



Friday 27 January 2023

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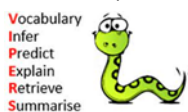
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The pupils enjoyed a 'reading assembly' on Monday led by Mrs Carver and Mrs Masters.



We shared our 3Ps poster with you last week with regards to reading. We are sharing the Vipers information with you this week. Vipers are the skills used for reading which we use in our Guided Reading sessions.



### **Class News—5 Silver Birch**

This week Silver Birch have been exploring why we have night and day. We learnt that it was because of the Earth's rotation. We have also been thinking about what it was like to live in the Ancient Egyptian times and how their crime and punishment system was similar and different to ours today.

### **Maths Corner— Y5**

Adding and subtraction is not an easy skill and Year 5 have been busy developing fractions skills over the last few weeks.

To add fractions with the same denominator (**the bottom number in a fraction that shows the number of equal parts an item is divided into.**) like  $\frac{3}{8}$  added to  $\frac{2}{8}$ , the answer is  $\frac{5}{8}$ .

When adding several fractions however, we learnt a new strategy.

This is needed when the denominators are different. You use equivalent fractions to make them the same. So adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ , we looked at making both have the same denominator. A **common multiple** of 2 and 3 is **6**.

So, for each fraction we need an equivalent fraction with a denominator of 6. Now you can add these together.  $\frac{1}{2}$  becomes  $\frac{3}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  becomes  $\frac{2}{6}$ .

This video may support further learning.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/maths-ks2-adding-and-subtracting-fractions/zd4vsk7>

### **Safeguarding**

An important reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time, unless pre-approved. This includes small hand-held dogs, dogs/puppies in dog carriers and dogs being tied to the school gate while your child is being collected. We have children with severe allergies and some children that are terrified of dogs. Thank you for your understanding.



### **NSPCC Numbers Day**

This month we are supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their numbers day. The day will consist of lots of fun and inspirational maths activities. 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 please. (There is no need to spend money on an outfit. Something with spots, shapes, numbers or hand made would be perfect).



### **Support for Parents/Carers caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder**

First Steps ED are offering 4 week 'Skills for Carers' workshops, they are full of practical tips, scenarios and case studies. This series is designed to help carers develop self-reflective, care-giving skills to role model confidence, compassion and courage. The aim is to offer attendees the knowledge and ability to be an important part of supporting a loved one. Sessions are delivered online (via Zoom) over 4 weeks and following the first session, the team will close the group to ensure that the parents and carers in attendance can develop a positive peer group through the entire four-week programme. These courses are Free of Charge. To self-refer, visit <https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343> or contact [info@firststepsed.co.uk](mailto:info@firststepsed.co.uk) for more information

### **Worried about a child?**

It is everybody's responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you're concerned that a child is being abused or neglected you should report it so that the child can be protected.

**If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.**

**If you have a concern about a child, please call Children's Services on 0300 123 4043**

For more information please go to: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-partnership/young-people-and-families.aspx#>

### **Safer Travel Team**

There will be NO crossing patrol on Heath Lane the afternoon of Tuesday 31st January. Please take a little extra time upon afternoon collection to travel safely and responsibly. Thank you.



### **Lost Property**

Our lost property is now reaching epic proportions, (think TK MAXX). If your child has misplaced an item of clothing, please come to the KS1 door by the school hall, from 3.15pm to reunite lost property with its owner.

### **"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 99% attendance. WOW!**



Yours sincerely

*J Wellbelove L Wren*

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Star of the Week	
Wrens	Emmanuela
Robins	Lenny
Goldfinches	Eva
Sparrows	Whole Class
Owls	Bella
Kingfishers	Lana
Ash	Azka
Beech	Jake
Holly	Daisy
Maple	Orkun
Oak	Mouna
Silver Birch	Oscar
Sycamore	Whole Class
Hazel	Whole Class

### 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

**We will be applying for Free School Meal vouchers for Half term this week. Do you qualify for them? See below**

#### January

Monday 30th ♦ Kingfishers Class Assembly 8.50am

#### February

Friday 3rd ♦ NSPCC Day, Number/Maths related dress up £1 donation

Saturday 4th ♦ Herts County Cross Country Trials (Invite only)

Week commencing 6th ♦ Feel Good Week

Wednesday 8th ♦ Goldfinches Class Assembly

Thursday 9th Y5 Space Centre Trip (4.30pm Collection)

Thursday 9th ♦ Last day of Half Term (Normal Collection time)

Monday 13th—Friday 17th ♦ Half Term

Monday 20th ♦ Return to school

Wednesday 22nd ♦ Reception Screening (All reception children to be in school please)



### 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

- ⇒ KS2 Reading Vipers
- ⇒ School council news

### Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- ⇒ Dacorum parent carer courses
- ⇒ Confidence and self esteem evening
- ⇒ DSPL8 Parent/carers newsletter