



High Ash C of E School Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st March 2019



Grow Together Shine Forever

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

To all our families,

Welcome back to everyone for the second half of the Spring Term and I hope you all had a good half term break.

This week saw the children fully immerse themselves in their new topics and take part in their Hook Days. It was great to be part of the buzz of learning and curiosity around school!

Curriculum update on our website...

We have just updated our Curriculum pages on the website to include our revised Two Year Rolling programme of topics and also a more detailed outline of what will be taught in these topics by year group. Please take a look at this on our website (go to the 'About Us' tab and click on 'Curriculum'). We have been thinking carefully about the order in which the children gain their knowledge in the wider curriculum areas such as History, Geography and Science. I will also be talking more about our wider curriculum design with parents at the next Parent Forum in early May.

Highlights this week....

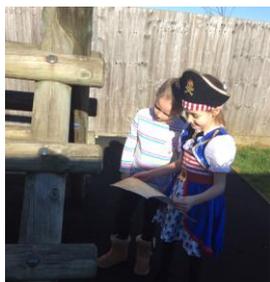
Foundation-

The children have been learning about telling the time in Maths activities this week and please encourage practising this at home as it is a tricky skill to master! They have also been reading the 'Three Little Pigs' and basing their learning around activities linked to farm animals. Well done to Pixie, Clara and Senara for their sequencing of the story and also for adding in their own endings. Owen, Senara, Indie and Alissa had then worked hard to write the story in their own words-super effort! Finally, Henry drew his own story map and was confident in orally re-telling the famous traditional tale.

We are looking forward to seeing some parents at our next Foundation 'See us Shine' mornings, next week Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March from 9.00-10.00am. Thank you to those parents that booked to attend. You will have received a text reminder confirming you have booked to attend one of these sessions.

Year One and Two- All the children launched their 'Hook Day' dressed as pirates ready to find hidden treasure using their map reading skills and co-ordinates. They have been learning geographical positional language and applying this in their map directions. The children are then moving on to learn about the UK and also its coast and surrounding seas as any good pirate should know this stuff!

It was super to see Angel really proud of her writing and Iris had completed some extra home learning by writing a fact file. In Maths, Beau and Harvey had worked hard to solve a reasoning problem in Maths linked to money and had used trial and improvement to help them. I was also very 'PROUD' of Harvey for taking ownership of his choices this week through acting very maturely when faced with a challenge.



Year Three and Four- The children have gone back in time to Ancient Greece and are clearly enjoying learning and re-telling lots of the Greek myths. They all enjoyed the 'Hook Day' and reading about Theseus and the Minotaur and then making a maze themselves. They also added in some Geography by learning more about the country of Greece and created mood boards to show what they had learned. Well done to Caylee, Jess and Anya for their poster showing key information about Greece and then also to Harrison, Ethan J, Sophia and Fred for their excellent re-telling of a variety of Greek myths. I was really impressed with the effort they had put into this and some super artwork too! Lily also needs a special mention for her progress in her writing too.

Year Five and Six-

On the Year Five and Six 'Hook Day', the children learnt so much in just one day! After learning how to address King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, they were taught how to load a musket, about the worst punishment for treason and about the phrase "time is money" in relation to the difference in pay for a skilled archer (12p or 1shilling per day for someone with 12 years training) compared to a gunman (4p a day - as it took only one day to become competent!). Many other interesting facts about Tudor life were also shared including how food was preserved. Pomanders were made to mask bad smells and ward off diseases.



Emily N had completed some extra research on Tudors which she enjoyed sharing with her peers, class teacher and me. Erin had used the Hook Day to inspire her recount writing- super effort applying your learning on embedded clauses! Charlie H has also been working on improving his writing and deserved his gold star from Mrs Goodger. Finally, Amalie showed the PROUD principle of being 'determined to improve' as she persevered in Maths and made super progress in getting to grips with adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing negative numbers. Excellent!

Assemblies...

We have carried on with the theme of positivity and courage this week, by looking at 'The Art of Being Brilliant'. Foundation and KS1 have looked at how a super hero who had positivity as their power would show this and KS2 have looked at why it is important to be positive and how this can help them feel better about themselves. We linked this to the Bible Story about Nehemiah rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem and how he had to have courage and be positive about his faith to get the job done.

Next week we will be learning about the meaning of Lent and asking the children to consider what they may give up for Lent to help them understand more about what we take for granted and how to remember this. It also helps them to understand Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and then the preparation for Easter- all of which starts next week.

Sporting News...

Our Year Five/Six Basketball team took part in the Basketball Finals this week and we came third which is a fantastic result and deserving for all of the effort the team have put in with their practice and teamwork. I am super proud of them all! The children who played basketball on Tuesday at The Buckingham School Finals were Mason D, Tristan H, Noah C, Will C, Daniel Y, Lucas H, Phoebe W, Emily C, Juno C, Olivia B, Ellie H and Erin M. Thank you to Mr Anderson, Mr Brooks and Miss Eldridge for the extra practice and also the encouragement at the event itself.



HASA Disco Money raised.....

Huge thanks to HASA for once again organising the KS1 and KS2 Winter Discos on Wednesday! Much fun was had by all the children and the event raised a fantastic £650 for school funds - thank you for your support.

Lip Balms in school...

Just a quick reminder on our school policy on having lip balms in school. We are happy for children to bring into school non-prescription lip balms for chapped/sore lips (not for cosmetic reasons) as long as they are named and handed over to the class teacher. The child can then be monitored with how they are applying it and teachers can ensure (like sunscreen) that the balm is only being used by the named child. Please can you not allow your child to bring in any lip gloss as this is used for cosmetic reasons. If a child is found in the possession of a lip

gloss this will be removed by the teacher. Many thanks for your co-operation with this. As with any medical condition, if your child has a serious condition then any prescribed medication needs to be taken to the office and an Administer Medicines form has to be completed and signed by the parent.

Forthcoming HASA Events....

Thursday 28th March - Ladies Prosecco & Pamper Evening

Wednesday 3rd April - Film Night (Parents volunteers needed please contact the office if you are able to help)

Summer Term Clubs run by external agents...

Science Club run on Wednesdays from 3.30-4.30pm for 12 weeks run by Mother Nature Science at a cost of £87.60. This club promises to be fun and hands-on for the children taking part. We do require a minimum of 15 pupils for this club to proceed. At the moment we do not have enough interest. If your child has an enquiring mind, enjoys science based experiments that are fun and hands-on, please book them on to this club. Please book and pay online direct at <https://www.mnature.co.uk/science-club/> and select HA: Pound Hill, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9AS. For full information on what the children will be doing in this club, the flyer can be located on our website, select the 'Wrap/Clubs' tab, click on 'Clubs' and download the Science flyer.

Cookery Club run on Tuesday's from 3.30-4.30pm for 11 weeks run by SmartRaspberry at a cost of £93.50. We hope to continue running this club but do need a minimum of 6 children for this club to proceed. All ingredients, cooking equipment, use of aprons and packaging, including a laminated recipe card to keep each week are included within the cost. If your child wishes to attend this club, please book and pay online for the whole term direct at www.smartraspberry.com. Please see flyer for more information on our website.

Badminton Club run on Friday's from 3.30-4.30pm for 12 weeks run by Clubs for Schools at a cost of £57.00. We do hope to continue running this club next term, but do need a minimum of 10 children for this club to proceed. At the moment we do not have enough interest. The children that currently attend this club have been enjoying their sessions. If your child is interested in taking part, please book and pay online direct. Please see booking flyer on our website.

Dodgeball Club run on Monday's from 3.30-4.30pm for 11 weeks run by Clubs for Schools at a cost of £41.25. I am happy to inform you that this club will proceed starting Monday 29th April to Monday 22nd July. There are currently 6 spaces available. If your child would like to take part, please book and pay online direct. Please see booking flyer on our website.

The flyers do instruct parents to book and pay by the 5th April, however, since this is the last day of term, we do need to know in advance if the clubs will be running and what our numbers are. Therefore, I ask if you could **please ensure you have booked and paid for your child to attend any of these clubs next term by Friday 15th March the latest.** Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Diary dates coming up...

Monday 4th March - KS2 Dance Show @ 3.45-6.00pm

Monday 4th March - Foundation 'See us Shine' @ 9.00-10.00am

Tuesday 5th March - Foundation 'See us Shine' @ 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 6th March - Football game v Cheddington School (Home) @ 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 8th March - Cedar Assembly @ 2.45pm followed by time in the classroom (doors open at 2.30pm)

Tuesday 12th March - KS1 Indoor Athletics 3.45-5.45pm

Friday 15th March - Star Assembly @ 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

Friday 22nd March - Oak Class Assembly @ 2.45pm followed by time in the classroom (doors open at 2.30pm)

Saturday 23rd March - District Cross-Country Event (times TBC)

Monday 25th March - KS2 Dance Finals (if successful) @ 3.45-7.00pm

Wednesday 27th March - Year 6 Easter Cracked Event

Friday 29th March - Foundation & KS1 Special Ladies Assembly @ 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

Tuesday 2nd April - KS1 Multi-Skills Festival 3.45-5.30pm

Thursday 4th April - Foundation & KS1 Easter Service at St Mary's Church @ 1.30pm

Friday 4th April - Star Assembly @ 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

Have a great weekend!

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