

HAMPTON DENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

One School, Cherishing All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer term is progressing well, it is lovely to see the sunshine and the children in their Summer uniforms. Please could children have with them each day a suitable hat, sun cream and water bottle. We have already packed in plenty this term including some trips, class assemblies, cooking and a fantastic 'Earth Day' last week.

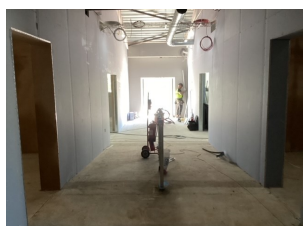
I accompanied Hawks, Kites and Eagles on their trip to Cardiff leisure pool last Friday evening. It was a pleasure to see their enjoyment and their responsible attitude—well done everyone! A big thank you to Mr Swaine for organising this event.

May sees two residential trips plus the dreaded SATs for Year 6. The year 6 pupils have been well prepared but should you have any concerns about the week or your child's needs during this week please come and speak to staff who can help you.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Kearns

The extension to the LCC is progressing well. We are excited for the completion at the end of July and the opening in September



The building contractors—Speller Metcalfe have ordered and donated a set of KS1 dictionaries for us to use,

Thank you



Owls Class went on a trip to Cadbury World. Our new Geography topic is all about rainforests. While we were there, we not only learnt all about chocolate and the co-coa bean but also different animals in the rainforest, what layer they are found in and the climate in rainforests. The children loved the trip and were so well behaved, even the Cadbury staff commented!



Bikeability

Over the course of 3 days in March, children from Eagles class completed a Road Safety course through the company Bikeability. During the day, children had to demonstrate that they could safely operate a bike whilst also responding and adapting to any road conditions. This included the completion of U-Turns, turning onto main roads with some groups even making it to the top of Aylestone Hill! The children learnt lots during the day and they will hopefully take this vital life skill with them through life!



AIP LUNCHES



AIP are currently working on a menu update for W/C 18th May. As soon as they have updated and completed their work the menu will be available for bookings. Please bear with us until this is released.

Diary Dates

MAY

Fri 1st—Butterflies class—
Allstars Activity Centre

**Mon 4th —Bank Holiday—
school closed.**

Wed 6th—Fri 8th Yr4 Oak-
erwood residential

Thurs 7th—selected Yr2 girls
football match St Paul's

Mon 11th—Thurs 14th Yr6
SATs week

Fri 15th PTFA Wear what you
like day, Butterflies class road
safety visit, Ospreys class
café/stay and play

Wed 20th—Fri 22nd Yr6 Liv-
erpool residential

Wed 20th -Kestrels class
trip—Ledbury via train, Os-
preys Bishops Meadows trip

**Mon 25th—Fri 29th Whitsun
break—school closed**

JUNE

Mon 1st— Fri 5th—Owls
Class—Roald Dahl work-
shops

Mon 1st—Fri 12th—Eagles
class—swimming daily

Tues 2nd—New Reception
class intake meeting 6pm

Thurs 4th—Yr1 Swimming
lessons, selected Yr5 LCC
RDA sessions, Hawks class
assembly

Fri 5th YrR Swimming les-
sons

Fri 12th—Pyjamarama Day

PTFA News

Clothing for a Cause

As it stands, there were 221.7 KG of donations of clothing. What this means for the school is that we will be receiving a payment of £133 for this drive which The Pre-loved co. will round up to £140.

Last year Bags2School donated £28 to the school so this is a dramatic increase plus some of the clothes will be donated locally.

Thanks to everyone involved.

James Smith. PTFA Chair

National Year of Reading

Staff favourite books

May—Mr Davies, Year 6 Teacher

When I was younger, reading was one of my favourite things to do, and although it is not as high on the priority list now as rugby and cricket, it is still one of my favourite things to do on holiday! My journey through reading started like most children who were educated in the 90s, with Magic Key books - I will confess to once having a Floppy the Dog teddy! I read every day for at least twenty minutes from the age of 4, and soon moved on to becoming a 'free reader'.

I consider myself very fortunate to have grown up in the era when Harry Potter books were being newly released - I am not sure there has been such excitement for newly - published books since! I remember walking up to Ledbury Books and Maps store, buying the new books when they came out and not being able to put them down! I would read upwards of 150 pages in a day and simply couldn't put them down!

When I moved to secondary school, my love of reading was still evident and I moved towards more spy and military books, such as Alex Ryder and books written by Andy McNabb. I can also remember reading the book 'About A Boy' cover to cover at least 5 times!

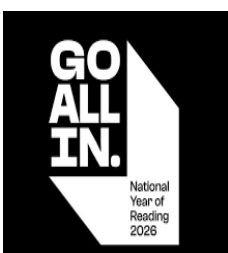
My final twist of genre was when I started reading books by Dan Brown and became interested in the fantasy genre, but that was relatively short - lived. Now, I read almost exclusively auto - biographies/ biographies, usually of professional sports player. I find it fascinating reading about the lives of other people, how they have overcome challenges, what hardships they have faced, still become successful and ultimately, what advice I can take from them.

I feel extremely fortunate my parents started me off on the reading journey, as I believe it is the important skill that anyone can have on the educational journey, and certainly makes the general education experience easier.

Summer Term is finally upon us. We are looking forward to taking our reading outside and getting lost in a story whilst enjoying the better weather.

A new term often means the start of a new class book too. In Buzzards, the children are exploring Fantastic Mr Fox and have made some great predictions about the story. In Eagles, the class are trying out a new book called 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones'. In Ladybirds, we are sharing a range of stories such as 'The Very Lazy Ladybird, Dear Zoo, Superworm and Mad About Minibeasts Poems to support our new topic.

Each class has been allocated an author to focus on over the next few weeks. Keep an eye out in the June Newsletter for a picture of the class doors to see what we have been up to.



We hope you were able to take part in the hour of reading.

Challenge Time

Who is your favourite author and why?
You could create a fact file, poster or even a biography.