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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a great week. A big thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for Year 3's fabulous class assembly this week! It was lovely to have you in school, in person! We look forward to seeing more of you at the upcoming assemblies.

Royal Reading Challenge

The children are all taking part in the National Literacy Trust's Royal Reading Challenge as part of our platinum jubilee learning. There are displays for the challenge in every classroom, and the children are able to move their own individual crown along the challenge timeline each time they read at home. When children reach the end of the challenge they will be rewarded with a certificate in assembly. Please encourage your child to get involved by reading every day at home. Each child has a Royal Reading Record they can complete as they work through the challenge, so you can keep track of how they are doing by having a look at this.

School Trips and Visits

We have reintroduced our trips and visits calendar this year following the pandemic, and I know many of you are keen for your children to attend trips again as soon as possible. While we have had some successful and exciting visits this year, such as the Year 6 residential, the Year 3 museum visit, the Year 1 Odds Farm trip and the Year 5 planetarium, we know that not all pupils have benefited yet from an educational visit. Each visit has a significant workload attached and must be planned well in advance, and as were not able to plan visits prior to the start of the year due to the changing covid19 situation, we have had to manage this workload amongst competing priorities. There have also been times in this academic year when we have not been able to undertake visits due to covid19 associated risks, therefore reducing the time we have had available for conducting these visits. If your child has not yet benefited from an educational visit, we can assure you that their year group will be prioritised in the autumn term for a high-quality off-site experience. We will be sharing information about educational visits early in the next school year so you will be aware of what is coming up.

Class Assemblies

We have now restarted our class assemblies calendar, for the first time since covid19. We kicked off with the Year 3 event this week, and it was fantastic! Class assemblies are an opportunity for the children to share their learning with parents and carers, and they also help us to build pupils' confidence and spoken communication, in line with our mission of *crafting skills for life.* The children have missed out on opportunities to share learning, perform and communicate with an audience over the last two years. Attending your child's assembly supports us in developing these skills. Please check the 'Coming up' section of the bulletin for class assembly dates, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Clubs

This week the second round of clubs for this year began, and the children seem to be really enjoying everything on offer. There is a good range of activities, including sports clubs, drawing, handwriting and languages, as well as my own chess club! I would like to thank our wonderful staff, who have all volunteered to offer the clubs free of charge and in their own time! We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team at Ash Hill.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wished

Mrs Manning

Attendance W/c 13/06/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	89.7	3
Year 1	99.3	1
Year 2	93.9	1
Year 3	96.0	1
Year 4	91.7	5
Year 5	91.7	4
Year 6	87.2	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	27
Year 2	38
Year 3	41
Year 4	52
Year 5	49
Year 6	62

Coming Up...

Date	Event
24/06/22	Bags2school day
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
06/07/2022	Year 4 trip to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre
08/07/22	Years 1—6 Sports Day 9.30am
12/07/22	Reception—Vision Screening
13/07/2022	Nursery welcome session for September starters
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break 2:00pm
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 ...

- Year 1 School trip
- Year 1 90s dress up day
- Bags2school
- Year 4 trip to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre
- Sports day lunch arrangements letter
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This Week in School...

Nursery:

As part of the school's jubilee celebrations where every year group investigates a decade from our Queen's reign, Nursery have spent a week thinking about stories and movies from the past, in particular the 1980s! As part of this experience the children have created maps and transport for the Jolly Postman (a very popular book in the 80s!) and have also designed and made their own aliens (the film E.T was released in the 80s!) Next week we will think about some other significant events that happened in the 1980s and we will be off to Germany to find out what happened there, as well as compare Germany to England.

Reception:

Reception have had a fantastic week and have been working on a history project as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have been looking at the 1980's which is one of the decades that the Queen has been on the throne. Over the week, we have looked at and worked on activities linked to significant events from the 1980's. We looked at the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana and the children designed wedding outfits and a carriage or a car. We found out about when the wreckage of the titanic was found and the children painted amazing pictures and wrote speech bubbles for how the people on board would have felt. We looked at the popularity of the Rubik's cube in the 1980's with the children making their own cubes and sorting old and new toys. We found out about the space shuttle Columbia and how it became the first reusable manned spacecraft to travel into space and the whole class worked together to create a fantastic space shuttle. The children also heard lots of the 'Little Miss' stories which were written in the 1980's. They wrote speech bubbles to show what the characters were saying and painted their favourite 'Little Miss' character.

Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LNYI9SoW/xEDbc4wt

Year 1:

Year 1 have been busy again this week! We have been working hard on our work around quarters and halves. In English, we are continuing our journey to write a recount. In PSHE, we have been looking at different jobs that we want to do and creating a piece of artwork based around this for our assembly. We also thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Zebra Experience Centre on Friday!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been exploring adjectives and applying them to their letter writing. We are becoming even more confident at reciting our base text of Meerkat Mail because we know it will support us in our more independent writing in the future. In Maths, we are mastering time! We have been exploring lengths of time and how long it takes to do tasks. Sometimes it feels like we're in a Maths lesson for days but it turns out it's only an hour! Meanwhile in Topic, we are learning about the explorer Christopher Columbus. Learning about this topic has made us think about some interesting questions and we are eager to learn more!

Year 3

Year 3 have been very busy this week! We have completed all our assessments and performed for our adoring fans! Tickets were sold out and the stars provided an encore performance of their closing Shakira song. No autographs were provided but the stars did treat their fans to a meet and greet after the performance. Now, we are back to learning all we can about speeches! We are currently still trying to convince Mr. Bell to build a pool on the field, we're not sure it's working though! In Maths, we are exploring mass and how to make scales balance.

Year 4:

Year 4: We have been busy with assessments this week. In Maths, we finished our unit on graphs. We have planned our own adventure stories, ready to write next week in English. On Wednesday, we took part in a live Author Zoom session with Tola Okogwu all about her new book: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun. In the session, we explored what really makes a superhero. We have also started our history topic about the history of the railways, learning about the early railway and steam locomotives. We are very excited for our school trip to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre on Wednesday 6th July!

Year 5:

It's been a very busy week in Year 5! We've continued learning about the 60's and explored the impact and importance of Martin Luther King's speech: I have a dream. We have also started rehearsing our part for the UKS2 Production by learning our songs! They're very catchy and we can't get them out of our heads! In writing, we've continued our development of a toolkit using the story of Icarus. In maths, we've practiced drawing angles and learnt how to calculates angles on a straight line and around a point. We also created a science investigation to test for solubility. Can your child remember what soluble and insoluble mean? From Year 5- have a great weekend!

Year 6:

Year 6 have had a hot and busy week. Exciting news alert! We have started to practice the production and have had our roles assigned! There are a lot of lines to learn so we have been practising very hard. We have also been writing our explanation texts about dragons- ask your child all about their dragon and its superpowers. In Maths, we have: designed and calculated the costs involved for a summer music festival- that was super fun and eye-opening. Ask your child what their total cost for their music festival was.
In Science, we have looked at how fossils can tell us how species have evolved over time. What does your child know about how the horse has evolved?

Please see attached an Aylesbury Town Council event taking place next month.

The event brings the seaside to Vale Park, complete with 60 tonnes of sand, on Sunday 3 July. The event is completely free and will include activities, rides, entertainment, and games, plus catering stalls.

Event Details

Have a whale of a time at this year's Aylesbury on Sea. Around 60 tonnes of sand will take over Vale Park on 3 July!

This event is entirely free to attend and promises to be as vibrant as our last event in 2019.

Expect many much-loved seaside activities including Punch and Judy shows, face painting, prize bingo (with thanks to Michael Anthony Estate Agents), land train and arts and crafts.

Whizz down the inflatable Helter Skelter and have fun in the sun in the Super Soaker Arena which are both new for 2022.

Get stuck into building the finest sandcastle as the Town Council will be providing buckets and spades aplenty.

You might even spot a mermaid or a crew of pirates who have made it to shore. Sweet and savoury delights can be purchased on the day too.

Everyone is invited to Aylesbury on Sea in Vale Park (HP20 1DX) on Sunday 3 July from 11am-4pm.

Further details are available at https://bit.ly/AOS2022 and https://www.facebook.com/events/417186206499634.

Entirely
Free Event
Come and enjoy...
AYLESBURY ON SEA
Sunday 3 July, 11am-4pm, Vale Park