



Newsletter no.7 - 5th April 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

School News

What a busy, fun packed term we have had! I can't believe we are now over half way through the school year and approaching the start of the Easter holidays.

I attended the BASL Headteacher's Conference last month which is a great opportunity to network with other school leadership teams, including with HASSP and other local schools. This year's seminars focussed on leadership in schools and how to get the best out of children.

This term the children have learnt the skills to equip them for life in their mental and physical lives during Wellbeing Week; and enjoyed their science explorations/science workshops during Science Week.

Our Wellbeing Hub will be built over the Easter holidays. We can't wait! We are planning a grand opening at our Fun Run on Saturday 11th May.

Daily Messages and Parent's Notes

If you need to tell us about any changes to your child's pick up, for example if they are going home with someone else please let your class teacher or the school office know.

Parent's Note slips are kept in the school reception lobby for you to fill in if you have a message to pass on to your child's class teacher.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Wow! What an amazing array of Easter Bonnet designs. We have been overwhelmed once again this year by the creative designs and the time you have taken to prepare these for such a wonderful parade. We have not awarded prizes this year because the display of bonnets was so outstanding that every one of them was worthy of a prize. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates:

- Tues 23rd Apr** - Inset Day
- Weds 24th Apr**—Term Begins; Y1 Forest Schools
- Thurs 25th Apr**—YR Roald Dahl trip
- Mon 29th Apr**—YR Forest Schools; Swazi-land Talk in Assembly
- Weds 1st May**—Y1 Forest Schools
- Thurs 2nd May**—YR Stay and Play @ 2-3pm
- Fri 3rd May**—PTA Mufti Day (Bring a Bot-tle)
- Weds 8th May**—Y2 Oxford Botanic Gardens Trip (details to follow); Y1 Forest Schools
- Fri 9th May**—YR Heights, Weights, Vision Check
- Sat 11th May**—Fun Run & Family Fun Day @ 11.30am
- Mon 13th May**—ZooLab Visit
- Weds 15th May**—Y1 Forest Schools
- Sat 18th May**—Haddenham Tennis Open Afternoon @ 1-3pm
- Mon 20th May**—YR Forest Schools
- Weds 22nd May**—Y1 Forest Schools
- Fri 24th May**—Term Ends; PTA Hot Dog Friday
- Mon 3rd June**—Term Begins @ 8.50am
- Weds 5th June**—Y1 Forest Schools
- Thurs 6th June**—Y2 Art Afternoon (Junior School, details to follow)
- Thurs 7th June**—New Starters Welcome Meeting
- Mon 10th Jun**—YR Forest Schools



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Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair. We earned £38.37 in rewards to spend on books with Travelling Books for our library. Thank you for your support. [Photos from World Book Day.](#)

Year 2 Claydon House Trip

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day at Claydon House last week. The children got to dress up as soldiers in the Crimean War as well as act out what it was like to be a nurse working for Florence Nightingale at Scutari hospital. The children had a great time getting to explore Claydon House and find out about Florence and her sister Parthenope. Thank you to all of the mums and aunties who gave up their day to help us (some of whom had to put their acting skills to the test too!), we really appreciate you helping us on our trips.

[Click here for photos.](#)

Maypole Dancing 2019

This year's Mayday celebrations will take place on Saturday 4th May. If your child/children would like to join in with the dancing, please come to the dance rehearsals. This year rehearsals will take place in the Haddenham Youth Centre.

The times for years 1 and 2 are 3.30 to 4.10pm

And years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are 4.15 to 5.00pm

Practice dates are as follows: -

Friday 26th April

Monday 29th April

Friday 3rd MAY

On 4th May we will meet at the village green at 10.15am to start the procession round the village and then back to the green.

Please bring plimsolls for dancing in.

There will be a waiting area in the entrance of the Youth Centre for those who would like to stay.

Should you have any questions regarding the Mayday event, or would like to help in any way please contact:

Emily Jeffery 07736455219 Or Rebecca Boulton 07795263396

Please sign your child in, with contact details, at the first rehearsal.



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Fun Run and Family Fun Day - Saturday 11th May @ 11.30am

A date for your diary! This event is not to be missed. We are launching the first Haddenham Fun Run to take place on the village playing fields. After the Fun Run we will be opening our new Wellbeing Hub which will be followed by the PTA Family Fun Day. Tickets for the Fun Run will be on sale after Easter which include entry to the run, a finishers medal and fruit shake sponsored by Fit Life.

School Uniform

Please can we remind you of our uniform policy. Children should come to school wearing their full uniform unless advised otherwise, ie for trips and themed days. If there is a reason why your child is unable wear the full uniform please let the school office know. Our uniform is listed below which is available to buy from the Bucks Schoolwear Shop in Aylesbury or via the PTA for second hand items.

- Sweatshirt/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirts/dresses
- Summer dresses (red and white checked)
- Black school shoes
- PE t-shirt
- Trainers for PE
- Book bag
- PE bag

Read for Good Readathon

We hope your Readathon is going well and that your children are having lots of fun. Thank you for the donations that have already been received which to date totals £20.00.

A few weeks ago we asked the children to take part in the Read for Good Readathon to encourage the children to read as much as possible whilst raising money for charity.

The sponsorship money will be sent to Read for Good, the charity provides a regular supply of brand new books along with storyteller visits to brighten up the days of children in all of the UK's main children's hospitals. Children unable to leave their beds can choose books from a specially designed mobile bookcase which wheels right up to their bedside. Because they are brand new, the books are safe for those at high risk of infection. It is a wonderful opportunity to think about helping others. Thank you.

Good luck with your reading!



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Daily Mile

YR will join us for the Daily Mile when we return to school for the Summer term.

There is always lots of news about the benefits of the Daily Mile for primary school children which we like to keep up to date with. Here is an extract from a recent article that talks about how it is supported by Sport England and their investment into the initiative.

The [Daily Mile](#), the back-to-basics fitness initiative for schoolchildren, has received a £1.5m cash injection from Sport England, which hopes to spread the word about it to every primary school in England. The national lottery money represents the biggest expansion of the scheme which began six years ago with children at a primary school in Stirling running five laps round the playing field. It is now a regular fixture at 3,500 schools in England and for 1.25 million children worldwide. The funding will pay for 11 local and two national co-ordinators to bring more of England's 20,000 primary schools on board, with the aim of helping to improve child fitness and reduce obesity. Elaine Wyllie, the former headteacher of St Ninians in Stirling where the Daily Mile originated, was at Lady-pool primary school in Birmingham on Monday to celebrate the new investment by [Sport England](#). "This will put rocket boosters under it," she said.

"It's absolutely incredible. I can hardly take it in. To have the big tick from Sport England is amazing. They are going to help us roll it out and try and reach every child in England. I'm kind of overwhelmed." Wyllie, who retired after 40 years as a teacher, began the fitness drive after noticing that children in a year-five class were exhausted after being asked to do a moderate warm up. "I had often thought, why don't children just run round the field to get fit?" So she started her pupils on a 15-minute run every day - no change of clothes was necessary, no expensive equipment. "Very quickly it became evident they loved it. They were more focused in class, more content, more settled, and looking better. After a month they were keen to keep going."

Sport England became involved after its [survey earlier this month](#) revealed that a third of children in England are doing less than 30 minutes of physical activity a day. Children from the poorest families are more likely to be less active.

Sport England's chief executive, Tim Hollingsworth, said: "It's the strongest evidence yet that not enough is being done to support our youngsters, and change is needed if we're to increase activity levels. "Through getting schoolchildren to walk or run for 15 minutes every day, the Daily Mile has been proven to significantly improve fitness levels. We want to take the initiative to even more primary schools across the county to improve the health of thousands more children."

School Clubs

School clubs are now available to book on the Schoolgateway for the Summer term, up to 24th July.

Football Club—Monday Lunchtime

Team Games Club—Tuesday After School

Athletics/Kwik Cricket—Friday Lunchtime



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Ukulele Club

The Ukulele Club will continue next term, building on our learning of chords C, A minor, F and G. We aim to consolidate our learning and become more proficient in playing combinations of these chords in different songs.

The Ukulele Club will be performing for you at the Family Fun Day on May 11th. More details will follow but we will be performing at 2.15pm in the hall.

'Maths Puzzler' and 'Maths Surgery' - For Years 1 and 2

Here is our 'Maths Puzzler' page for this month that includes optional puzzles (not homework) for you to solve with your child.

We are holding a 'Maths Surgery' during every 'drop in' for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. This will give you the opportunity to ask class teachers questions or for support in maths areas or homework that your child has found tricky. The 'Maths Puzzler' will can also be found on our school website , [Maths Puzzler](#).



Our Learning Warriors this last month are:

Reception: Bradley Batt, Olivia Barr, Ethan Fletcher, Amelia Arkin, Sophie Edwards, Isaac Craig, Hazel Kyson, Maggie Moore, Orhan Yesugey, Charlie Gruar.



Year 1: Elsa Williams, Angus McDonald, Ellie Abbott, Finley Garman, Katya Henderson, Tilly Isaac, Toby D'Souza, Tristan Sowerby, Niamh Richardson, Corah Wilson.

Year 2: Roxann Edgar, Amber Knighton, Ben Mitchell, Erica Craig, Meltem Yesugey, Xavier Edwards. Arlo Hooper, Harry Wagstaff, Max Browne, Izzy Usherwood.

With best wishes for a lovely Easter holiday,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Lucy McNeil



Community News



Easter Fun 2019 at Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery



Family Crafts

Tuesday 9 April – Japanese inspired craft
Wednesday 10 April – Japanese inspired craft
Thursday 11 April – Japanese inspired craft
Tuesday 16 April – ceramic Easter planters
Wednesday 17 April – ceramic Easter planters
Thursday 18 April – Japanese Origami



All activities start from **£4 per participant - No need to book**. Drop in between 10am and 12 noon or 1pm and 3pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities.

Other great events for the whole family:

Open Air Shakespeare: Anthony & Cleopatra
Saturday 6 April, 2pm – 5pm

Rock and Fossil Day
Saturday 13 April, 11am – 4pm

Easter in the Stuart Household Re-enactment Event
Easter Day 21 April: 11am – 4pm
Easter Monday 22 April: 10am – 5pm



For full details visit www.buckscountymuseum.org



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