



Pound Hill Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects everyone to share this commitment. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child please contact one of the designated members of staff.

Mr White, Ms Hatton and Mr Chilton

SCHOOL NEWS AND VIEWS

Goodbyes and Welcomes

This week is Mrs Bainbridge's last week at our school and we would like to thank her for all her amazing work with the children in 4SW. We wish her the best although we know that at some point soon she will be back even if it's just for one day!

We also would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Wassell who is returning to us and her class after having her baby.

As it's the last day before the half term holiday we wish you all a great break and will see you on Monday 19th February!

Year 6 SATs Booster groups

These groups will start the week beginning 19th February and will run every week over the Spring and start of the Summer term. The final sessions will take place on the week of 7th May. Thank you for all the replies we have received and thank you to all the teachers who have offered to run a range of booster groups this year.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Wilkinson.

Building Works

The Exhibition on Tuesday 30th January that introduced the exciting future plans for the redevelopment of our school has been a great success and we thank all everyone for coming.

The scheme will be put in front of the County Planners very soon and we are hoping to receive permission ready to start in May.



**Food 4
Thought**

The new Hot Lunch Menu is ready for the second half of the Spring Term with some exciting choices and World Food Days to discover other cultures.

All children have received a paper copy in their class, you can also access the form on [ParentMail](#) - form named '[Spring Term Meals Menu 2 Version 2 2018](#)'

Building Communities – Parental Engagement

Thank you to all the parents and carers who filled in our questionnaires at Parents' Evening, both in Autumn and this week. We value the opinions of both our parents and children and take them very seriously.



Following on from your feedback from the first questionnaire we have;

implemented several additional elements to lunchtimes, including; fluorescent jackets for those on duty so the children can see who to go to, an extra lunchtime supervisor and regular meetings for staff training and communication
employed an additional member to our office team to support the enhancement of our communication with parents, both at school and through the development of our website
sourcing an alternative provider for our parentmail and online payment system to make it a simpler and easier process
regular school council meetings where the elected school representatives bring forward the views of their classmates, including one where Mrs Lester our fabulous cook took questions and ideas from the children about breakfast, tuck and lunchtimes. You will see these incorporated into our menu next term.

We have lots of further ideas for the coming year and are grateful to the ideas and thoughts you have given us this week...watch this space!



Did you know that you can support [Pound Hill Junior School PTA](#) by shopping online?

Every time you shop online via Easyfundraising at one of the 3,300 retailers including Amazon, Argos, Ticketmaster, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and Booking.com, a donation will be made to Pound Hill Junior School PTA, and it won't cost you an extra penny.

It's really simple to get started:

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/poundhillschpta/>

Sign up for free!

Get shopping - your donations will be collected by Easyfundraising and automatically sent to Pound Hill Junior School PTA. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support



This Tuesday (30th January) Pound Hill Junior School Choir took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena

We are so impressed with the children - they showed true dedication and passion making the school very proud. We would also like to say thank you to the teachers and adults who went along to support the children.



More photos can be found on the school website.

Medicines into School

Recently there has been an increase in various medicines brought to school that we aren't allowed to administer because we have to follow the West Sussex County Council guidelines.

We will consider administering:

- Prescribed medicines in the original containers
- Medications only if prescribed 4 times a day by a doctor
- Medicines for children with long term conditions such as epilepsy or migraines

We cannot administer:

- ANY medicines bought over the counter such as Piriton or Ibuprofen based medicines
- Medicines such as antibiotics prescribed 3 times a day
- Medicines for 'unwell' children

If your child has medicines prescribed 3 times a day, it is expected that they can take one dose before school, one after school at 3pm and one before bedtime. If you wish your child to have any medication during school hours then please fill in the 'Request for School to Administer Medication' form and submit it to the school office for consideration. If your child has a long term condition, please fill out the 'Individual Health Care Plan'.

For full policy please refer to our website.



World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March 2018, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

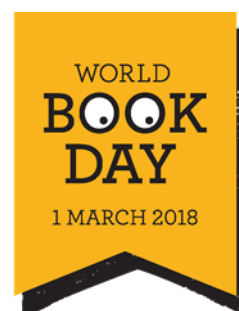
Pound Hill Junior School would like to join in the celebrations of World Book Day by asking children to dress up as their favourite character in a book they have read. There are some costume ideas below for inspiration and you can also find suggestions here:

<https://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

On World Book Day, your child will be given a £1 voucher to put towards the purchase of books. These can be used at our Book Fair which will take place during the week commencing 12th March. Further details of the Book Fair will follow nearer the time. Alternatively, the vouchers can also be used at bookshops in the town centre. i.e. Waterstones and WH Smith.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit www.worldbookday.com.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate reading with your child.



Aliens Love Underpants



Bobby Bold



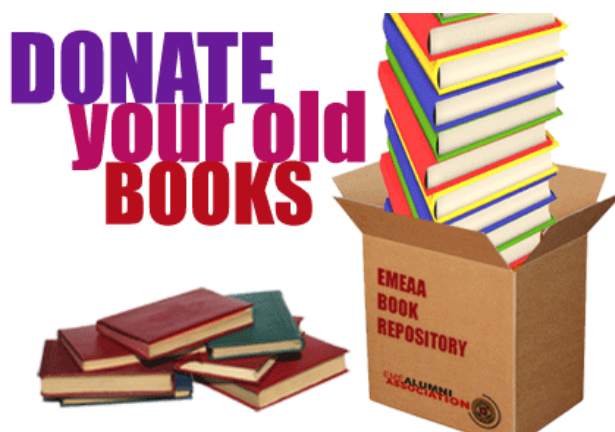
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Second Hand Book Sale

Following last year's success the PTA will be holding their Second Hand Book Sale again. This will take place on World Book Day straight after school at 3pm.

Have you got any books at home that are used but still in good condition and you no longer need or read? If so the PTA would be grateful for your donations. Any donations can be handed in to the school's office or brought into the Science Lab by your children from Monday 19th February.

Thank you



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

2nd February 2018

Year 3

Yazmin Hussien
Ayden Stuart
Saxon Crosby

Year 5

Aleeza Raja
Melodi Arslan
Lenny Hard

Year 4

Phoebe Humphrey
Holly Hunt
Daemon Vosloo
Phoebe Fassam

Year 6

Sophie Taylor
Teodora Brasovean
Billy Meadows



9th February 2018

Year 3

Mathu Mbugua
Alfie Larkin
Dexter Clarke

Year 5

Luca Rosato
Nathan Blanch
Harry Flint

Year 4

Eugene Saley
Dolly Forrest
Kallum Reed
Ameila Wong

Year 6

Katie Barlow-Taylor
Grace Barlow-Taylor
Mirza Baigh



ATTENDANCE

29th Jan – 2nd Feb

3LH
100%!

Most Improved: 3KJ

5th – 9th February

6CL
100%!

Most Improved: 4SC



Pound Hill Junior School **Diary Dates**

Spring Term

February

12-16 February Half term

March

14–16 March Book Fair

22 March Book Look 3–4pm

29 March Last day of term (1pm finish)

Summer Term

April

16 April Start of new term

30 April–4 May Year 5 Isle of Wight trip

May

25 May Sports Day 1

28 May–1 June Half term

June

8 June Sports Day 2

12–14 June Year 3 Truleigh Hill trip

19 June Book Look

22–26 June Year 6 France trip

5 June–29 June Year 4 Stanford Scout

July

6 July Sports Day 3

20 July Last day of Term (1pm finish)

INSET DATES

4 June 2018

23 July 2018

24 July 2018