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It was lovely to celebrate European Languages Day on Thursday with the school. As a school we speak so many different languages and it was a chance to celebrate together. We all sang a song in Polish, and I spoke in Italian because 'Ho vissuto in Italia e ho insegnato l'inglese agli italiani.' (I used to live in Italy, and I taught Italian people English).

European Day of Languages 2024

Census Day and Universal Infant Free School Meals

To maximise South Hill's government funding, we would encourage all families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to book a free lunch for their child on **Thursday 3rd October**. This is one of the census days which determine how much money the school will receive next year. Please book a meal via School Gateway. Children can choose between chicken strips, cheese and tomato turnover, or a baked potato.



Football Tournament—Lockers Park School

Nine boys from Year 4 went to Lockers Park to compete in a football tournament on Thursday 19th September. They started with a 1-0 loss but followed it up with 2 consecutive wins. In the semifinals, the boys led us to a 1-0 victory before facing the opening team in the final. We weren't to be beaten this time, and we came away with a 2-0 victory, securing our third tournament win in a row. A huge well done to all our players as they showed fantastic team spirit, togetherness and resilience to win the trophy.



Coats in School

The weather is definitely changing and coats are required for ALL children. Our children are outside for break and lunchtimes in most weather conditions. Help to keep your child warm and dry, by sending them in with a coat every day. Can you also be mindful of what shoes your child is wearing, canvas shoes are not recommended in the winter months.



KS2 Art Competition

Please see the attached information with regards to the KS2 Art Competition being held for Hertfordshire Heroes. The competition is open to all KS2 children and the deadline is Wednesday 20 November. Entries should be handed to the school office or Miss Cason by this date.



News from Year 1

What a wonderful start the pupils in Year 1 have made to this new term. We have explored the fiction book Dear Zoo and have begun to write simple sentences about the characters. In Maths the children have really embraced learning about ordinal numbers and positional language. During this transition period we are very conscious that pupils need time for independent learning, and they have made the most of our role play areas and outdoor environment.



Absence in School

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please follow this link and it will help you decide if your child should be in school or at home <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



The school office would also like to remind you that your child should remain home for a further 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, to make sure that they are well enough to return and that they do not pass this on to other pupils or staff.



If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office by 8.40am on the 1st day of absence. Thank you.

Writer of the Month

We enjoy celebrating writing at South Hill. We display work from EYFS to Year 6 on our Writer of the Month display board. This is where children have a chance to show off a good piece of writing from across the curriculum. Here is a photo of our current writers of the month.



PTA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be held on Friday 18th October at 9.00 am. Attendance is open to all parents and carers.



KS1 Outdoor Learning Sheds

Mrs Albery has been busy developing the outdoor learning space for the Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We are delighted with the results and hope that our pupils will enjoy the new resources.



Rosh Hashanah

Happy New Year to all who will be celebrating next week.



Y6 Secondary School Applications

All parents of Y6 students should **apply for a secondary school place for their child by 31st October 2024**. County have recommended that applications are made before this date to avoid any delays due to technical issues. Don't delay, apply today!



Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher

Attendance matters
Every student, every day

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	95.5%
Robins	96.7%
Goldfinches	91.4%
Sparrows	97%
Owls	96.9%
Kingfishers	97.2%
Ash	97.9%
Beech	93.7%
Holly	98%
Maple	90.7%
Oak	92.8%
Silver Birch	95.3%
Sycamore	98.3%
Hazel	94.6%
Whole school	95.4%

Star of the Week

Wrens	Milanah
Robins	Viktor
Goldfinches	Maja
Sparrows	Maya
Owls	Svea
Kingfishers	Stanley
Ash	George
Beech	Kristin
Holly	Jude S
Maple	Maggie
Oak	Kaila
Silver Birch	Joshua
Sycamore	Cillian
Hazel	Maisie

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	◆ School Census ◆ KS2 Harvest Festival 2pm St John's Church ◆ Rosh Hashanah
Friday 4th	◆ Y4 Swimming ◆ Mr Masters Assembly and Bible Gifts—Y6
Tuesday 8th	◆ KS1 Harvest 9am School Hall ◆ Donations for DEN's received at the KS2 Entrance
Thursday 10th	◆ Sports Network Games—Y3—Children to wear PE kit today
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 ◆ Mr Masters Assembly and Bible gifts—Y3
Monday 21st	◆ Parents evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 22nd	◆ Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip ◆ Wrens Parents Consultation 9am-12pm—Head Teachers Office
Wednesday 23rd	◆ School Photograph day (Individual) ◆ Parents Evening 4-7pm

Attachments

- ⇒ DENs High Need List—Harvest Donations
- ⇒ Moving On
- ⇒ KS2 Art Competition
- ⇒ October Half Term Club Flyer
- ⇒ Storm Basketball Poster
- ⇒ Pupil Premium Flier

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