the second half, but we had a lot of shots, but their goalkeeper kept us out.

Player of the match was Elif, who played in different positions on the pitch and played really well in all of them.

Our Boys A team also played their last group game this Wednesday, away at George Street school. After a tricky start where we conceded two goals, the team then settled down and started to control the game. We scored a goal through David, to make it 2-1 at half time. In the second half we had lots of chances, but their goalkeeper was both very lucky and great.

However after even more effort we scored three more goals through, Beau, Oscar and David again, to finish the match 4-2 winners. Player of the match was Sean who put in a really good effort and showed lots of skill and determination.

House Points

Gade	1375
Colne	1325
Bulbourne	1000
Lea	1050

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 12th	◆ EYFS Production (Reception classes) 9.30am and 2pm
Tuesday 13th	◆ Silent Disco (In school - PTA Event) Non School Uniform day
Wednesday 14th	◆ Oak Class assembly, 8.55am
Wednesday 14th	◆ School Christmas Dinner (Pre order only)
Wednesday 14th	◆ KS2 Carol Service 2.15pm
Thursday 15th	◆ Flu Vaccination—Final Visit
Friday 16th	◆ Yr3 Pirate day and Christmas Party
Friday 16th	◆ Santa Shop (PTA Event)
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

Money saving tip

There is a Dacorum initiative in place to save money purchasing reusable period products and nappies. Please follow this link or search the Dacorum Council website.

<https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/environment-street-care/recycling-refuse-waste/reusables/reusable-period-products-scheme>

Attachments

- ⇒ Parenting Course Flyer
- ⇒ Beezee bodies course details

Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- ⇒ Route 6 Santa Sleigh timetable
- ⇒ Route 6 Santa Sleigh map
- ⇒ Basketball Christmas Camp
- ⇒ JM Christmas Camp
- ⇒ Lively Kicks poster