

Friday 3rd November 2023
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International Day was a great success. Pupils enjoyed learning about their different countries. Pictures to follow next week.

Class News - Ash

In English we have been learning all about pirates and have created our own double page spreads all about them. In maths, we have been looking at subtraction with 2 – digit numbers. In Science we have started our 'Forces and Magnets' topic and looked at how the two forces, pushing and pulling, act on objects. In music, we started to learn a new instrument, the glockenspiel. In Geography we have started our pirates topic and looked at features of maps. In RE, we learnt all about Diwali and then created our own lanterns.



Grammar Corner—Hazel

Hazel have investigated the differences between direct and reported speech and applied this to our writing in the form of newspaper reports. **Direct speech** is a sentence in which **the exact words spoken are reproduced** in inverted commas also known as speech marks. For example:
Barbara said, "I didn't realise it was midnight."

“”

Reported speech

Reported speech tells you what someone said, but does not use the person's actual words and inverted commas are not used. *Barbara said she hadn't realised it was midnight.*

Black History Month 2023

In October, we celebrated BHM through a week of dedicated English lessons, which focussed on books by Black authors or featured a Black main character. Our Year 6 pupils took a deep dive into history by examining the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963 and how this pivotal event helped change the Race Relation Laws in the UK.



Black History Month has really encouraged all of our pupils to spark meaningful conversations, as well as empowering our students to stand up for what they believe in and to be proud of who they are.

Reception 2024 Application Window—Open

All parents of children born between 1 September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can now make an application to join our Reception Classes. Applications must be made online www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.



Children in Need— 17 November

Friday 17 November we will be participating in the Children in Need event. Children may come to school in non school uniform in return for a small donation to this charity. Payments can be made online via the School Gateway app or by cash on the day.



Remembrance Service - 10 November

You are all welcome to join our Remembrance Service taking place on Friday 10 November at 10.45. This service should last approximately 30mins. Our choir will be singing and a past pupil will be returning to play the Last Post.



Poppies for sale

For those that wish to participate, poppies, wrist bands, zipper clips and tags will be available to purchase before and after school from the main entrance, from Monday 6th November. Supplies are very limited. When it's gone, it's gone.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be returning to South Hill Primary School at the end of November. An amazing opportunity to purchase books as Christmas gifts, stocking fillers, advent gifts or just because. This will be a cashless sale, card only please. (No need to try and find spare change). More details to follow.



Food insecurity in Hertfordshire

The County Council are inviting one adult from every household in Hertfordshire to complete a 15-minute, anonymous survey that will help them to understand how access to food, for financial or other reasons, is being affected and where support needs to be directed to help residents. The survey will close on Sunday 5 November. Have your say: https://melresearch.co.uk/hertsfoodsurvey_o

Car Parking Around The School

Once again we feel the need to remind parents to park responsibly in and around the area of the school. Please be mindful of residents that live around the school and need access to their property, also to Heath Lane Nursery, that is only to be used by parents of children attending their setting. Parking is now available at the sport centre and we encourage families that have to drive to school, to park there and take a short walk to complete their journey.

The South Hill Cross Country Event

Due to the KS2 Cross country event being cancelled in October, Mr Brathwaite has organised an on-site cross country event at South Hill. On Monday 6th November year 3 and 4 will take part between 10 and 11am. At 1.15pm to 2.15pm years 5 and 6 will take part. Please ensure they are dressed in PE kit for this day. Parents are invited to watch.

Electric Umbrella Christmas Single

South Hill Primary School have the amazing opportunity to be involved as backing singers to a new Christmas album being released this year with Electric Umbrella 'Kindness isn't just for Christmas'. The song is a celebration of equality, diversity and inclusion. Not about saying "Merry Christmas", but "Merry Everything"! We have attached more information with this newsletter.









Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	97%	
Robins	92.9%	
Goldfinches	98.7%	
Sparrows	94.6%	
Owls	93.3%	
Kingfishers	94.2%	
Ash	95%	
Beech	97.8%	
Holly	93.5%	
Maple	95.3%	
Oak	97.1%	
Silver Birch	100%	
Sycamore	93.5%	
Hazel	91.4%	
Whole school	95.3%	




Star of the Week	
Wrens	Wrens Class Staff
Robins	Robins Class Staff
Goldfinches	Goldfinches Class Staff
Sparrows	Sparrows Class Staff
Owls	Owls Class Staff
Kingfishers	Kingfishers Class Staff
Ash	Ash Class Staff
Beech	Beech Class Staff
Holly	Holly Class Staff
Maple	Maple Class Staff
Oak	Oak Class Staff
Silver Birch	Silver Birch Class Staff
Sycamore	Sycamore Class Staff
Hazel	Hazel Class Staff

November	
Monday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Y3&4 Cross Country 10am ◆ Y5&6 Cross Country 2.15pm Parents invited to watch
Tuesday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Y6 Height and weight check with school nurse ◆ New Reception Tour 9.30am
Wednesday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Beech Class Assembly 9am ◆ Dance workshop
Friday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Remembrance day Service, parents welcome arrive at 10.45am
Sunday 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Diwali (Festival of lights) ◆ Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Electric Umbrella—Christmas Single recording 'Kindness isn't just for Christmas'
Friday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Flu Vaccinations ◆ Children in Need—Non school uniform £1 donation
Wednesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hazel Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 23rd— Wednesday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Scholastic Book Fair—after school KS1 atrium
Friday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Christmas Fair—after school
Tuesday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dance serenade—9.15 ◆ Music serenade—9.45
Wednesday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rock Steady performance 2pm ◆ Last day Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Y4 Verulamium Class trip

House Points	
Gade	575
Lea	625
Bulbourne	800
Colne	675

Lost Property
Our lost property is available to view at the KS1 door every Friday morning and afternoon at drop off and collection. Help us to reunite lost items with their owners. Please help us be naming your child's item before bringing them to school.



Attachments

- ⇒ [EBSA Workshop](#)
- ⇒ [PHN Newsletter](#)
- ⇒ [Christmas Single, Electric Umbrella](#)

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

- ⇒ [Camelot Rugby Club Fireworks](#)