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The South Hill Celebration Tree has shed its leaves ready for a new year of celebration.

We are aware that our pupils have lots of special talents and some attend clubs or have hobbies that they enjoy out of school. As Headteacher, I love to celebrate these experiences. Pupils can share with me their out of school successes such as: making a cake at home, receiving a sports trophy, acting in a performance or overcoming a fear, and in return they will receive a leaf to add to our celebration tree. Pupils can bring in their certificates to show me too! I look forward to sharing these talents!



School Council for 2024-25

The new school council has been voted for and elected. Mrs Albery announced the names during Monday morning's assembly. We were delighted by the number of pupils who wanted to join the council this year. We look forward to them expressing their feelings and opinions to propose changes in our school. This year's school council questions will be based upon our British Values. In the autumn term our key question will be "What does democracy look like here at South Hill School?"

Our School Council members are:-

Year 1 Sparrows	Maya and Zayn
Year 1 Goldfinches	Izzy and Paisley
Year 2 Owls	Zariyah and Arthur
Year 2 Kingfishers	Lucy and Stanley
Year 3 Beech	Abigail and Edward
Year 3 Ash	Maggie and Theo
Year 4 Holly	Jude S and Stevie
Year 4 Maple	Freya and Bruno
Year 5 Oak	Brandon and Kye
Year 5 Silver Birch	Lola and Tobias
Year 6 Sycamore	Emily and Douglas
Year 6 Hazel	Saraya and Ben

EYFS Reading Meeting

We were pleased to host our EYFS reading morning on Wednesday for parents of Robins and Wrens pupils. We do hope that you found the event useful in support of your child's reading.



The Powerpoint is now on the front page of the School website for those that were unable to attend.

Maths Corner

In Year Six we have been learning how to use mental methods efficiently to answer questions and solve problems. We have focussed a lot on **equal sum** and **equal difference**. Both strategies are similar in the way that pupils recognise how they can adjust the calculation to make it more manageable to work out using a mental strategy, yet how they adjust will be different.



Equal sum will ask pupils to look for a more manageable number and readjust the calculation by taking from one side and adding to another (either number).

- $1999 + 457$ (adjusting to $2,000 + 456$)
- $267 + 398$ (adjusting to $265 + 400$)

Equal difference will expect pupils to see if they can make the same adjustment to both sides to make the calculation easier to work out. The adjustment can be up or down but must be the same on each side to keep the difference equal.

- $3,000,001 - 34$ (adjusting to $3,000,000 - 33$)
- $1,943 - 998$ (adjusting to $1,945 - 1,000$)

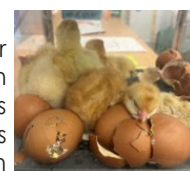
Reading Garden

We hope our pupils are enjoying our outdoor reading garden which can be used at lunchtime. Thank you to our reading ambassadors for running this lovely club where children can enjoy reading outside.



Living Eggs—Y2

What an exciting week it has been in Year 2! The eggs and incubator arrived on Monday and now we have chicks! Miss Cason is going to look after them this weekend and we cannot wait to watch them grow and hold them next week.



Emails to the School Office

If you are emailing the school office for any reason, **please include your child's name and class**. This information will make our response time much quicker and easier. Thank you.



Harvest Celebrations

This year's Harvest Celebrations will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd October for KS2 at St John's Church and Tuesday 8th October for KS1 in our school hall. Our chosen charity for donations this year is DEN's homeless shelter. We asking parents to make a **donation of food/non food items on Tuesday 8th October only**. We have attached a list of high need items that DENs are asking for. Please take some time to look at the list and donate whatever you can on Tuesday 8th October.








Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	97.9%	
Robins	97.2%	
Goldfinches	90.7%	
Sparrows	96.7%	
Owls	94.8%	
Kingfishers	95.5%	
Ash	96.2%	
Beech	94%	
Holly	97.3%	
Maple	95.3%	
Oak	96.2%	
Silver Birch	95.3%	
Sycamore	96.7%	
Hazel	97.5%	
Whole school	95.8%	



Star of the Week

Wrens	Jonah
Robins	Ivy
Goldfinches	Dilijan
Sparrows	Ivaan
Owls	Lenny
Kingfishers	Destiny
Ash	Alex M
Beech	Aniyah
Holly	Stevie
Maple	Chayse
Oak	Owen
Silver Birch	Ivelin
Sycamore	Matilda
Hazel	Olivia

September	
Wednesday 25th	◆ KS2 Girls Football day—Longdean School—Selected children only—12pm collection from school
Thursday 26th	◆ European Languages Day
Friday 27th	◆ Y4 Swimming
October	
Tuesday 1st	◆ Y6—WWII day
Wednesday 2nd	◆ Y3 Ash Class Assembly 9am in the school hall—Parents welcome ◆ Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby Day
Thursday 3rd	◆ KS2 Harvest Festival 2pm St John's Church
Friday 4th	◆ Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 8th	◆ KS1 Harvest 9am School Hall
Monday 14th	◆ Y5 Bikeability week commences ◆ Y6 SATs Meeting—5.30 School hall
Tuesday 15th	◆ New parents Tour—Reception 2025 9.30am
Wednesday 16th	◆ Sycamore Class Assembly 9am—Parents Welcome

Attachments

- ⇒ DENs High Need List—Harvest Donations
- ⇒ Supporting your child with Emotional Eating
- ⇒ Storm Basketball Game
- ⇒ Free Health Check at South Hill Centre

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