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Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a lovely week. We have had a great start to the second half of the summer term, and it has been very busy in school!

Whitemoor Lakes
I hope you have been following the residential adventures of Year 6 on our Facebook page! The Year 6 children have been staying at Whitemoor Lakes this week. This residential trip is a real highlight of children's time at Ash Hill, and we are so pleased it was able to go ahead this year. The children have been taking part in team and confidence building activities, such as raft building, zip wire, animal close encounters and the challenge courses. Attending this trip and staying away from home supports the children in really securing *skills for life* and developing their confidence at the end of their time at primary school, in line with our whole school mission. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for allowing your children to take part in this experience. I would also like to thank the staff who have voluntarily given up their own time to supervise the trip. Miss Butt, Miss Harris, Mr Bell and Miss North are a fabulous team and have ensured the children really get the most out of the experience. We cannot wait to welcome them all home later today, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures! They are due back at 3:30pm, but please bear with us as trips returning from Whitemoor Lakes have been delayed in the past! I will update you if there are any significant delays expected.

Sports Day Date Change
Please be aware that the Nursery and Reception sports days will now take place on Wednesday 6th July.

Jubilee Exhibition
This half term we are working together on our jubilee history project, celebrating the last 70 years in Britain. Each class is learning about a different decade, and the children will work together to decide on objects and artefacts that represent their decade. We would then like to invite you in to view our 70 Things for 70 Years exhibition! Each class will contribute artefacts and objects to the exhibition that represent their decade. The exhibition will be ready for parents to view on our sports days, and we would like to celebrate with a special jubilee themed picnic at the end of sports day too. We will send more information about the organisation of this soon.

Royal Reading Challenge
I introduced the Royal Reading Challenge in assembly today. This is being run by the National Literacy Trust and it is an exciting way to motivate children to read at home. Each class will have a display for the challenge and the children will be able to move themselves along the milestones, working towards a special certificate at the end of term. Please encourage your child to read at home every day to allow them to progress through the challenge.

Infectious Diseases
With the removal of covid19 restrictions this year we have also seen the return of the usual infectious diseases as pupils are now mixing closely again. Please be aware that a small number of pupils have had chicken pox recently, and there has also been a small number of cases of intestinal worms. We would not report these conditions usually, unless we think there may be an outbreak in school. However I did want to remind parents to check for symptoms of these conditions because it may have been some time since children have been exposed to them due to the pandemic safety measures. You can find out the signs and symptoms of infections through the NHS website. In school, we continue to take steps to prevent the spread of all viruses and infections through regular handwashing, thorough cleaning and ventilation.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes
Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 23/05/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	96.6	0
Year 1	91.0	6
Year 2	97.1	2
Year 3	98.0	0
Year 4	96.3	2
Year 5	95.0	0
Year 6	94.8	0

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

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	126
Year 2	63
Year 3	30
Year 4	74
Year 5	65
Year 6	

Coming Up...

Date	Event
08/06/22—10/06/22	Year 6 Residential trip (Whitemoor Lakes)
08/06/22 -10/06/22	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
14/06/22	Bags to school day (Friends of Ash Hill—(see FOAH Newsletter)
28/06/22	New Reception Class welcome meeting
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition days
06/07/22	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9.30am (Please note date has changed from 07/07/22)
08/07/22	Years 1—6 Sports Day
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break 2.00pm finish
21/07/22	Extra Leave day
	INSET DAYS - 2022/2023 02/09/22 05/09/22 04/01/2023 17/04/2023 21/07/2023

Letters this week ...

- Welcome Meeting for New Reception intake
- All clubs now finished
- Year 3 swimming information

This Week in School...

Nursery:

Nursery have had a great start back. Our topic this term is about bears and together we created a mind map of all the things we already know about bears. We will re-look at this mind map at the end of the topic to see what else can be added! We spent some time looking non-fiction books and talking about real bear facts. The children then wanted to have a go at making their own non-fiction books about things that interest them. We had lots of books about bugs and fairies! Outside the children have had fun digging our mud kitchen and talking about the things they would like to plant.
Core book: Non fiction book about Bears, have also introduced Goldilocks and the Three Bears ready for next week!
Key vocabulary: bear, nose, ear, paw, claws, fur
Key songs: Teddy bear teddy bear turn around, Round and round the garden like a teddy bear

Reception:

This week, the Reception children have been using a story map to learn about the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They have been writing labels for some of the things they found in the story like 'moon' and 'egg' and have been writing what the hungry caterpillar says when he pops out of the egg – making sure they use finger spaces between each word and sounding out their words as they write. The children made their own stick caterpillars, used paint and sponges to print a repeated pattern caterpillar and also worked with collage materials. In maths this week, the children have been working on subitising to 5 (recognising instantly the number from an arrangement of objects) and have been working out doubles of numbers to 10.
Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tzUViPTA/hzyFj8SS

Year 1

Year 1 have arrived ready for a new term of learning! In English, we have started a new unit – writing a recount, based on the story Amazing Grace. Perhaps you could find it in the library and read at home or listen to the story via this link: Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman | Children's Read Aloud Story - YouTube. In Maths, we have started our work on Fractions and we have been looking at finding a half. In PSHE, we have been looking at what things make us special. We have also been preparing for our school trip and have been learning all about the different jobs we can do when we grow up.

Year 2

The children have had a wonderful week back after our half term break. It's been great hearing their wonderful experiences during the week of half term. In writing we are working on our descriptive text. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas and they really enjoyed sharing snippets of their writing with the year 2 class. In Maths we have moved unto measurement of mass using grams and kilograms.
The children have settled back well and have done a lot of learning. In our Topic, History we are introducing the theme of Explorers, which is very fascinating. I am positive the children will enjoy our learning journey.

Year3

Year 3 are getting stuck into the business of learning! We have started our new units; in English, we are learning about what makes effective and memorable speeches. We are learning our base text to help us learn the key features and have tried them out by writing to Mr. Bell to try to convince him to let us play football with him every day! In Maths, we are busy throwing shapes not only on the dancefloor but in our lessons! We are learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We are doing this by going on angle hunts around the school! Our new topic is science based and we will be becoming geologists!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week learning their new text map in English- what a fantastic story it is so far. Ask your child to recall as much of the story see how much they have remembered so far. In Maths, they have been learning all about time! They have converted between digital and analogue times and solved some problems. It has been great fun! See if your child can recall the digital times using the 24hour clock. Year four thrived in their tennis lesson in P.E where they demonstrated lots of our school values. In RE and PSHE they have considered worldviews and what makes them who they are. It has been a great week and I hope they have a wonderful, weekend.

Year 5

It's been a great week in Year 5! We have started learning the story of Icarus and even created art with pastels to represent his fall. In science, we've investigated the properties of different materials. We've completed our topic on decimals in maths and are now beginning to learn about the properties of shape. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are also studying one of the last 7 decades. In Year 5, we are studying the 60's and we 've listened to the Beatles to learn more about this time! From Year 5, have a great weekend!

PMG Schoolwear Important information for High Wycombe Parents/Carers

Dear School

We will be running an appointment system over the Summer months again this year. This has proved popular with parents who have benefited from dedicated time and a member of staff to assist them with fitting and purchasing uniform. From 1st July all parents wishing to visit one of our stores can book an appointment beforehand by visiting www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk and then clicking on the link at the top of the page.

We try to encourage parents to shop early for uniform and we would appreciate it if you could help us by letting all parents know of our cut-off date which is 12th August. We have attached a graphic which you can use on your own website and put in your newsletters. This date is important not only for new starters but for existing parents who tend to leave it till the last minute to purchase uniform. Whilst PMG invests heavily in stock we do not have a crystal ball and inevitably some sizes do run out. This year with delays of shipments from Asia there could be delays getting uniform if people shop after this date.

Cut-off date is 12th August 2022

We appreciate your assistance in getting these messages out to parents.

If there are any questions then please do contact us and we will assist accordingly.

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