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Spring Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a fabulous week!

Safe Driving

As you will be aware, at times the roads outside the school can be very busy and we must be mindful of the safety of our pupils in this environment. We have been made aware that there has been some unsafe driving in the area recently. We do communicate with our PCSOs regularly and will inform them of this, so you may notice their presence around the roads near the school at times. Please continue to drive safely in the local area and ensure children are well supervised when coming in and leaving school in order to keep everybody safe.

Covid19

I wrote to parents this week to explain that I will no longer be sending letters following each covid19 case identified at Ash Hill. However, we will continue to send close contact notifications, and I will update parents via this weekly bulletin. This week we have had a number of new cases, and some classes have been advised to undertake daily LFD tests. As the number of cases in school has increased recently, we ask that parents and carers continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. It is much appreciated if families can continue to wear masks on the school site (despite the removal of this restriction in public areas), and if households can continue to undertake regular LFD testing to identify asymptomatic cases. If your child develops covid19 symptoms it is important to get them a PCR test as soon as possible. We are committed to preventing further impact of the pandemic on pupils' education, and we hope to keep as many pupils in school as possible. Any small steps you can take to prevent the spread will help with this. Thank you for your continued support.

Reception & Year 1 Dismissal

Please ensure that pupils are well supervised when leaving the Reception and Year 1 classrooms at the end of the day. Children must not run ahead of their adults—the steps and the hill present a danger and pupils must be supervised on their way down. It is also important to ensure younger children do not play with the resources in the Reception area as these have been set up for the following day. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports Updates

Mr Bell has added some updates about sports to this bulletin, so please read on to find out about our amazing sports teams this week! I wanted to share how proud I am of all of the children who have been taking part in sports this year so far. We are so happy to finally be attending events and competitions again! The children have been fantastic and have really demonstrated our school values at these events. Well done everybody!

School Bag Toys

A reminder that pupils must not bring toys in from home. This includes keyrings, fidget toys etc. that are attached to school bags.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Attendance W/c 17/01/22

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	90.9	10
Year 1	95.6	3
Year 2	93.7	3
Year 3	93.3	7
Year 4	93.0	3
Year 5	99.1	2
Year 6	88.6	1

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens W/c 17/01/22

Year 1	36
Year 2	29
Year 3	21
Year 4	64
Year 5	122
Year 6	41

Coming Up...

Date	Event
02/02/22	Yr 5/6 Squash event @ JHGS 0930—1230
08/02/22	Nursery visit to Micklefield Library
08/02/22	Year 3 & 4 multi skills event JHGS
15/02/22	Nursery visit to Micklefield Library
21/02/22- 25/02/22	**School Closed for Half Term**
25/03/22	Inset Day
28/02/22	School Re-opens (Breakfast Club open at 8.00am)
03/03/22	World Book Day
10/03/22	Reception Height & Weight Checks
08/04/22	School Closes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays
25/04/22	Inset Day
26/04/22	School Re-Opens (Breakfast Club open at 8.00am)
19/04/22	National Primary Allocation Day—Parents will be sent an email from Bucks CC.
30/05/22- 03/06/22	**School Closed for Half Term**
06/06/22	Inset Day
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition Days
20/07/22	School closes for Summer break **2.00pm finish**
21/07/22	Extra Leave Day

Mr Bell's Sports Update

This week 6 children from Year 3/4 competed in a gymnastics competition at Great Marlow School. This event was judged over events; Vault, Floor Exercise & Body Management. Our gymnasts performed a technical routine with over 20 moves to music. Safiya, Lily & Joshua competed in Body Management & Jassire, Ruby & Anayah performed within the Floor Exercise event. As a team, as well as individual performances, I was super proud throughout! Everyone coped under a huge amount of pressure and displayed elegant gymnastics right from the beginning, with Ash Hill finishing 3rd out of 7 schools!

The top three schools progress through to the County Finals in March at the Milton Keynes Gymnastic Centre!!! This is AMAZING! A huge WELL DONE and I look forward to the next round!

Yesterday our under 10 Football Team played in the nock-out Cup against Cedar Park. Saboor, Jaylon, Leon, Madhav, Kazim, Manish, Barney & Charlie battled tirelessly throughout. Cedar Park scored two cracking goals in the first half which, making the score at half time 2-0. At half time, , we discussed areas for improvement and ways to prevent Cedar Park from scoring again. Our team managed to put this into practice as Ash Hill created over 8 chances within the first 10 minutes, and prevented Cedar Park from attacking! The score line stayed & finished 2-0. I was delighted with the improvement as a group in the second half and I am sure we can begin this way in our next match. Man of the Match: Barney Holmberg.

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** have had a fun week thinking about the story 'Rosie's Walk' and the story has been a great way to help the children learn some new words to describe position. All children participated in an obstacle course which helped to reinforce the new words learnt this week. We even went around the main school grounds to take photos of children in different places and then made our own nursery book called 'Nursery's Walk!' **Core book**: Rosie's Walk **Key vocabulary**: on, under, around, behind, through **Key song**: Old McDonald had a farm
- **Reception** have enjoyed a story about a trip around the world. They have talked about London, Venice, China and New York. The children have enjoyed their experiences of travelling as well! In maths we the children have been learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. They have counted different arrays of these numbers on fish and fed them to some very hungry polar bears! **Core Book: Emma** Jane's Aeroplane Key **Vocabulary:** aeroplane, airport, travel, fly, passport, travel agent
- **Year 1** have had a great week. In Maths we have been learning how to add 2 numbers by making 10 first. It is a tricky skill with lots of steps but the children showed resilience and determination and gave it their best! In English, we have been planning our stories that are based on our model text *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The children have had some great ideas! In PSHE, we have been learning about how to stay safe when going online. In RE, we have learnt the story of Adam and Eve.
- It's been a great week of learning in **Year 2**. We all feel it has whizzed by right before our eyes - I'm sure the children will love to explain why we use words such as whizz, squelch and other onomatopoeias in writing! The children have produced some wonderful innovative stories with some fascinating characters. In Maths, we revisited calculating the total amount of money spent. Now we have moved unto statistics and are currently working on making and understanding how to interpret tallys. In PSHE we explored the dangers in familiar places and how we can keep ourselves safe. In Science and DT we looked at the main food groups, what we consider to be a balanced diet and why this is important in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The children used this opportunity to plan an put together a balanced meal. A huge well done to the Year 2 "Dream Team!" for consistently working hard on their times tables. We are really proud of your passion for learning.
- **Year 3** are really deep in the learning pit this week! Miss Bagguley is so impressed with our Ash Hill determination in tackling some word problems in Maths and some map puzzles in Geography! It's been tricky, but that means we are learning. We know mistakes are great and they do not scare us! We are still enjoying every moment of Alice in Wonderland; we will be publishing our final written piece next week all about the weird and wonderful settings of Wonderland. We are really enjoying Topic! This week, we have learnt all about The Three Peaks Challenge and have even built our own mountain!
- It has been a very exciting week in **Year 4**. The children had their first swimming session and we are all immensely proud of them. They all had a great time! We have been exploring area in maths and in we have learnt about the physical and human geography of St Lucia. We have watched some lovely vidoes about St Lucia to enable the children to complete their independent writing. I have seen some amazing writing. I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing and happy weekend.
- What a whirlwind of a week in **Year 5**! In maths, we started our new topic: fractions! Can you ask your child what unit and non-unit fractions are? In writing, we have come to the end of our topic and have written captivating portal stories! The stories, set in Iceland, transported the reader to mystical lands. We also learnt the different features of a volcano and even considered why people may live near them. From Year 5 - have a great weekend! Be sure to read lots and practise your times tables!
- **Year 6** have been working very hard as usual. We have been working on using, and identifying, subordinate and relative clauses in SPaG. Ask your child to give you an example of a sentence with a relative or subordinate clause. In writing we have been finishing an innovated chasing plot and now we are ready to write our own stories that are set in Baghdad based on our Topic. Ask them to tell you all they have learned about the Early Islamic Civilization. In reading we have continued to work on finding the meanings of words in context. I wonder if they can tell you the meaning of a new word they have learned? In Maths we have been working out missing angles; on straight lines, around a point and inside triangles. Let's see if they can recall some facts about angles inside a triangle! Have a wonderful weekend.

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your reference)

- Covid19 communication
- Reception attendance
- Nursery activities
- Parent consent forms
- Year 1 trip
- Nursery gate
- Author sessions
- Cancelled photographs
- Year 4 swimming and PE

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