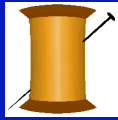


Herbert Strutt Primary School



Aim High and be
PROUD of yourself!

March 2024

THIS TERM'S FOCUS IS: HOPE



World Book Day

We have celebrated our love of books by focusing on the book, 'The King who banned the dark', by Emily Haworth-Booth. Each class has created a display for the hall, as they have enjoyed the story and activities linked to it. (photos of these will be shared in the next newsletter). Our book fair will continue to be on, with the last day to buy a new book being Monday 25th March (in the KS1 playground at 3:15-3:45pm). The school looked very colourful this week, with lots of characters from favourite books appearing.





Drop-in for coffee and chat with the Learning Mentor & other parents
(pre-school children welcome)

- 8:45-10am
- Library

April: 19/26th

May: 3/10/17th

June: 14/28th







Bike-Ability sessions

(A letter has been sent out with details to Y1/2)

After Easter, there will be a Bike-ability session for children in Year 1 and Year 2.

- ◇ Thursday 18th April: Year 2
- ◇ Friday 19th April: Year 1

-Bikes are provided-

DO NOT SEND ONE IN WITH YOUR CHILD

Attendance and absence during term time

It is expected that all children attend school in term time. This is even more important following the disruption during the Covid pandemic.

Holidays in term time are not permitted.

If you need time off school for a different reason, please ask the school office for a request form. This should be returned 2 weeks before your requested time off.

A decision will be made whether to authorise the absence and you will receive a letter confirming this decision.

If it is not authorised and your child does not attend school, you will receive another letter informing you that this has been forwarded to the LA and you may receive a fixed penalty notice **(this is a fine of £120 per child, per parent)**.

Please see the website for details. Look on the 'Office' tab at the top and click on the 'Absence from school' link on the drop down list.

Cross Country Competitions: after school

- Year 1/2: 26th March (3-4pm)-Shipley Park
- KS2: 27th March (4-5:30pm)-Eyes Meadow-Duffield
- Parents to take their child there please

Clubs next half term are:

Tuesday: (3:15-4:15-£2 a session)

Tennis-Key Stage 2 (Y3-6)

Wednesday: (8:20-8:40am-free)

Golden Mile-running

Thursday: (3:15-4:15- £2 a session)

Archery –whole school

Letters to collect from the school office to book on

Dates for your diary: (new ones in red)

**25th March: Easter Hat Parade-9am in KS1
playground (families welcome)**

25th March: Last day of Book fair-in the KS1
playground

**25th March: Disco tickets on sale in KS1 play
ground-3:15pm**

26th March: Y4 parents' meeting-
Times Tables check

27th March: Y3 Parent lunches-11:45am

28th March: Disco **(FS2/KS1: 5-6pm and KS2:
6:15-7:30pm)**

28th March: Break up for Easter Holiday

15th April: Back to school

18th April: Y2 Bike-ability -in school

19th April: Y1 Bike-ability -in school

23rd April: Y5 trip to Magna

1st May: Y4 parent lunches-11:45am

6th May: May day-school closed

7th May: Y2 SATs window starts

13-16th May: Y6 National SATs week

20th May: Science Week in school

**20th May: Family Science Day-come and
join in with your children**

24th May: Break up for 1/2 term

3rd June: Back to school

4th June: New Reception Starters' parent's
meeting-9-10am-in the hall

6th June: Y5 parent lunches-11:45am

7th June: Y3/4 trip to Cresswell Craggs

3-14th June: Y4 Times tables Check

15th June: Summer Fair (11-1pm)

21st June: Sports Day (am: KS1/pm: KS2)

24th June: INSET day-school closed to pupils

**25-26th June: Y6 transition to Belper
School**

25-27th June: Y6 transition to Flamsteed

3rd July: FS2/Y1/Y2-trip to Conkers

5th July: Reserve sports' day-if needed

11th July: Reports sent home

12th July: Tough Runner for all pupils

17th July: Y6 Show-6pm (tbc)

23rd July: Last day of school



Writer's Corner

Once upon a time there was a girl called Alice. Alice was a fearless girl . She was afraid of nothing. She lived in a mansion in America. Mysteriously the sun disappeared! Instead it was just always cloudy and foggy! Alice could not see anything she couldn't even go to the shops but that wasn't the worst thing...she had no internet because the sun was covered up by the clouds.

Alice was tired and went home to lay down on her favourite cushion, which was an aeroplane one. This gave her an idea. She stole her mum's credit card and went to Dave to borrow his private jet. He flew her to the clouds. She got fastened up and went on to the wings ...and started to eat the clouds!

She ate and ate until the sun shone brightly. Then she got back in the plane and flew safely to the ground and then her family went to the Chinese restaurant to celebrate!

By George C-Year 2

Science Week: 20th-24th May

We will be holding a science week in school but would like to invite you to come and join in, on Friday 24th May.

On the Friday, children will be split in to 7 groups, with Reception-Year 6 mixed together in each group.

Each group will move around the different activities on the day; and you are invited to come in and join them. You might just come for 1 hour or stay all day-it's up to you.

If you stay for the day, you will need to go home for the lunch break.

We plan to group children together in families, so you don't have to choose which child to go with!

A letter will come out later on, asking you to tell us if you will be joining us and what the timings will be.

Other things will be:

- * **Monday 20th May: optional dress up day**-with a science theme, e.g. a scientist, a blood cell, the solar system, a planet, decorate a T-shirt or headband with science pictures/words, make a science themed hat ...
- * Science assembly
- * Science lessons



Forest Friday in Reception

After the Easter holidays, the children in the Reception class will start a 'forest' type activity, using the school grounds every Friday.

The teachers will send a reminder when we come back and tell you what your child should bring in on the Friday, e.g. a pair of wellies, if they have them (we have a few spare ones in school).



They will be using the field, the garden or the gold area and of course, might get muddy!

EASTER DISCO

Thursday 28th March

⇒ Reception, Year 1, Year 2: will be 5-6pm

⇒ Y3-6: will be 6:15-7:30pm

Enter via the front doors (by office)

Exit via the hall doors.

Just for children-staff and volunteers will be supervising

Drinks and sweets will be on sale-children will need a purse to look after their own money

Want to help out?

Please let your child's class teacher know asap

You can come and help set up , clear away or man the refreshments for one or both discos.

Well done Year 4 for raising £172.54 for the trim trail last week. They made a 'human fruit machine', where children paid to have a go. Three identical pieces of fruit held up, rewarded the player with a prize...although I believe there were also consolation prizes given out!