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Dear Parents

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

We are welcoming Mrs Shiels, a GT student teacher into year 2 for 4 weeks, Mr Barker as a Guided Reading teacher and Mrs Stoycheva, learning support in EYFS. Miss Moon and Miss Kay, our two Australian teachers have decided to go travelling.

AHA, the parent association have already met and put together a calendar of events for the rest of the academic year. These are the first three;

- 11th February - Valentine Disco
- 25th February - AHA Planning meeting
- 14th March - Easter Egg and Bonnet entries

We are looking forward to many events planned this year. Do look at the diary dates attached and add these to your calendar. The next two big events are tomorrow Vans R Us which is an enterprise event for children in years 5 and 6 and the O2 Young Voices concert is this Monday 25th for children in the choir.

Sharon Ingham



TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 7th January 2016, Ben, Cameron, Dylan, Jessica, Mackenzie, Mason, and Maisie represented the school by taking part in a Tag Rugby Tournament, which was held at All Saints Academy.

Mrs Hanson was very pleased as they all played with a lot of determination and demonstrated great team spirit and sportmanship despite the cold weather. They won all six matches in their league and came 2nd in the overall tournament.

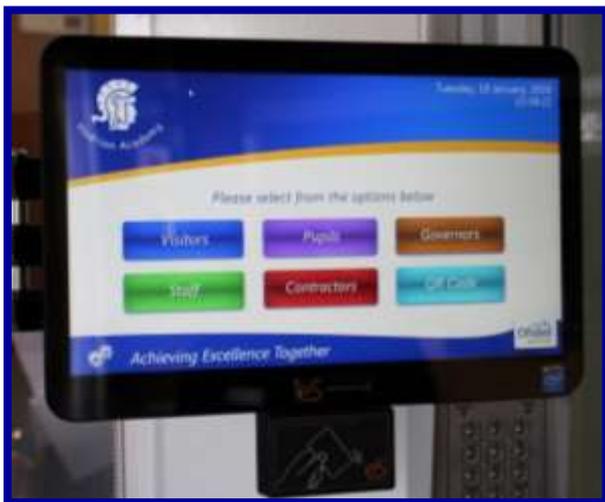
Thanks to Mr Alderson and the parents who attended the event and gave good moral support.



Parents who have visited the reception area will have noticed a new screen in place of our old signing in books. This smart signing in system will keep an efficient and safe record of all staff, pupils and visitors to the school.

Can we remind all parents of children in years R, 1, 2, 3, and 4 that you must come to the reception area if your child arrives in school after 9am to register their attendance and also to make sure that orders for school dinners are placed.

Children in Years 5 and 6 who may not always be accompanied by an adult but must still come to reception to register.



Absence

If your child is not going to be able to attend school can you please make sure you phone the school office by 9.30am on **01582 618400**. The school answerphone is on 24 hours ready to take you calls out of school hours. If you have the Parentmail APP you may also report an absence this way or via the school email hadrianacademy@cbc.beds.sch.uk.

Star Reader Magic!

Congratulations Star Readers!

On Thursday 7th January over two hundred and fifty children enjoyed watching Simon Says Magic. It was a fantastic show with lots of audience participation and all the children were enthralled by some of the amazing tricks.

This was the children's reward for reading regularly at home for the second half of the Autumn Term in KS1. In years 4-6 it was their reward for reading regularly and collecting Accelerated Reader points to reach their individual targets. Children in year 3 did one of these things.

We are really proud of our amazing Star Readers and hope that even more children are reading regularly at home and will enjoy the next Star Reader Reward.



HISTORY – SPRING TERM

On Monday 11th January **Year 3** began their topic work on the **Romans** by travelling back in time to Ancient Rome for a Roman experience day. They had a fantastic time and made wax tablets, mosaics, oil from olives to light clay lamps and much more. Our fierce Roman guards prevented any Celts from entering the market place (school hall!). When news of Boudica's defeat came through, we all celebrated with a banquet, plays, a marching display and dancing. The children learnt lots and had a wonderful time.

A big thank you to our parent helpers who made the day go smoothly and to all parents for the wonderful costumes which added to the atmosphere.





Sulgrave Manor

Introduction

On Wednesday 13th January year 5 and 6 went to Sulgrave Manor (a place about the Tudors). It was fun and interesting.

Activity 1

As soon as we arrived we all got changed. The boys had to wear: some trousers, a cap and doplet. I felt a bit silly at first but when I saw everyone else I didn't any more. The girls wore dresses and a quortle (a sort of hat). We all looked just like Tudors.

Our first activity was handwriting with a feather pen and ink. We had to write our name in the Tudors style. What really cracked me up was our names written in Tudors style spelt some funny words in English. After we wrote our name in ink we threw sand on the ink to make it look nice.

Activity 2

My legs were freezing! So I was hoping my next activity was indoors and it was. It was Tudor games. Our first game was called Three Men's Morris. It's like noughts and crosses except once both players have placed the stones you can keep moving them across some lines. Then we played a game where you catch a ring on a stick. Hierushoth and I caught 13 altogether. After that we played a game where you have to catch a ball in a cup; I caught 38.

Activity 3

Our last activity was a tour around the house. We first went into the kitchen. They showed us a thing you would use to spin the meat over a fire. They called me up so I could hold it, they said 'it is very heavy' I had quite a shock when I held it and it wasn't heavy at all. My favourite bit of the house was the bedroom; we saw the master bed and got taught about all the children of the house.

Conclusion:

In conclusion I thought the trip was very fun and I would recommend it to any school.

By Luke Stock



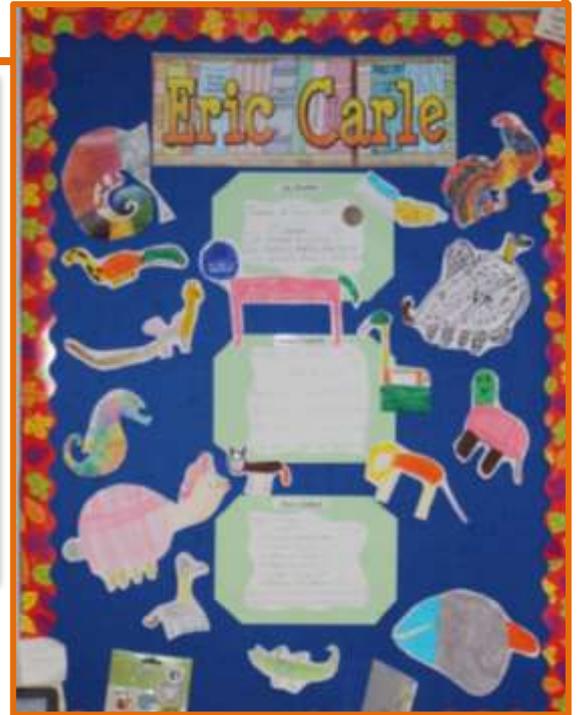


The Arts

The children in **KS1** were visited today by Philippa Ranger from the Northern Ballet. All children showed great enthusiasm as they participated in the workshop themed on The Tortoise and the Hare. This is in preparation for their outing to see the ballet as performed by the Northern Ballet next month.



In **year 2** the children have been learning about the author Eric Carle. They have explored three of his books. Our favourite story was The Mixed up Chameleon. The children did some fantastic writing linked to the story and they created their very own mixed up animals. The children were very creative and they were proud to see their art work displayed in the classroom.



Year R, 1,2,3 & 4 - Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February.

Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday 24th February.

If you have not already done so then please go to the library to book a time slot.

May we remind you that there will be no after school clubs on the 8th and 9th Feb.

The CKC will of course run as usual.



GUILDFORD SCHOOL OF ACTING SINGERS CONCERT

SATURDAY MAY 14TH
From 7.30pm to 9.15pm

AT HADRIAN ACADEMY

The concert will be raising
money for
Keech Hospice Care.
All are welcome.

SPRING DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
18.01.16	Sign up for Parent/ teacher meetings to be held on 8 th /9 th February	Sign up clip charts will be placed in the library after school for years 1-6
22.01.16	Vans R us	Enterprise - Years 5 / 6
25.01.16	*CHOIR- Young Voices	London O2 Arena
Wk/b 1.2.16	Knock out rounds for Spelling Bee	Spelling Bee words will be on the web site from 5.1.16 for all yr groups
8/9. 02.16	Parent/ Teacher Meetings Progress to date	3.15 -6.30pm -Mon & Tues . Sign up
10.02.16	SPELLING BEE FINALS	Years 1 & 2 finals 9.15am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 10.15am
11.02.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
11.02.16	AHA- Valentine Disco	More info to follow
12.02.16	KS1 Visit to The Grove - The Tortoise and the Hare	Letters already sent to parents. Payment to be made via your Parentmail account please.

HALF TERM

24.02.16	Year 4 Swimming Olive Class	11am Children in Olive class will have five swimming lessons this term.
25.02.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 4 th Meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
11.03.16	Comic Relief	
Wk/b 14.03.16	AHA -Entries for Easter Egg & Bonnet competition will be displayed	Entries to the entrance hall. Must be named! Last entries strictly 22 nd by 12 noon
18.03.16	Vans R us	Enterprise - yr 5 / 6
23.03.16	AHA- Winners of the Easter Competition announced in assembly	9.00am assembly. Bonnet parade 10.15am
24.03.16	Easter Service	9.30am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6- Musical Easter 2.15pm Year 1, 2 & EYFS - Traditional Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
12.04.16	Tuesday - First day of term	Welcome back - Summer uniform- please send in coats as it can be cold
	Year 5 Swimming TBC	11am Children will have seven swimming lessons this term.
14.04.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association	All parents very welcome.

	5 th Meeting of the academic year	
5.05.16	EYFS CLOSED elections	
Wk/b 9.5.16	Year 2 & 6 SATS Year 1, 3 & 5 end of year testing	Busy week for the children so please try not too book any late evenings, thanks
26.05.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
HALF TERM		
7.06.16	SPORTS DAY- at HADRIAN	EYFS, Year 1, 2 & 3 morning Whole school picnic lunch - Years 4, 5 & 6 afternoon
17.06.16	Yr 5/6 Chiltern Open Air Museum	Date to be confirmed
WK/B 6.06.16	Auditions for Celebrate & Shine	Limited spaces- max 90 children- so children must come prepared with ideas!
8.6.2016	Year 5 Swimming TBC	11am Children will have seven swimming lessons this term.
9.06.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 6 th & final meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
15.06.16	Tickets for Celebrate & Shine sent home today	Two per family- Please send in written request for further tickets
7.07.16	Celebrate & Shine and Annual Achievement Awards	6.00pm TICKETED EVENT
7.07.16	Annual Written Report Standards and Effort	Reports will be handed to children in an envelope.
8.07.16	Year 6 SATS results	Head of Yr 6- appointments if required 8.30-9.30 and 2.30- 4.00pm
Wk/b 11. 07.16	Parent/ Teacher Meeting	Please ring to arrange a meeting with the class teacher if you wish to discuss your child's report.
Wk/b 11.07.16	KINGSWOOD Year 6 residential	Dates - 11 -15 th July 4 nights away.
20/21.06.16		
19.07.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
21.07.16	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	8.45am Gowns in main playground 9.00am Parade Hadrian Avenue 9.30am Ceremony 10.00 complementary refreshments for Year 6, staff & parents
22.07.16	Final Day of Term	12 noon finish No -After School Club