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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of the first half of the spring term, I am reminded of how quickly the year is passing. We have had a number of special events and activities this term, including our wonderful Year 3 Greek Day and a Year 4 Maths Workshop, where our Teachers shared with parents how we teach children the four operations and the associated written methods of calculation. We have also seen children enjoying using TT Rockstars as they try to reach the top of the leader board or win their class battle - whilst improving their times tables as a result. Very recently I also enjoyed hosting my 'Afternoon Tea with Mrs B' (a prize from the Christmas Fair Silent Auction) with 5 girls from Year 6, where a lot of fun and laughter was had eating cake and playing games!



After half term we are looking forward to the return of the Learning Dome to Year 5, which we hope will promote curiosity in their Space Science Topic and Year 6 will be special invited guests to St Christopher's Church to listen to one of the HHH Classical Concerts. If you are a parent of Year 6, who may be able to accompany the visit, we would welcome any volunteers to help us walk the children to and from the church safely.

I would like to remind all our parents that their feedback is critical to our success. We would very much welcome your input to hear about all the things that are working well for your child and any areas where improvements could be made. Therefore, we have created a parent and guardian survey which can be accessed via the link below:

https://forms.gle/NEkayVicp8gdpnqLA

Communication is one of our core values and I would like to remind parents that if you ever wish to talk to us about anything in relation to your child's education or welfare, we encourage you to speak to the Class Teacher as soon as possible (Teachers are usually available at the end of the day on the playground) or you can email the School Office for an appointment. Members of SLT or the HSLW Katherine Bourne is also available on the school gate each day.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement and I wish you a lovely half-term break next week.

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BIKEABILITY

LAST CALL FOR BIKEABILITY SIGN UPS!

We are delighted to be offering our Year 6 children the opportunity to take part in Bikeability this term. This will run in school w/c 18th March. The course will run for 1.5 hours a day for five consecutive days and involves on-road training on quiet roads. Children would be required to bring in their bicycle and helmet every day as we cannot store these in school. Places are limited.

The course costs £15 per child or £4 if you are eligible for free school meals. Please note this course is not compulsory and children do not need to take part if they don't want to. Children who wish to take part must be booked on and full payment received by the end of half-term as Surrey County Council need to know final numbers for their staff. If you have any queries please do contact the School Office. To book please follow this link https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/111100/

SAM IN PERSON MUSIC LESSONS

SAM are back! They will be offering in-person lessons (guitar, piano and vocals) during the school day! They also offer group lessons in guitar. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

AMAZON WISHLISTS

The teachers would like to thank everyone who has purchased items from the Amazon wishlists. Your generosity is so appreciated and the items purchased will continue to enhance the learing environment at school. Thank you.

HASLEMERE MINOR INJURIES DEPARTMENT

We have been asked to kindly support the awareness of Haslemere Minor Injuries Unit and help our Emergency Department. The unit is open every day of the week from 8am to 5pm.

The Minor Injuries Unit (Haslemere Hospital, Church Lane, GU27 2BJ) is for adults and children over two years of age. The unit is run by a team of skilled Nurse Practitioners who can assess, diagnose and treat patients with minor injuries. The unit often has shorter waiting times than the Emergency Department (A&E) and there is no need to make an appointment.

Haslemere minor injuries can deal with:

- Suspected broken bones, sprains and strains (including x-ray service)
- Minor head injuries
- Wounds cuts, bruises and grazes
- Minor burns
- Skin infections
- Minor eye injuries
- Removal of foreign bodies from ears, eyes, nose or under the skin
- Bites and stings

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HASLEMERE LIBRARY EVENTS

Haslemere Library have some wonderful events running this half-term – please see below!





HALF-TERM

Finally we hope everyone has a restful and fun half-term. We look forward to seeing children back at school on Monday 19th February. Please remember we have an inset day on Friday 24th May.

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KEY DATES FOR 2023-2024

| | February |
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| Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February | Half-Term |
| Monday 19 th February | Year 5 Science Learning Dome in school |
| Wednesday 21 st February | 6W attending the HHH Classical Concert at St Christopher's Church |
| Thursday 22 nd February | 6H attending the HHH Classical Concert at St Christopher's Church |
| Thursday 22 nd February | Year 4 Artist visit in school |
| | March |
| Friday 1 st March | Year 3 class assembly: 9.10am |
| Monday 4 th March | Year 4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 8 th March | Let Girls Play – International Women's Day |
| Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March | Year 6 Bikeability (optional) |
| Thursday 21 st March | Easter Service at St Stephen's for Years 3 and 4: 10am |
| Thursday 21st March | Governors Meeting |
| Friday 22 nd March | Year 5 class assembly: 9.10am |
| Wednesday 27 th March | PTFA Disco: 6pm-7.30pm |
| Thursday 28 th March | End of Term: 1.30pm finish |
| | April |
| Monday 15 th April | Start of the Summer Term |
| Thursday 18 th April | Eco Day |
| Friday 19 th April | PTFA Quiz Night: 6.30pm (parents and guardians only) |
| Thursday 25 th April | Governors Meeting |
| May | |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th May | Year 6 SATS week |
| Tuesday 21 st May | 3N to Pizza Express (3G will be in June) |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | Year 6 to Chessington |
| Friday 24 th May | Inset Day |

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Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the head teacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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