

Friday 9 September 2022

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We hope you have had a restful summer break and we welcome you all back to the academic year 2022-2023. A very warm welcome to our new reception pupils and parents and to the new families and staff that have joined us. The pupils have made an excellent start to the term and we look forward to the year ahead!

Staff Update

We would like to welcome to our staff team at South Hill: Mrs Goodman, Assistant Head and teacher of Year 2 Owls, Mrs Carver, teacher of Year 5 Oak, our new Teaching Assistants Miss Bell, Miss Harvey and Mrs Gibson, and Miss Hammond, Mid-day Supervisor. We would like to congratulate Mrs Shaw (who was Miss Kemplen) on her marriage and welcome back Miss Senior to Reception Wrens class from maternity leave.

Welcome Back and Maths Workshop—28 September

Please join us, after drop off on Wednesday 28 September in the school hall for our Welcome Back meeting with a focus on Maths. We will start at 9.00 am and we will talk about the Four Operations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. You will then have the opportunity to see your child/ren learning Maths in their classroom

Hazel Class—first week back!

This week has been a hectic week in Hazel. We've been busy adjusting to the demands of Year 6 as well as the excitement of all the new roles that we have been given. In maths, we have been calculating the height and age of the trees on the school grounds. First, we found a tree to measure, and stood near the trunk and walked away from it. Every so often, we bent forward and looked through our legs back to the tree. When we could see the top of the tree through our legs we marked this point and measured the distance along the ground from the tree to this point. This gave us a rough guide to the tree's height! Here are a few words from the children of Hazel:



The first week of year six has been awesome! We have given speeches for roles such as school council, sports leaders and team captains. Lauren

Being in year 6 is a big change but I'm really excited to be in Hazel because it means we have to work harder to get us ready for secondary school. Millie

Class Assemblies

Please check the dates section at the end of the newsletter to see the class assemblies for this half term.

PE Days

By now you should know your child's PE days. Please can all pupils wear full PE kit on their PE day. They may wear a school jumper or fleece in colder weather as the letter stated. Thank you for your co-operation.

EYFS Early Reading meeting

There will be a change of date from 14 September; this will now take place on Wednesday 12 October at 9am.

Drop Off and Collection Procedures

Please read the attachment regarding these arrangements.

Parents' Association—we need you!

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 16 September at 9.20 am. All committee positions are available; all parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Be a Governor!

We have vacancies for parent governors. Further information and forms were sent to parents earlier this week; please do consider this important role in the life of the school.

Packed Lunches

South Hill School is a **NUT FREE** school. We do have children with severe nut allergies so it important that **you do not include items containing nuts in your child's packed lunch - this includes: peanut butter, chocolate spread, and Nutella.** We also encourage healthy eating here; please do not include sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch box.

KS2 Fruit Snack at Break Time

In Year 3 and above, your child is welcome to bring in a fruit snack to eat at morning break time. Children in KS1 have fruit provided.

Important Messages about school lunches:

- **Lunches** - please be aware that **we do not provide halal meat** here at South Hill.
- **Allergy Menus** - if your child has an allergy, please ensure that you are ordering from the allergy menu on SchoolGrid.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunch time and after school clubs start next week (w/c 12 September). A timetable is attached. For details on these clubs, please go to the Extra-Curricular tab on the school website.

Eco Warriors

Please remember that if you want to be part of our Eco Warriors team you will need to email your photos to the school office admin@southhill.herts.sch.uk for Mrs Tomsa. Explain what eco action you were doing (eg sorting the recycling, litter picking, planting, composting, etc) and include your name and the class you are in. The closing date is 16 September.

School Travel Plan: volunteers please!

We are asking for volunteers to join a working party to discuss our travel plan and safer dropping off and picking up of children. We are planning to meet half termly. If you would like to be involved please contact the school office.

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for an office administrator and an assistant caretaker. If you are interested please contact Ms Allpress, the School Business Manager for a chat.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Star of the Week	
Goldfinches	Warren
Sparrows	Whole class
Owls	Aru
Kingfishers	Freya
Ash	Oliver
Beech	Benjamin
Holly	Frankie
Maple	Whole class
Oak	Whole class
Silver Birch	Joey
Sycamore	Josh
Hazel	Sam

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.

KS2

After 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

Don't forget to sign up
via the School Gateway

Dates for your Diaries

September

w/c 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra Curricular clubs (including Choir) start this week
Tuesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rearranged beach trip for Year 3
Wednesday 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths workshop for parents (all years, 9.00 am)
Friday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Viking Workshop in school

October

w/c 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History week
Wednesday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silver Birch class assembly, 8.55 am in the school hall
Monday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living eggs arrive for Year 2
Tuesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest assembly for Reception and Key Stage 1, 9.00 am in the school hall
Wednesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to Teach Reading Parents Meeting (EYFS) in Wrens classroom, 9.00 am Harvest Festival for Key Stage 2, 2.00 pm at St John's Church
Monday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Wednesday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and sibling school photographs
Wednesday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Friday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Eggs chicks leave today

Half Term Break 24-28 October

Secondary Transfer 2023

For Parents/Carers of children in year 6 applying for a place in secondary school for September 2023

- The online admissions process is now open
- The deadline is 31 October 2022

Attachments

- Drop off and collection procedures
- Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable
- Build a balanced lunch box
- School Games in Hertfordshire

Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- Hemel Storm Basketball
- Herts Futsal Club
- Hemel Storm first home game
- Game On Saturday football club
- Secondary Transfer 2023