

Friday 15th September 2023
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We have updated lots on our website curriculum pages. Please take a look to find out about our curriculum.

Please also look at our class pages to find out what your child/ren are learning this year.

Class News - Hazel

Hazel class have truly settled into the new term and embraced their roles as prefects and role models within our school community. In our guided reading sessions, we are currently engrossed in the captivating novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. This book has captured our imagination and allowed us to understand the events that took place during World War II as well as the life of an evacuee. In PE, we have started gymnastics and tag ruby. Our gymnastics unit focuses on performing small group sequences with apparatus which incorporates a range of contrasting shapes and balances. Looking ahead, we are excitedly preparing for our WWII day next week. This event will provide an immersive experience for our Year 6 classes, allowing us to step into the shoes of those who lived during the war.



Grammar Corner

We use our knowledge of grammar across the curriculum. In year 2, we have been thinking about nouns and proper nouns. Nouns are people, places or things. The names of a person or place are called proper nouns.



Proper nouns always start with a capital letter. This week, in geography, we have been naming the continents and oceans and using capital letters appropriately for these proper nouns. For example, Asia is the biggest continent. Poland and Romania are both countries in Europe.

Celebration Tree

It was a pleasure to share some of the achievements of our pupils last year. The leaves have now come down as we start the new year.



Please encourage your children to share their outside achievements with me. They can come to my office any time with a photo or a certificate. They are then given a leaf to put on our South Hill celebration tree!

Lost Property/Naming items

We are a big school and in order to support our pupils to be independent we need your help.



PLEASE ensure that all uniform, coats, hats etc are labelled. A simple Sharpie will do the trick! Pupils are unable to locate their uniforms when they have not been labelled. Please can this be the same with lunch boxes and pots for fruit and water bottles as so many of these get lost throughout the year.

How to Teach Early Reading Meeting 13.09.23

Thank you to all those who attended the Early Reading Meeting on Wednesday. We had a fabulous turn out and trust it was useful. All the information is on the school website.

If anyone wishes to speak to me more about helping with reading at home or volunteering to hear children read in school I would love to hear from you. Mrs Masters

Author of the Month

Our September Author of the Month is **Roald Dahl** because it was Roald Dahl Day on 13th September. Roald Dahl is possibly one of the best known children's authors – so instead of information about him here are some ways you could celebrate Roald Dahl Day.



Reread your favourite book

Has it been a while since you read your favourite Dahl novel? Dust it off and immerse yourself in one of his fantasy worlds — or find a new favourite you haven't read before!



Watch your favourite movie adaptation

Dahl's books have been adapted into dozens of popular movies. Find your favourite adaptation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "The Fantastic Mr. Fox," "Matilda," or other Dahl novels and have a movie night with the whole family.

Create a book review of your favourite book

If you're a Roald Dahl fan, help spread the love by writing about why you enjoyed the story so much.

Visit the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden or The Roald Dahl's Children's Gallery in Aylesbury. Both these fantastic exhibitions provide an immersive experience for families to enjoy, whether new to Roald Dahl's stories or avid readers.

Online Safety

This week, pupils at South Hill had an assembly recapping on how to stay safe online. We discussed the SMART rules and met Smartie the penguin. The rules are there to support our pupils in staying safe when using the internet, tablets or mobile phones. Ask your child if they can remember what each of the letters stand for or if they can remember what Smartie the penguin would do when online. See attachments to this newsletter.

Forest School









Wrens enjoyed their first forest school session this week. They did a scavenger hunt, listened to a story about mini beasts and then explored the woodland with binoculars and magnifying glasses.

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	96.6%	
Robins	99.3%	
Goldfinches	95.7%	
Sparrows	97.3%	
Owls	98.7%	
Kingfishers	96.7%	
Ash	99.7%	
Beech	94.3%	
Holly	97.2%	
Maple	92.8%	
Oak	97.3%	
Silver Birch	98%	
Sycamore	96.1%	
Hazel	92.4%	
Whole school	96.6%	

September	
Wednesday 20th	◆ Ash class assembly , 9am
Thursday 21st	◆ Year 4 6-a-side at Lockers Park
Friday 22nd	◆ Year 6 World War II, all day
October	
Monday 2nd	◆ Black History Week
Wednesday 4th	◆ Individual and sibling Photos 9.15am start ◆ No Street Dance lunch club today
Thursday 5th	◆ School Census day—Special Dinner Menu Option ◆ Maple Class Assembly, 9am ◆ KS2 Harvest Festival - St Johns Church 2pm
Tuesday 10th	◆ Parent Grammar Morning 9am ◆ EYFS & KS1 Harvest Celebration 2.50pm—School Hall
Wednesday 11th	◆ Y6 SAT's Evening 5.30pm in School Hall
Monday 16th	◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 18th	◆ Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip ◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm
Friday 20th	◆ End of half term 3.15pm finish



Star of the Week

Wrens	Maya
Robins	Sonny
Goldfinches	Ayasha
Sparrows	Reuben
Owls	Alex B
Kingfishers	Eva
Ash	Ruby
Beech	Jasmine
Holly	Mollie
Maple	Jeremy
Oak	Olivia
Silver Birch	Emily K
Sycamore	Freddie
Hazel	Suma

Morning Games Club

Year 2 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 note, breakfast is NOT included.

Attachments

⇒ [Smartie Poster](#)
⇒ [Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Recently Added On Website
(on Newsletter page unless specified)

⇒ [National Breastfeeding week](#)