



SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL AND
NURSERY
NEWSLETTER
Summer 1 Newsletter 6 – 26th May 2023



COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

This week has seen the start of a new booking system for Allsorts which we are trialling ahead of the autumn term. All families were sent a parentmail and the 'Bookwhen' system is open for next half term. Nursery parents have received an additional letter linked to funding arrangements for 2 and 3 year olds.

Today was the end of the Year 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) window and all of our children have demonstrated great resilience and connectivity in the way they applied themselves to the task. Results of these assessments combined with teacher assessment will be reported to parents towards the end of the summer term after moderation has taken place.

After half term the year 4 children will complete a statutory times table test set by the DFE comprising of 25 questions (6 seconds a question) to be completed on an iPad. This is a government check on the school and we will be given the results in the autumn term.

Attendance remains a focus for some families. We completely understand that children have time off for sickness and we actively encourage you in these situations to ensure that children are off school for the required 48 hours. However, in the case of holidays and other unauthorised activities the impact can be significant on both children and staff as pupils are supported to catch up work or indeed in terms of their social learning where friendships change or shared experiences are missed. Historically, there may have been a feeling of it's only the last day of term but this afternoon saw children finishing projects, completing end of half term assessments or applying learning from the rest of the week.

Current average attendance levels:

Adventurers: 94.8%

Voyagers: 95.6%

Navigators: 96.4%

Pioneers: 96%

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been looking at how we look after our environment and finding examples around our school grounds. They have also been practising ready for sports day.

Adventurers have been looking at seed dispersal and making seed bombs. They have also been practising for sports day with some tricky egg and spoon race challenges!

Voyagers have learnt who Samuel Pepys was and why he was important. They have learnt how to mix different shades of red and orange and have started their flame art and begun to plan their own fire poetry.

Navigators and Pioneers have been writing stories based on their own 'lost thing' using the character, setting and plot that they planned. They have learnt about electrical circuits, and

have made predictions whether a circuit will light a bulb, then tested their predictions. They have also begun learning about M.C Escher in art and have been practising relay races for sports day.

Upcoming Dates (all dates on website on the google calendar)

Monday 29th May

HALF TERM

Monday 5th June Back to School

Wednesday 7th June New Reception starters meeting 5pm

Friday 9th June Forest day (Rushmore Estate) Year R - Year 4

Tuesday 13th June Year 3 and 4 Biathlon Event

Thursday 15th June Father's Day Sale

Friday 16th June Sports Day followed by whole school picnic on the school field.

Friday 23rd June Year 3 and 4 Entrepreneurs Sale

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th June for the final 6 weeks!

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)