



# High Ash C of E School Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th March 2019



*Grow Together Shine Forever*

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

To all our families,

This week our children have continued to impress us with their positivity and hard work and I am always delighted and proud of their efforts as I walk round school, going into lessons and looking at books. Likewise, the staff team also continue to 'let their light shine' in the range of learning opportunities your children are being offered and the children often talk to me about how much they are enjoying their topics.

### Highlights this week...

Foundation- The learning this week has focused on the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' with the children having the opportunity to create captions and descriptions based on the story, re-create the infamous 'Whose been sitting in my chair?' in the role play area and helping to create Goldilock's house in the outdoor area.

- ★ Well done to Mylo for his drawing and labelling of Baby Bear, to Alayna for her drawing of the bears and to Clara for then using the opportunity to draw her own family.
- ★ Henry P delighted in talking me through how the house he had made in the construction area worked and that it had a throne as a chair- what a house!

In Maths, the children have started to look at sharing linked to the bears having to share the porridge.

Next week, the children have been asked to bring in a wooden item from home to share and discuss with their classmates. **Please can that item come into school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March named or in a named bag**- thank you!

Year One and Two- I have seen super learning and good work this week from the children, with a special mention to the following:

- ★ Jacob B for his super non-fiction writing all about the different seas around the UK
- ★ Hamish for all the effort he put into his rhyming couplets this week
- ★ Mia, Xanthe and Alby for their Maths work and being able to explain their understanding of what they had learnt too
- ★ Evie B- for her extra effort in learning about the counties of the UK and their capital cities

The year groups have continued to find out facts about the seas and also look at properties of materials and whether they float or sink in Science. In RE, this week, the children have been learning about forgiveness.

Year Three and Four- The high standard of homework continues to impress me and this week was no exception.

- ★ Well done to Ethan J and Peter for their home learning!
- ★ Luca E made me laugh out loud reading his entertaining diary entry from the perspective of his dog; very funny indeed!
- ★ Maddie E had produced excellent work in English and Millie T had a Gold Star for her Maths reasoning.
- ★ Alfie B had completed some accurate rectilinear shapes and worked out the area of them.
- ★ Matilda impressed me with her answers in Guided Reading- super inference!
- ★ Nelka and Lucy W gave a super narrative about Greek Myths.

Year Five and Six- The children have continued to write biographies this week based on a Tudor figure and have been researching the likes of Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Walter Rayleigh, Francis Drake and Henry VII.

- ★ Emily N wrote an amazing diary entry for home work from the perspective of an Elizabethan girl and Sadie equally showed her diary writing skills for a competition they had been encouraged to enter.
- ★ Darcey D-M had completed lots of notes for her biography writing and had shown the ability to identify the key facts that would interest the reader.
- ★ Ella, Darcie S and Apple had Gold Stars for their estimation skills in Maths and Emily and Ellie H had shown resilience in getting to grips with multiplying decimals by decimals and spotting patterns in their answers.
- ★ Ella had another Gold Star for English this week with her biography facts- well done!



### ***Year 6 Easter Cracked...***

Year 6 will be travelling to Water Eaton Church Centre on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** to take part in a fast-moving and interactive presentation entitled '**Easter Cracked**' run by the Bridgebuilder Trust Team. You will have received a letter sent via ParentPay on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you **complete and return your consent reply slip to the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. If you have mislaid the letter and require a further copy, please email the office. Thank you.

### ***Sporting news...***

Congratulations first of all to our KS1 Athletics squad of Cody B, Thomas N, Lottie N, Blythe B, Evie R and Iris M. They took part in an inter-school festival and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of eight teams- super effort everyone!



Our Year Six football team played away at Edlesborough School on Thursday and the score was 2-1 to us! The team comprised Mason D, Caleb Y, Tristan H, Aaron Q, Matthew R, Jason N, Connor Mc and Cameron M. Tristan and Aaron both scored great goals!

### ***Orchestra @ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OU Open Rehearsals...***

As you know, our orchestra children have been invited to the **OU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations** open rehearsals due to take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00-3.00pm**. A letter has been sent via ParentPay on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. We have 20 seats reserved and there are still some seats available. If you have not yet booked a seat for your child, please do by logging on to our website, selecting the 'Parents' tab followed by 'Booking School Events', then **complete and submit your booking form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. We do need to confirm numbers to the OU by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March latest. Thank you.

### ***Foundation Vision Screening...***

On our return to school after the Easter Holidays, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the School Nursing Team will be in to carry out Vision Screening on the Foundation children. NHS will have already sought your permission, however, if you do not wish your child's vision to be screened, **please email the office withdrawing your child by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

### ***Lost property...***

Please can you ensure that all children's uniforms (particularly jumpers) are named and can you also check that your child is coming home with the right jumper to avoid any mix ups! Thank you!

### ***Sickness reminder...***

Please can I remind parents that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea then they must be off school for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This stops the spread of any bugs and is of particular importance in helping us ensure the health protection of all our children, especially those with compromised immune systems due to medical needs. Many thanks for your support. We of course at school play our part with maintaining good hygiene standards.

### ***Bag2School Second-Hand Clothes Collection - 30<sup>th</sup> April...***

If you're planning on spring cleaning your wardrobe over the next few weeks your old clothes can help raise funds for High Ash!

We have partnered with Bags2School and organised a second hand clothes collection from school. We will be sending collection bags home before the Easter holidays. These can be filled with old clothes, towels and bed-linen and returned to school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. If you need to fill more than one bag that's fine, any bin-bag will do! The school will then raise 40p per kilogram collected. Look out for posters telling you exactly what can and can't be collected.

### ***And don't forget our link with shopping site Easyfundraising.com***

If there is a gap in your wardrobe after all that spring cleaning don't forget to visit [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and raise money for High Ash while you shop. It's not just clothes - you can raise money when booking holidays, insurance, entertainment and even with your utility providers. We'd like to raise as much as possible so please visit our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highashceschool/> and click 'support us'.

**Summer 2019 Clubs - Final Reminder...**

Monday - Dodgeball run by Clubs for Clubs - FULL

Monday - Netball run by Mrs Wilford - 3 spaces available. This club is extended to Years 4 to 6 children. **Please email the office if you wish your child to be added to the club register.**

Tuesday - Cookery run by SmartRaspberry - 2 spaces available for the first half term (4 weeks @ £34.00) and 4 spaces available for the second half term (7 weeks @ £59.50). **Please book online at [www.smartraspberry.com](http://www.smartraspberry.com).**

Tuesday - Lego run internally - FULL

Wednesday - Science run by MNScience (12 weeks @ £87.60) - This club is extended to Years 3 to 6 children. Places are available, However, unless we receive more interest the club will not be able to run. **Please book online at [herts@mnature.co.uk](mailto:herts@mnature.co.uk).**

Thursday - M-Sports run by Mr Anderson - FULL

Thursday - Choir run internally - Spaces unlimited. This club is extended to Years 3 to 6 children. **Please email the office if you wish your child to be added to the club register.**

Friday - Badminton run by Clubs for Schools (12 weeks @ £57.00) - This club is extended to Years 3 to 6 children. Places are available, however, unless we receive more interest, the club will not be able to run. **Please book online at <http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2129>.**

Friday - Lunchtime Gardening Club - FULL

**Please ensure you have booked and paid for your child's place within any available external clubs or emailed the office to add your child to an internal run club by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Diary dates coming up....**

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

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Cross Country Championships @ Waddesdon Manor

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Dance Extravaganza Finals @ The Buckingham School

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 at Easter Cracked Visit

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Special Ladies Assembly for F-KS1 @ 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

**Easter holiday dates reminder and INSET day...**

On a final note, just to remind you that we break up at the end of the day on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and the children return to school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April is an INSET day for the teaching team.

Have a great weekend!

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