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Welcome, Bienvenido, Salut, Privet, Khush Amdeed, Bine ati venit, Yōkoso, Huānyíng, **Welkəm**, Akwaaba, **Varavêrpu, Dobre doshli**. Welcome back to the new year. We hope that you had a lovely break and are ready for the term ahead. We look forward to a busy term.

Happy New Year!

Please can we encourage you to order a meal for your child/children on Thursday 19th January. This is school census day! **This is an important day in the school calendar as the more pupils that have a meal on that day means the more funding for the school.** A special menu is being offered on this day. Please check the school Grid for the updated meal choice. **Thank you for your support!**

Attendance and Punctuality

This term we will be focusing on attendance and punctuality. As a school we should be able to reach an overall attendance of 98%.

Remember, if your child is absent for whatever reason, an adult should be contacting the school office daily with the reason of absence and an update of conditions unless the office team have said otherwise. This should be via telephone or email. Parents, should also update the School Grid to reflect that their child is absent and a school dinner is no longer required. (All of this should be completed by 9.30am). You may be charged for a school dinner if you do not update the system of your child's absence.

Children arriving late should be accompanied by an adult to the school office and a reason given for lateness.

Class News—6 Hazel

In English, we have been learning about different story genres. We then rewrote the fairy tale classic "Little Red Riding Hood" in the style of either a horror, comedy, romance, fantasy, sci-fi, myths and legends or animal story. We also started a gymnastic unit where we had to create a routine. The routine had to consist of at least one of the following: a roll, a jump, a balance, a spin/turn and more. Once everyone had finished creating their routines, they were shown to the rest of the class. At the end of each performance, we assessed and feedback given.

Maths Corner— Y6

In Year 6 children will work on using the four operations with fractions.

Multiplying fractions by whole numbers:

$\frac{3}{4} \times 3 = \frac{9}{4}$. The **NUMERATOR (top number)** is multiplied by the whole number...

Multiplying fractions by fractions:

$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{6}{12}$ The **NUMERATOR** is multiplied by the numerator and the **DENOMINATOR** (bottom number) is multiplied by the denominator. This can then be **simplified** if needed. In this case $\frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$...

Reception Application Deadline

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019. You should apply for a school Reception place NOW! **Application deadline is Sunday 15th January. Applications received after this date may not be allocated a school of your choice even if a sibling attends the school already.** Please make your application direct with County using the following link <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>



Victorian Day Y1

Year 1 went back in time this week, when they had a Victorian Day. The children learnt what it was like in a Victorian school as well as learning about Victorian toys. They had regular hand inspections, learned times tables, poems and prayers by rote, they practised writing in chalk on their chalk boards (black paper), they played with hoops, skipping rope and chinks, made peg dolls and tasted some Victorian treats. They also had chance to touch, learn about and discuss an artefact - a chimney sweep brush - and decided they didn't want to be chimney sweeps!



School Uniform

A reminder that children should be coming to school in weather appropriate school shoes. Trainers should only be worn for PE days. Coats are also required daily as the weather is constantly changing from one moment to the next. All uniform should be clearly named.

Online Safety

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when, as a parent, you are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' guilt trip. Game Finder is a new (free) service available from Taming Gaming which walks parents through various aspects, such as how old is your child? What devices do they have? What types of games do they like to play? And then gives a list of recommendations of suitable games. To use Game Finder, follow this link <https://www.taminggaming.com/en-gb/gameFinder>.

"Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

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



Attendance

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

Silver Birch with 99.57% attendance, closely followed by

Oak with 99.17%. Congratulations!



Yours sincerely

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Star of the Week	
Wrens	William
Robins	Ezric
Goldfinches	Ronnie
Sparrows	Alex B
Owls	Arshiya
Kingfishers	George
Ash	Malala
Beech	Joshua
Holly	Marija
Maple	Dawson
Oak	Ahmad
Silver Birch	Harrison M
Sycamore	Emmy
Hazel	Rose

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 contact the school office for more information.

Please note, breakfast is NOT included.

Eco News

Photos taken on last day of school, 21 Dec when a small group of Eco warriors did a litter pick around SH. We collect one bag of recycling and one orange bag of litter!



Change of Circumstances

Have you experienced a change of circumstances over the Christmas Beak? 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

Welcome Back. Please remember all children should be wearing a coat and appropriate footwear for the weather.

January

Sunday 15th	◆ Reception application closes
Monday 16th	◆ Young Voices Choir at O2
Monday 23rd	◆ Mrs Crowe to meet parents Y4 Holly only 9am
Monday 30th	◆ Kingfishers Class Assembly 8.50am

February

Saturday 4th	◆ Herts County Cross Country Trials 10am-11.30
Week commencing 6th	◆ Feel Good Week
Thursday 9th	◆ Y5 Space Centre Class Trip 9am
Monday 13th— Friday 17th	◆ Half Term



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	1375
Colne	1325
Bulbourne	1000
Lea	1050

Attachments

- ⇒ Attendance letter
- ⇒ Winter Health Leaflet
- ⇒ Wellbeing Newsletter

Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- ⇒ Jigsaw Drama Club
- ⇒ Saturday's Game On Flyer
- ⇒ Half term flyer—Mad Science
- ⇒ Cricket Flyer