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Welcome back to the new term. We hope you have had a good break and we wish you a positive and healthy new year. We look forward to seeing you at the many events planned ahead.

### Staff News- Welcome

We welcome Mr Osborn to team South Hill as the Year 5 Silver Birch class teacher. We also welcome Mr Wilkins who is a new member of our SEN team and Ms Shaban who is our new afternoon Teaching Assistant in Year 3 Ash.



### Lateness and Persistent Lateness

As communicated before the Christmas holidays, this term we will be focusing on children arriving on time to school. If a child arrives at school after 8.50 and the doors have closed, this means that they are late and an adult must accompany the child to the school office to sign them in and confirm why they are late. If there is anything the school can do to assist you with time keeping, please contact our Pastoral Support Worker Ms Amanda Iroegbu.



### Reading Challenge

Reading Challenge forms should now be returned to Mrs Masters when the challenge has been completed, or completed as much as possible. A blank form has been attached with this newsletter if anyone has misplaced the original.



### Online Safety

This month, we have a guide to share with you to support setting up new devices that children may have received over the Christmas holidays. We hope that it is helpful in helping you to keep your child safe online.



### Reception Application Deadline

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can now make an application to join our Reception classes in September 2024. Applications must be made online via [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.

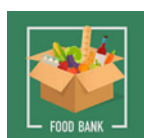


### Winter Cost of Living Recourses

Financial and practical advice is available to help every resident deal with the cost of living crisis. Please follow this link to access assistance. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterhelp)

### Food Bank Vouchers

A reminder that we are able to issue Food Bank Vouchers to families in need of assistance. Please contact our Pastoral Support Assistant Miss Amanda Iroegbu for help.



### Nativity Costumes

We would once again like to thank all the parents who supplied costumes for the EYFS and KS1 nativities. To save wastage and to help



families in the future, we will be collecting any used nativity costumes you no longer need. Please hand in to Mrs Masters at the KS1 door or at the office. Thank you.

### Can you Help?

We are looking for donations of new or very good condition pre loved pants, boys or girls aged 4-8 yrs and some plastic bags. Little accidents happen and we would like children to feel as comfortable as possible. Donations to be handed to the school office. Thank you.

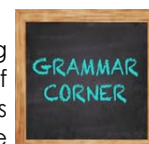


### Class News - Hazel

In English we have been focusing on writing in different genres and have thoroughly enjoyed changing the story of Little Red Riding Hood from a fairytale genre into horror, mystery or science fiction. We have also begun work on researching pop-up books in design and technology where we will eventually create an interactive book for our buddies in reception. We cannot wait to share our book with them.

### Grammar Corner—Oak

In our English lessons, we have been revising sentences. There are four different types of sentences: statements, commands, questions and exclamations. Each type of sentence does a different job. **Statements** usually end with a full stop but can also use an exclamation mark. Example-The dog is barking. **Commands** usually have an imperative (bossy) verb and may have an exclamation mark at the end. Example- Stop that dog from barking! **Questions** must end with a question mark. Is that dog barking? **Exclamations** must end with an exclamation mark. What a huge dog that is!



### Y1—Victorian Day

Year 1 had a great day on Wednesday when they went back in time to the Victorian era. The children began their day with an assembly lead by Mrs Albery, where they were read the School rules and said the Lord's Prayer. The children then experienced learning about the life and times of a Victorian child, made peg dolls and experienced a Victorian playtime. All the children enjoyed learning how different life was for a Victorian child. They thought that the children were very strict in the Victorian times.





### Eco News

This Christmas holiday, Noah and his brother have been litter picking. Noah is a member of Dacorum Street Champions. Families can join in following this link <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/community-living/community-partnerships/street-champions>. They offer equipment and will keep you topped up with rubbish and recycling bags. Well done, Noah for being such a great example.





Yours sincerely  
Miss Wellbelove  
Headteacher

Attendance  Attendance matters  
Every student, every  Attendance

### South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	87.9%
Robins	95%
Goldfinches	94.8%
Sparrows	94.2%
Owls	94%
Kingfishers	89.2%
Ash	95.8%
Beech	96.1%
Holly	96.1%
Maple	94.8%
Oak	93.3%
Silver Birch	96.7% 
Sycamore	95.2%
Hazel	96.6%
Whole school	94.3% 



### Star of the Week

Wrens	Esme
Robins	Clay
Goldfinches	Julia
Sparrows	Naledi
Owls	Isaac
Kingfishers	George
Ash	Ella
Beech	Chayse
Holly	Tommy-Lee
Maple	Cj
Oak	Ettie
Silver Birch	Matilda
Sycamore	Archie
Hazel	Isabella T

January	
Monday 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All lunch and after school clubs begin this week</li> <li>Reception application 2024 closes today.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young Voices at O2 Arena</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents Phonics Meeting 9am and 2.45pm</li> <li>Reception Screening—School Nurse</li> </ul>
Thursday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Census Day—Alternative Lunch Menu today.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5 Private Tour of Library</li> </ul>
Wednesday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparrows Class Assembly 9am</li> </ul>
Friday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wild West Workshop—EYFS and KS1</li> </ul>
Monday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents Evening appointments go live to Parents this week</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for Secondary School Late application</li> <li>Y2 Fire Engine Visit (TBC)</li> </ul>
February	
Monday 5th –9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Week</li> </ul>

### House Points

Gade 3175  
Lea 2950  
Bulbourne 3075  
Colne 3400

### Attachments

- ⇒ Reading Challenge
- ⇒ Online safety—New Devices

Please click on the link below to access all attachments

- ⇒ [Access to all attachments](https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/newsletter) or copy paste the link below
- ⇒ <https://www.southhill.herts.sch.uk/newsletter>
- ⇒ Parental control for apps
- ⇒ DSPL8 newsletter
- ⇒ Parent Workshops