

Friday 2 February 2024
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Thank you to our PTA for purchasing our school values signs for our school hall. They look incredible and are bold reminders of our South Hill School values!



Grammar Corner—Sparrows

This week in Sparrows class our grammar focus has been the use of finger spaces in our sentences. Spacing in writing is important because it tells the reader or speaker where to take a gap or pause. If you tried to read a speech without taking an audible rest between words, no one would understand you! Similarly, when you're reading a written piece, it would be illegible if all the words continued on from each other.



English - Guided Reading Parents Morning

Please join us on Tuesday 13th February for a Guided Reading morning! We will start at 9am in the school hall and then you will have the opportunity to visit your child's class during their Guided Reading session.



Staff News

Miss Senior has decided to step down from her role as EYFS Phase leader and devote more time to her daughter. She will continue to teach in Wrens class, We are delighted to share that Mrs Rich is our new EYFS phase leader.



EYFS—Tiger Tea Party—Friday 16 February

Children in Reception Class will be having a Tigers tea party on Friday 16 February. Reception children will be able to come to school dressed as a tiger and Parents are invited to join us for a Tea Party at 2.30pm in the school hall.



South Hill Coffee Morning—12.02.24

We will be holding a series of targeted coffee mornings to provide a time to meet with new and current parents/carers and share ideas and strategies. Some of the themes covered will be: how to promote healthy boundaries, creating achievable routines and pathways toward mindfulness and wellbeing. Our 1st meeting is for parents/carers under the age of 25, 9am—10am in the school library. We look forward to seeing you.



Ukulele Club—New After School Club

Mrs Toms is starting a new After School Club on a Thursday for children in Y4&5. This club will commence on Thursday 8 February and will finish at 4:15pm, the children will exit from the KS2 door. Please sign your child up via the School Gateway app. Parents of children in Y5 must confirm if you are allowing your child to walk home, or if they are being collected. Children in Y4 must be collected.



Morning Games Club and Library Club

Our morning clubs are becoming ever more popular and are almost at capacity. We are no longer able to offer places on an ad-hoc basis for these clubs. If you do want your child to attend one of the above clubs, please contact the school office so that we can check availability. We do need more than 24hrs notice in order to book you child in.



National Storytelling week

It is national storytelling week at South Hill, we value the importance of the spoken word and enjoy sharing stories.

For parents and carers, you may find this website useful to support word knowledge at home.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/>



Free School Meal Supermarket Vouchers

We will be making the application for supermarket vouchers for families eligible for free school meals very soon. Eligible parents will be able to access their vouchers from Monday 12 February. We would also like to inform you that the Department for Work and Pensions is not continuing the funding for these vouchers and so the scheme will END on 31st March 2024. You may be invited if funds allow, to access a last, smaller value voucher for the Easter holiday period, but the scheme will then close.



Lunch orders

Please remember to order school lunches before 8am via the School Gateway app. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remove your child's meal choice for that day and notify the school office of your child's absence.



Class News - Oak

In Oak Class this week, we have completed our study of The Listeners poem by Walter De La Mare. We enjoyed this narrative poem with its dark and mysterious imagery. We then created a recount of it, using sinister vocabulary to build suspense and tension. We are now getting good at multiplying fractions!!!



Half Term Activities




Apex 360 are running High Five camps at Lime Walk Primary School in Hemel (formerly named Fit, Fed and Red in the districts below) during half term. Details of the camps can be found Apex's website here: <https://apex360.co.uk/highfive/> and bookings can be made via the [Playwaze Booking Platform](#).

Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	92.1%
Robins	96.3%
Goldfinches	92.7%
Sparrows	98.3% 
Owls	90.7%
Kingfishers	97.3% 
Ash	96.7%
Beech	96.3%
Holly	95.7%
Maple	91.7%
Oak	94.7%
Silver Birch	93.7%
Sycamore	92.7%
Hazel	95.9%
Whole school	94.6% 



Star of the Week

Wrens	Eva
Robins	Paisley
Goldfinches	Rhys
Sparrows	Zariyah
Owls	Martin
Kingfishers	Emilia
Ash	Ava
Beech	Daisy
Holly	Mario
Maple	Reg
Oak	Mason
Silver Birch	Sophie C
Sycamore	Sid
Hazel	Whole Class

February	
Saturday 3rd	◆ Hertfordshire Schools' Athletics Association Primary Schools Cross Country Championships (selected Y5/6), St Margaret's School, Bushey
Monday 5th – 9th	◆ Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th	◆ Netball Match away @St Thomas Moore
Wednesday 7th	◆ Kingfishers Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8th	◆ Y5 Egyptian Day Workshop
Saturday 10th	◆ Chinese New Year—Year of the Dragon
Monday 12th	◆ Coffee Morning—Parents/Carers under the age of 25 welcome 9am—10am in the school library ◆ Netball match away @Greenway
Tuesday 13th	◆ Parents' Guided Reading Workshop, 9 am in the hall
Wednesday 14th	◆ Goldfinches class assembly
Thursday 15th	◆ Boys Football @Hemel Astro—Hammond Academy ◆ Boys Football @Hemel Astro—Boxmoor School
Friday 16th	◆ End of half term (normal finish time) ◆ EYFS—Tiger Tea Party—2.30-3.15pm, Children to dress as a Tiger—Parents welcome to join us for tea
HALF TERM	Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February
Monday 26th	◆ Parents Evening booking goes live today at 6pm

House Points	
Gade	3875
Lea	3775
Bulbourne	3700
Colne	4075

Attachments

⇒ Coffee Morning Poster
⇒ Claire's Club Easter Holiday Club

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⇒ [Access to all attachments](https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/newsletter) or copy paste the link below
⇒ <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/newsletter>
⇒ Half Term Camp Information