

NEWSLETTER



1st May 2025

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. The final term of the school year is always filled with celebrations of children's achievements which include sporting competitions, academic tests, sports day, leavers show and assembly, residential trips (two before half-term) and lots of class treats organised through profits from the life-skills cafes. Year 6 will be completing their Standard Assessment Tests the week beginning 12th May, these are then sent off for marking and returned to school mid-July. All other assessments across other year groups will be organised by class teachers and comments regarding these included in the end of Year reports which go out in July.

This week you received a letter about a parent Governor vacancy. Governors form a vital role in the strategic development and direction of the school. We meet as a full-governing body once a term and each of the two sub committees also meet at least once a term. Having Governors from a range of backgrounds and with a range of different skills is really important. The vacancy has occurred due to the term of office (4 years) expiring for Mrs. Hayley Wheadon, she is no longer eligible for this role as her child has left Hampton Dene, so we are looking for someone new who has an interest (and time) to support school in a strategic way. If you feel you may be interested and would like more information, please come and chat. The Governing Body currently comprises of:

Mr. Simon Phillips - LA Governor and Chair of the Governing Body

Mr. Darren Horley, Mr. Luke Jordan, Mrs. Lucy Pattison, Mrs. Hayley Wheadon – Parent Governors

Mrs. Pat Brown, Mrs. Kelly Morris, Mr. Mick Riddell – Co-opted Governors

Mrs. Liz Kearns, Mrs. Nic Wilson – Staff Governors

Our Clerk is Mrs. Claire Finch

Please let us know what you can offer the Board and look carefully at the nomination material. All nominations should be in school by Friday 16th May.

Best Wishes

Mrs. E Kearns

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CURRICULUM NEWS

LCC pupils wowed their parents with a wonderful Cheerleading performance at the end of the Spring term and six weeks of lessons. Well done everyone and thank you to all parents who attended and gave their support.



Reception Children became Superheroes for the day



Ladybirds defeated Evil Mr Freeze! After boosting our powers, our superhero day was full of challenges such as taking part in a superhero obstacle course, making super-boost smoothies, creating superhero potions and following QR codes to rescue the superheroes



Year 4 pupils put on a fabulous show during their Moving Targets performance at the Courtyard. A celebration of Nineties pop was a real treat.



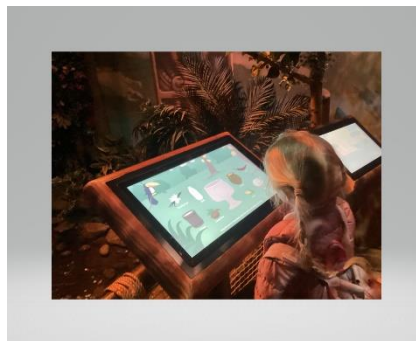
Years 1 and 5 had a buddy trip to Bristol Zoo...and a fantastic time was had by all! The children experienced a walk back in time though the Bear Wood trail using their eagle eyes to spot the bears, wolves, lynxes, and wolverines. The children experienced how it is to walk without shoes on the barefoot trails and saw many other animals including red pandas and geladas (monkeys with attitude!). The Year 5's did a sterling job of helping their Year 1 buddies enjoy and make the most of the trip.... all children made myself and Hampton Dene proud!

Mrs Morgan



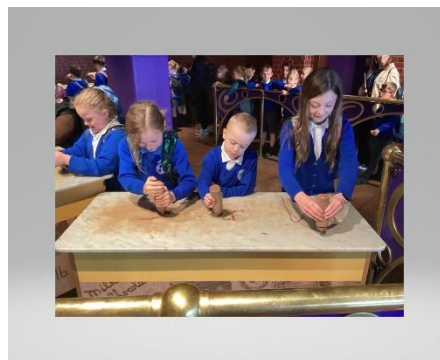
Year 3 trip to Cadbury World

To finish the term Owls class invited their parents in for an assembly. The children spoke about their learning journey in KS2 so far. Every child spoke clearly and with confidence. Well done, Owls



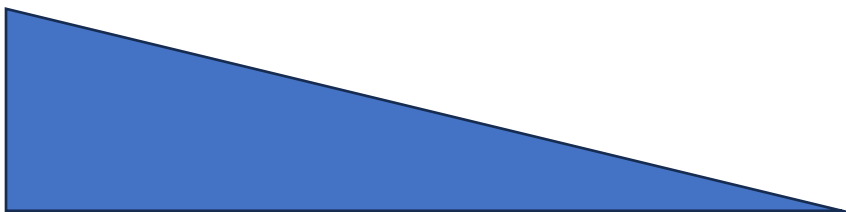
I loved it when we drew with chocolate

I liked learning about the rainforest



Reminders

- Wednesdays – Caterpillars Class swimming lessons. Please remember swim kit each week.
- Class trip lunches – Please remember to cancel your child's hot lunch if they are booked on a class trip over the lunch break.
- All children need a water bottle in school each day as well as a sun hat, suncream and a waterproof coat for any weather changes.
- Please remember as a school we promote healthy eating and would like our school lunch boxes to reflect is. It is very much appreciated that children are discouraged from eating chocolate bars as part of their meal.



FINANCE MANAGER

In the April newsletter I told you about Mrs. Gatehouse's retirement, she is in her final few weeks with us. I am very pleased to share with you that Mrs. Nicola Wilson will be taking on the role of Finance Manager from 1st June. Mrs. Wilson joined us as a teaching assistant 10 years ago from a finance background so it is fortunate that we can utilise all of Mrs. Wilson's skills in her new role. From 1st June Mrs Wilson will spend 3 days in her finance role and 2 days in her TA post.

FOOD WASTE

We are working hard on our sustainability and waste reduction. From this month we are disposing of our food waste separately. Please look out for the correct food waste bins when using the school site. – Thank you.

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Diary Dates

MAY

Thurs 1st – Class Photos

Fri 2nd – KS2 House Hockey

Monday 5th – BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 7th – Friday 9th – Year 4
Oakerwood Residential

Wed 7th Caterpillars Class Swimming

Thurs 8th – Kites Class assembly 9am
school hall

Mon 12th – Thursday 15th – KS2 SATs

Wed 14th – PTFA Bag2School Recycling

Thurs 15th – School Nurse Drop in
Session

Fri 16th – PTFA non uniform day, please
donate a bottle for the Tombola

Mon 19th Butterflies Class trip – Allstars
Activities

Weds 21st – Fri 23rd – Yr6 London
Residential

Thurs 22nd Owls Class trip - Grow Local

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

HALF-TERM

JUNE

Tues 3rd – New Intake Parents Meeting

Wed 4th Ospreys, Bees + Swimming
lessons

Thurs 5th – LCC Racket skills

Fri 6th – Ladybirds Class Swimming
lessons

