



Newsletter no.9 – 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

School News

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for the Summer term which is packed full of activities.

You will probably have noticed our new Wellbeing Hub that was built in the Woodland area over the holidays. We are all really pleased with our new hub and can't wait to use it after our official opening at our Fun Run on Saturday 11th May. A date not to be missed!

YR had a wonderful day learning all about Roald Dahl and his famous books at the Bucks County Museum last week.

The YR and Y1 children have been visiting Forest Schools for their outdoor learning for their topics.

Many thanks to all the parents that helped us on these trips. Without your help we wouldn't be able to take the children to so many great places.

School Gate

Please can we remind you to close the school gate behind you at drop off and pick up times. This is to ensure of the safety of the school children and their siblings as Woodways is a busy road at these times of the day.

Silver Smarties

THANK YOU! We have been busy collecting in your silver Smarties. Certificates will be handed to children who have returned theirs. If you have not returned yours yet, it is still not too late.

Request from Mrs Moore

Mrs Moore would like to ask if you have any items at home that you don't need please could you send them in to support imaginative play. These could be old curtains and sheets/fabric (to create outfits and build dens/shelters), cardboard boxes (not flattened please), plain or coloured paper, especially if your workplace is having a clear out.

A Message from Mrs Nethercott and Mrs Crump

Year 2 have come back to school full of energy and amazing enthusiasm for their learning. We are loving our new topic about The Rainforest and are looking forward to our trip to Oxford Botanical Gardens next week.

Diary Dates:

Weds 8th May—Y2 Oxford Botanic Gardens Trip (details to follow); Y1 Forest Schools

Fri 9th May—YR Heights, Weights, Vision Check

Sat 11th May—Fun Run & Family Fun Day, registration from 11.00am

Mon 13th May—Whole School ZooLab Visit

Weds 15th May—Y1 Forest Schools

Thurs 16th May—Census Day

Sat 18th May—Haddenham Tennis Open Afternoon @ 1-3pm

Mon 20th May—YR Forest Schools

Weds 22nd May—Y1 Forest Schools

Fri 24th May—Term Ends; PTA Hot Dog Friday

Mon 3rd June—Term Begins

YR Forest Schools

Weds 5th June—Y1 Forest Schools

Thurs 6th June—Y2 Art Afternoon (Junior School, details to follow);

New Starters Welcome Meeting @ 7.00pm

Mon 10th Jun—YR Forest Schools

Tues 11th Jun—Class Photos

Mon 17th Jun—YR Forest Schools

Tues 18th Jun—Swaziland Bulembu Tour Choir Visit

Weds 19th Jun—Y1 & Y2 HASSP Athletics Event @ 9.30 am (details to follow)

Thurs 20th Jun—Class Photos reserve date; Y2 Stay & Play pm

Tues 25th Jun—Y1 Stay & Play

Weds 26th Jun—Three Schools Walk to School

Thurs 27th Jun—Sports Day (pm)

Mon 1st July—YR Forest Schools (All Day Visit—Helpers needed please)



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Fun Run and Family Fun Day - Saturday 11th May @ 11.00am

Please remember to register for our Fun Run. Entry is £10.00 per family. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque, or bank transfer via the Schoolgateway.

Registration and sponsorship forms are available from the school front porch, Fit Life Gym and are enclosed with the newsletter email. You can enter on the day however prior to the event is preferable to ensure we have enough medals etc. Registration is from 11.00am, the warm up will start at 11.30am.

All are welcome to the Fun Run. The theme is colour so please go wild and display your brightest colours for our run. Colour powder will also be available to buy on the day for you to have fun with and add to your brightness!

The PTA are running the Family Fun Day following the run where there will be our usual fun day activities, BBQ and all other refreshments.

The day will also include:

The opening of our Wellbeing Hub

A Family Fit Camp (by Fit Life)

Cosmic Yoga in the new Wellbeing Hub

Ukulele Club Performance

And many other exciting sporting activities.

School Clubs

We still have spaces for the school clubs which are now available to book on the Schoolgateway for the Summer term, up to 24th July.

Football Club—Monday Lunchtime (with Mr Nathan Ault, Sports Factor)

Team Games Club—Tuesday After School (with Mr Nathan Ault, Sports Factor)

Athletics/Kwik Cricket—Friday Lunchtime (with Mr Laurence Clark, Fit Life)

Greatest Gardener 2019—Calling All Little Green Fingers!

The children will be bringing home a flyer in their book bags today about this competition, the flyer is attached to the newsletter email also. We invite the children to create and donate a garden feature (eg, hanging basket, or a filled wellington boot). Be creative, be bold and use your imagination!

Please send in your entries in by Thursday 23rd May.

Attendance—Every Lesson Counts

I would like to remind you of our school Attendance Policy. A copy is enclosed with the newsletter email. At Haddenham Community Infant School it is important that children come to school regularly and on time.

Children are not permitted time off school to go on trips, shopping or holidays. If parents do request time off for such events they will be unauthorised by the school.



School Forum

Many thanks to our School Forum Reps who attended the meeting on Thursday 4th April and to all those parents who communicated their feedback to the reps.

We discussed particularly the review of the sporting clubs and the school trips each class had been on this term.

School Clubs

- *Question: The changes that have been put in place—would these be reviewed?*

Yes, we are constantly reviewing our clubs provision and asking for feedback. The change to the Thursday evening club moving to a lunch time was put in place because although this had been running all year, the numbers of children attending had not increased and still remained less than 10 children. We decided to move this club to Monday lunchtime to hopefully increase numbers of children attending and feedback had been that Thursday evenings was often a busier evening for parents with other commitments.

- *Question: Would there be any other clubs such as dance/gymnastics considered?*

Yes, we are hoping with the extra space created with our Wellbeing Hub we may be able to offer a greater breadth of clubs including the possibility of a dance club.

Trips

- Feedback was that trips were very positive and worth while as well as being tailored to the topics carefully across all year groups.
- The dinosaur man visiting in Y1 feedback from parents was that the museum in the previous year was better and could we consider this again for following years. Next year we will definitely review this trip.
- Forest school feedback for the Spring term was that it was jolly cold for the children. Unfortunately the weather is so changeable and out of our control for such trips. We do understand that it is completely out in the elements for a period of two hours and we will look at the timings of these trips for next year as well as the frequency too.

Other Feedback

- Handwriting Club in Y1 and Y2 was a positive club and parents feedback that it was going well for those involved.
- Stay and Plays are a positive part of the school calendar and parents appreciate these sessions.
- Christmas Play - Feedback was positive and that there was a feeling that parts were distributed fairly this year.
- Drop ins - Parents commented about the frequency with which we have had to postpone these this term. Unfortunately due to external meetings that staff have had to attend this term we have not been in a position to host these every week. We are reviewing how we can do these in the future to avoid cancellations.
- The forum feedback that the teaching team and Head teacher are doing an amazing job. Thank you for feeding this back as we often only look at how we can be better and do better and sometimes forget to reflect on some of the things we do well! It is lovely to receive such feedback!



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Swaziland Orphan Choir–Water Bottle Challenge

This week Juanita Hughes talked to the children about the problem of a lack of water in the poor rural communities who don't have access to running water in Swaziland. During the assembly a few children took part in a little game where they experienced what it is like to carry different amounts of water. Juanita works for the charity that raises money to help build water catchment systems to bring water into rural areas. She has launched a fundraising "Water Bottle Challenge" and has asked the children with your help to find an empty bottle and fill it with loose change (silver, gold, or even notes). The money collected will help build these catchment systems.

The children will be bringing home a leaflet about the 'Water Bottle Challenge' in their book bags this week.

Juanita talked to the children about the Orphan town known as Bulembu Choir and the choir that is visiting in June. The Bulembu Tour Choir will be visiting our school on Tuesday 18th June to sing to the children.

The choir is holding a concert at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th June at 7.00pm . You can book tickets by [clicking here](#).

For further information please contact
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'Maths Puzzler' and 'Maths Surgery' - For Years 1 and 2

Here is our 'Maths Puzzler' page for this month that includes optional puzzles (not homework) for you to solve with your child.

We are holding a 'Maths Surgery' during every 'drop in' for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. This will give you the opportunity to ask class teachers questions or for support in maths areas or homework that your child has found tricky. The 'Maths Puzzler' will can also be found on our school website , [Maths Puzzler](#).

Our Learning Warriors this last month are:

Reception: Lexi Tipping, Micah Oliver, Maggie Moore, Elliot Philpott.

Year 1: Alice Woodcock, Angus McDonald, Poppy Hill, Rory Dixon.

Year 2: Lily Corbett, Martha Philpott.



With best wishes,

Lucy McNeil



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