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It's been a busy week at South Hill and it feels like we have been back for weeks!



We send a warm welcome to our new EYFS pupils as they join us on their learning journey. It has been lovely to see our pupils settling into their new classes.

Safer Travel

We are pleased to announce that Tom, our lollipop man, will be returning next Monday to help us cross the road safely.



Staff Update

We would like to welcome to our South Hill family Miss Wetters, our new teacher in Year 1 Goldfinches, and Mr Pettit, our new teacher in Year 5 Silver Birch. We also welcome Mrs Gillings, our new Midday Supervisor.



KS1 Reading Morning

It was lovely to see the fun in Key Stage 1 as they launched their Family Reading mornings. We have echoed the success of the parent reading initiative in EYFS which was recognised by the Ofsted inspector as having a 'buzz of reading together.'



Key Stage 1 Family Reading Mornings are on Tuesday and Thursday at 8.40am to 8.50am.

Cookery Club - Help Needed

Our new cookery club started this week in our Design and Technology room. It was lovely to see the pupils enjoying the session. We thank Mrs O'Grady and Mrs Smith for running this club.



Please can we ask for a few small donations to help make this club even more successful. **We are looking for: tea towels, measuring spoons, jugs/cups and small plastic bowls and plates. If you have any of these items spare, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.**



Travel Wise Week 16.9.24

National Car Free Day is coming up on September 22nd. As part of our efforts to promote walking and alternative non-car ways of getting to school, why not dedicate one day next week to walking, cycling or coming to school on a scooter? There are further activities promoting healthy ways to get to school planned for this school year, in liaison with a member of the Herts Travel Office.



Grammar Corner

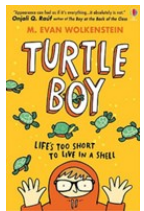
In Oak and Silver Birch this week we have been learning more about the Vikings.



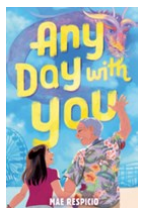
We have written some vivid descriptions of the Viking gods and goddesses. We revised expanded noun phrases (adjective, adjective plus noun) and similes and metaphors to aid our writing. What phrase could you use?

Reading Recommendations

The website The Reader Teacher has monthly book recommendations, reading lists for each year group and links to authors who are similar to other authors. There are more details on class pages on the school website.



As September is a month to make new friendships and for fresh starts, there are 2 books recommended. Turtle Boy is for KS2 and is about a boy who like a turtle, stays firmly within his shell but has to learn to change.



Any Day With You is aimed at KS1/Early Years and is about seeing, hearing, and sometimes letting go, and Any Day With You depicts this, beautifully.

Online Safety

As the new term begins, it is always important to keep up-to-date and vigilant with internet safety. **Internet Matters** have created the ABC Online Safety Checklist to help you keep your children safe online.



Change of Circumstances — Benefit-Related Free School Meals

Have you experienced a change of circumstances recently? Are you in need of some financial assistance? Are you receiving Universal Credit or financial assistance from the government?



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>

If you are struggling to make an application, Mrs Coombs in the school office, or Amanda our Pastoral Support Assistant may be able to help you.



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	97.6%	
Robins	99.2%	
Goldfinches	96.9%	
Sparrows	94%	
Owls	99%	
Kingfishers	93.4%	
Ash	93.1%	
Beech	90.7%	
Holly	95%	
Maple	95%	
Oak	97.3%	
Silver Birch	93.3%	
Sycamore	98.7%	
Hazel	95%	
Whole school	95.6%	



Star of the Week

	02.09.24	09.09.24
Wrens	Finley	Levern
Robins	James	Henry Mg
Goldfinches	Baani	Brad
Sparrows	Fatima	William
Owls	Jorja	Rylie
Kingfishers	Miranda	Raven
Ash	Otis	Theo
Beech	Whole Class	Ezra
Holly	Whole Class	Bobby
Maple	Whole Class	Lana
Oak	Whole Class	Evie
Silver Birch	Whole Class	Ellie
Sycamore	Musa	Kit
Hazel	Adi	Jordy

September	
Monday 16th	◆ Travel Wise Week begins—being aware of how you travel to school and try and make a change.
Wednesday 18th	◆ EYFS Reading Meeting- 9am in the hall
Thursday 19th	◆ School Nurse to see Y6 children ◆ Lockers Park football tournament—selected children—2.30pm collection
Friday 20th	◆ Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 25th	◆ Y5&6 Girls Football day—Longdean School—Selected children only
Thursday 26th	◆ European Languages Day
Friday 27th	◆ Y4 Swimming
October	
Tuesday 1st	◆ Y6—WWII day
Wednesday 2nd	◆ Y3 Ash Class Assembly 9am in the school hall—Parents welcome ◆ Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby Day

House Points	
Gade	0
Lea	0
Bulbourne	0
Colne	0

Attachments

- ⇒ Creating a positive reading attitude
- ⇒ After School Snacks
- ⇒ Storm Basket Ball Game
- ⇒ Save Energy—Stay Warm
- ⇒ Helping your child with reading/maths

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