



Hambrook Primary School

Newsletter 4 - March 2018



Easter Service

Thank you to all parents/carers/relatives who came to watch the children in their Easter Service this morning. Each class worked hard upon their pieces and I hope you enjoyed it. Unfortunately since then we have received a number of complaints, about the level of noise from some toddlers/ babies during the service. Currently, we welcome younger siblings but always ask that if they become noisy, then parents take them outside as people are unable to hear above the noise, and it's also very off-putting for the children who have worked hard to put on a good show. However, it has been pointed out that this request is ineffective and often parents do not remove noisy children. I have been asked by those affected to review our policy of allowing younger children to attend these events.

Therefore I am asking you for your views. Please let Emily in the office know (by written note, email, phone or in person) whether you think younger siblings should continue to be welcomed regardless of the noise they make or whether events like these should be made adult only. On a similar note, a couple of children asked me why so many parents left during the performance and didn't stay to watch all of the classes. I understand that some of these people may have been taking noisy children out but for those where this was not the case please consider the impact on the children of walking out during the middle of the service. Thank you!



KS2 Performance: 'A Collection of Traditional Tales'

Very well done to all children who took part in our drama performance here at Hambrook this week. Every child gave their all and it was a fantastic show! Thank you to all parents for your support and we hope you enjoyed the show. It would not have been possible without the hard work and time put in by not just the children, but also by Miss Dover, Miss Hunt and Mrs Cobbett.

Texting Service

The company who provide our text service have made some changes. Your texts may look a little different (e.g. coming from a different number), but the service itself is unchanged.

Contact details and passwords

Letters have been sent home with all of the children this week, asking parents to complete a slip with details of: parents e-mail address, three contact people/numbers (in case of emergency), and a password. If someone else is collecting your child/ren from school, they will need to provide the password in order to be able to take your child/ren with them. Please hand the slip back to the office or your child's teacher. **This is a priority and we will be chasing up all missing information.**

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 (to be honest, 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 their parent hasn't arrived. Whilst we appreciate that parents are trying to help, for reasons of safeguarding we cannot allow this unless permission has been given at the office. Thank you.

Did you know?.....

The UK Highway Code states that motorists must not wait or park or stop to set down and pick up passengers on the yellow zig-zags which mark school entrances.

Punctuality

Our Educational Welfare Officer visited us this week. We have decided that punctuality is going to be the main focus for the coming term, and persistent lateness will be monitored.



Payments

We'd really appreciate it if you could give us the exact money (or a cheque) when making payments for things e.g. school trips. We don't hold much cash on the premises and although we will 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 exactly what the payment is for. Thank you.

SIMS 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. If you don't have access to the internet, we can provide you with a barcode that you can take to a paypoint which are available in many local shops. For more information please refer to our school meals policy which you can find on our website by going to 'parents' zone/school dinners'.



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 Monday 9th April.

Kind regards
Jo Dent
Head Teacher



Dates for diaries

Please see the calendar tab on our website for details of upcoming events.

We want to keep the focus of the newsletter on 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 2018 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)

8.30am – 7.30pm
Everyday

EASTER 2018

Fully Closed Thursday 29 March
Open Access only -
Friday 30 March – Monday 2 April
Tuesday 3 April normal hours resume

See above for new opening times at Winterbourne library

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 weekly on Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.00am for stories and a simple craft. Now running throughout the year.

Lego Club: Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library.

We'll be meeting on **7 April 10.30 – 11.30am**. Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult.

'Enchanted Wood'

Easter Holiday Drop in

Friday 6 April 10.30 -12 noon Suitable for ages 3 – 10

New 'Feed your Soul'

Come and colour. Enjoy some company – Adults and children, everyone welcome!

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2-4pm every week

The Craft Group is meeting on **14 and 28 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.

Spring Silver Singalong on Friday 20 April 2.00 – 3.00pm

Accompanied by local music teacher Joan Ward, we'll be singing WW2 songs, songs from the shows and songs you might have learnt at school all followed by a well-earned cuppa.

Suitable for 50+ no previous singing experience required - Book your **Free** place at the library

Quiz Night

Monday 23 April 7.30pm onwards

Proceeds to The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity

Teams of up to 6 people, tickets £4.00 per person
Ask for more details and pick up an entry form at the library

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
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