



Hambrook Primary School

Newsletter 4 - April 2019



Easter Service

Thank you to all parents/carers/relatives who came to watch our Easter Service this morning. The children worked very hard upon their pieces and I hope you enjoyed it!

Early Bird Club

Now that the weather is improving (we hope!), we have changed the arrangements for parents and children waiting for the Early Bird Club to open. There are health & safety implications due to the amount of people congregating in the school foyer before 8.30am, as well as making it difficult for staff and deliveries to gain access and preventing the door from closing. From now on, please either wait outside the building or in your car rather than in the foyer for Early Bird club. This will also apply when we have events like the Easter Service this morning. In the future we will ask parents to queue elsewhere (probably the playground but we'll confirm at the time) in order to let staff/deliveries/children arriving late enter the building quickly and safely. Thank you.

Sponsored 'jump to beat cancer' and cake sale

I am delighted to announce that you raised a whopping £3764.16! Part of the funds will be spent on a memorial to Mrs Cessford (I will let you know when we have done this) and the rest will be donated to Cancer Research UK. Thank you so much to the children for taking part so enthusiastically and in such good spirit, and to you and your families and friends for your generous donations. Thank you also to the PTA for the donation of the cuddly kangaroos.

Staff Update

This week we have said goodbye to Mr Feltham who is going to work at a school in Bristol. We thank him for all his hard work - he'll be missed by the staff and the pupils. We will be recruiting another teacher to replace him from September, but in the meantime I'm pleased to welcome Miss Jessica Hunt who will be joining us for the summer term in year 3 for three days per week. Mrs Collins will carry on doing two days per week until the end of the school year.

Also, Mrs Julie Sheppard (our School Business Manager) will be retiring at the end of this school year after 20 years at Hambrook. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Emily Lewis (currently our School Secretary) will be taking over as School Business Manager from September. We are currently advertising via the local authority's vacancies website in order to appoint someone to replace her in the office. We'll update you when we have news on who that will be.

Breakfast Club

The price of Breakfast Club will increase from next term (Tues 23rd April), to £2.50 per child per day. We have tried to avoid increases for as long as possible but with costs rising we are left with no choice. Compared to other local schools our club is still cheaper and we will hold the price at this amount for as long as we can, but if we need to increase it again I will let you know.

Disabled bay

Please don't park in the disabled bay when dropping off or picking up your child/ren (even if you'll only be a minute) unless you have a valid blue badge.

Persistent Absence

Our Educational Welfare Officer visited us this week. We have decided that persistent absence will be our main focus for the coming term, and I will be inviting some parents in for an informal meeting with me if their child/ren's absence is becoming a cause for concern. If you're invited in, please be reassured that the meeting is a positive one, as together we can look at ways to improve your child's attendance.

Contact details and passwords

In the past we've sent out data collection sheets each year to parents, for you to check and confirm that the information we hold about your child/ren is correct. The Local Authority now offer an online based service where parents check the details via an app. If any details are incorrect, you can notify us via the app. It will save us time (and paper!) and mean you don't have to worry about sending forms back to us. We will be in contact with more details soon.

Collecting children from school/after-school clubs

If you are going to be a few minutes late to collect your child, please try to let us know (most parents already do this) and we will look after them until you arrive. If we haven't had a message, children come back inside to wait at the office. The children know to do this and the system has always worked well.

We've had cases recently where other parents have stepped in (without prior arrangement) to look after a child if the parent hasn't arrived. I appreciate that parents are trying to help, but for reasons of safeguarding we cannot allow this unless permission has been given at the office.

Payments

We'd appreciate it if you could give us the exact money (or a cheque) when making payments for things at the office. We don't hold much cash on the premises and although we always try to give change if we can, we sometimes struggle to find enough coins! All payments should be handed in a named envelope stating what the payment is for. Thank you.

Dinner Money

Please can I remind all parents that school dinners should be paid for *in advance*. You can pay by logging on to www.payyourschool.co.uk or there is a link via our website under the 'parent's zone/school dinners' page. For more information please refer to our school meals policy which you can find on our website by going to 'parents' zone/school dinners'.

PTA News

This month we had the first PTA organised events in 2019; The Mother's Day gift room and the Movie Night.

Whilst these events are predominately for the children to enjoy, we raised £132 and £220 respectively, so thank you to all those who were able to support.

The next event will be the Quiz and Curry night on 10th May. If you didn't come to the last one, speak to someone who did, a good time was had by all! Tickets are limited, available on the Classlist app only.

Finally but importantly, the PTA committee are looking for new members, especially (but not limited to) KS2.

For new parents at the school and as a reminder to everyone else, the PTA committee is made up of the following people:

Chair - Victoria Orchard

Vice Chair - (position available)

Secretary - Naomi Hoare

Treasurer - Zoe Brophy

Class reps:

Reception - Danielle Offord & Rajni Patel

Year 1 - Naomi Hoare

Year 2 - Victoria Johnstone

Year 3 - Sarah Lucy

Year 4 - None

Year 5 - None

Year 6 - Kerry Ward

If you would like to get involved, attend a PTA meeting, volunteer at an event or wish to know more about events, please speak to a committee member or e-mail

hambrookpta@gmail.com

Reporting illness

If your child is ill, please phone the school office by 9:30am to report it. If leaving a message, please state your child's name, class, and the reason for their absence i.e. their symptoms (not just 'ill/poorly/under the weather/not 100%' etc.). This is so we can keep a track of bugs doing the rounds!



Winterbourne Library

Please see the end of this newsletter for details on events during April at Winterbourne Library.

All that remains for me to say is that I hope you all have a lovely Easter. Enjoy the break and we'll see you on Tuesday 23rd April.

Kind regards
Jo Dent
Head Teacher

The focus of our newsletters are things happening in our school or that will benefit the children e.g. encouraging them to go to the local library, or join a local sports club, or preparing for transition to secondary school.

At times we may advertise events, clubs etc in the local community. This does not mean we are advocating or recommending them, we are purely sharing information.

April 2019 at Winterbourne Library

STAFFED TIMES

Tuesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

OPEN ACCESS (Unstaffed)

8.00am – 7.30pm
Everyday

Easter Opening Times Staffed/Unstaffed

Visit our website:

www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries

If you register your card for our new Open Access system, and attend an induction, you'll be able to access library facilities throughout the week. You can borrow and return books and use the computers. Speak to a member of staff for more details.

Rhymetime: Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together
Every Tuesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

Pre School Storytime: Join us for stories and a simple craft.
Every Wednesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

Lego Club: Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library.
Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult.
We'll be meeting on **6 April 10.30 – 11.30am.**

Lego Challenge: Ramps and Races

Are you ready to create? Design and build the best Lego car and launch ramp

Wednesday 10 April 2.30 – 3.30pm

Booking required – limited places
Suitable for age 7+

Free Holiday Drop in - 'Easter Eggstravaganza'

12 April 10.30am – 12 noon

Crafts suitable for ages 4 – 10

'Have you Read?

**A New Open Reading Group for All
(No set text)**

Share your love of books, extend your reading horizons

1st Friday every Month 11am – 12 noon. Refreshments served

The Craft Group is meeting on **13 April 10.00am – 12 noon**

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group.

Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

WANTED

Do you have any old or unwanted Duplo Lego?

We would be grateful for any donations for a new Duplo club

For more information on any of the above please contact us:

- Telephone: 01454 868006
- Email: winterbourne.library@southglos.gov.uk
- Visit our website to find out more: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries
- Follow us on twitter: www.twitter.com@southgloslibs
- 'Like' us on  Facebook for all the latest at South Gloucestershire Libraries