

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our April newsletter.

The Summer term began with plenty of exciting enrichment activities such as a the Year 1 trip to Wakehurst Place, Year Three's trip to the Ashdown forest and their swimming lessons are also now in full swing. There will be plenty of other things happening this term to enrich the learning and enjoyment of the curriculum across the school. A big thank you goes to our wonderful PTA for the way that they support trips and experiences with their fund-raising, to help bring down the costs.

Google forms for giving permission

On the subject of school trips and visits, we will begin to send out more Google forms to gain your permission, rather than the traditional paper permission slips. This is to make giving your permission even quicker and easier. Bear with us as we begin to gradually set this up for more of your enrichment experiences.

Midday Meals Supervising

Very soon we are likely to be advertising for an additional Midday Meals Supervisor to come and support the children as they eat their lunch and have play at lunchtime. If this is something you might be interested in applying for, please don't hesitate to come and talk to me about it and ask any questions.

I hope that you enjoy hearing all about what your children have been learning and the exciting things coming up for them in the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend (let's hope the sun comes out for us!) and we will see you back in school on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher



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Sports Day

We are notifying you that the date of Baldwins Hill Sports Day has changed and will now be held on **Monday 3rd July** from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. With the opportunity to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child.

The reserve Sports Day is now scheduled on **Monday 10th July** 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Coronation Day Friday 5th May 2023

We would like to invite all the children to wear party clothes next Friday to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The children will be partaking in Coronation activities in class.

Coronation parade reminder

Thank you to those who have returned their slips for the parade. We look forward to meeting you at East Court at 8.15-8.30 and parading from 9.00am.

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Inkpen Reception

Early Years are enjoying learning lots of traditional tales this half term. They began with Jack and the Beanstalk and they were very excited to discover that Jack had left them all a magic bean to find in our outside area. They are now being scientists and they have planted them in a clear bag with water and tissue paper and they have predicted that roots will start to grow out of the bean soon. They have had lots of fun hearing and reading books about how plants grow and they are looking forward to growing their own bean stalk. The other traditional tales that we are looking at this half term are Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. On the 19th May we will be visiting the British Wildlife Centre to begin our learning about British wildlife and their habitats. In our Maths work we are looking at numbers over 5 and exploring different ways to make 6 and 7. We are developing a deeper understanding of the composition of numbers and looking at patterns, using a variety of resources and visual representations.

Potter Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to our experience 'Wonderful Water - Why is Water Precious?' We had an excellent time at Wakehurst Place on our trip looking at natural habitats, pond life and using natural resources to create art.

English: We are currently writing a recount about our trip to Wakehurst Place. The children have learnt about some key words such as habitat, lifecycle and ephemeral. Next week we will be focussing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish'.

Maths: The children have been practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. I'm very impressed with how well many of the children have identified the patterns as we introduce them to multiples.

Science: We have looked at how germs can spread and lifecycles (focussing on the frog).

Geography: We looked at how germs can spread through water using a real-life story about Dr John Snow who discovered Cholera was spreading through water pumps in London during the 1800's.

Phonics: We are now recapping many of the sounds learnt earlier in the year ahead of the Phonics Screening in June. Please ensure you continue to practice the phonics QR codes that were sent out last term.





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Internet Safety

Protect your child:

www.getsafeonline.org

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe

<http://www.safeinternet.org.uk>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Parents: Supporting Young People Online (Leaflets):

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>



Blackman Year 2

In Year 2 we have had a fantastic start back after the Easter break. We have been outside the classroom to investigate the local habitat, and started to think about different habitats around the world. The children really enjoy learning about different animals and how they are similar to humans.

English: We have been exploring instructions. We have thought about what makes a really good set of instructions, and what happens when they are not clear enough!

Maths: We have continued to learn about fractions - a quarter, a third and a half. We are getting really good at spotting what fraction of a shape has been coloured in!

Dahl Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous trip to the Ashdown Forest this week where the whole class represented us brilliantly and showed all the core values. The trip built on our learning from our Science lessons and we learnt about different habitats and how wildlife is adapted to living in these places. We're looking forward to sharing our learning with you at our class assembly next Friday.

English: We got a delivery from a Queen Bee alerting us to the worrying fact that bee populations are declining and this has a knock on effect for the amount of food we have available to eat. We have been collecting lots of facts to make leaflets to spread the word about what we can do to help.

Maths: We are looking at fractions and how these represent a whole that has been split into parts. We have learnt about the number on the bottom being the denominator (the number of parts the whole thing has been split into) and the numerator is on the top (this shows the number of these parts). Fractions is always a tricky concept so please reinforce the idea at home when slicing up cakes and pizzas!

Thanks to all the parents who were able to join us on our trip and those who have agreed to help walk to swimming; we really appreciate your support



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Rashford Year 4

Summer term has begun!! Our topic this term is "What Happens Inside Of Us" with a great focus on science.

English: The children have begun to look at explanation texts and have learnt new vocabulary that has had us all (including adults) a bit tongue tied! We are starting to write up our explanation texts of the digestive system including some of our new vocabulary such as oesophagus. We will be continuing our writing and our next piece will be an independent piece of writing. Please ask your children about what happens in the digestive system, I am sure they will be more than willing to explain what happens at each stage of the digestive system.

Maths: We have started to look at decimals in Maths with a huge focus with how we place each digit in a place value grid once we go over a decimal point. The children are becoming very confident with decimals and are starting to notice the connection between decimals and fractions, which is amazing.

The children are still working extremely hard on their times tables in preparation for the test in June and we are continuing to find fun ways to help us to learn them, we are growing in confidence with them. Keep going!!

Music: The children this week have begun to listen to 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and have begun to learn the words for the song and gave it a go singing it. We have also listened to and appraised 'Yellow Submarine' which the children have loved to listen to and sing.

RE: Our new topic in RE is Hinduism. Our key questions are 'Why is Ganesha so important to Hindus' and 'What can we learn about Ghandi'. We have spent two weeks researching and learning about the God Ganesha and now know lots of facts about what he is the God of and his story.

Computing: We have started learning about writing for a purpose using online formats. We will soon be looking at logos and how to create them on the computer.

We have had a super start to the Summer term, keep going year 4!!

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Rowling Year 5

This term, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a plant. They have already learnt about the different parts of the plant as well as how plants reproduce. They will then learn about how seeds disperse as well as how they adapt. They will use this information to help them design their own plant which will survive in a particular habitat.

Maths: The children have been interpreting and drawing line graphs as well as interpreting two-way tables and timetable. The children will be moving on to angles of in shapes.

English: The children have been learning how to write an information report. They have read examples and looked at the language used in the examples. They will use this to help them write an information report on a plant of their choice before they write a report about their own plant. For reading the children have been reading Darwin's Dragon and have focused on the use of language by the author.

PE: A cricket coach has come in from Sussex Cricket and the children have practised catching and overarm bowling. The children will continue to practise cricket skills before moving on to small matches.

Computing: The children have been using nets and points to help design 3D models on the computer.

Morpurgo Year 6

This term Year 6 have come back into school with enthusiasm and in readiness to celebrate their final term at Baldwins Hill. The first few weeks we are using as final revision for our SATS which take place soon.

Children may revise at home and rehearse key skills by recapping the homework CGP books. Please ensure children are getting a good night's sleep in the lead up to the SATs and throughout the week.

We have also started our key text for the half term 'Kensuke's Kingdom.' In this book, a young boy called Michael and his family decide to sail around the world. We are looking forward to reading the rest of the book and the adventure that awaits them.

This story inspired us to create and build our own boats and then sail them to see if they would float. It was great fun and amusing watching how everyone's boats withstood the water.

Linked with this key text we are creating an end of term Geography Quiz for parents along with sharing work we will have created about different countries.

We are also preparing the Year 6s for transition to secondary school.

Keep up the great work Year 6- we are so proud of you all!

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Recent Correspondence

Early Years
British Wildlife Centre
trip

Year 3 – Swimming
lessons

Upcoming Events

9th - 12th May Year 6
SATs week

19th May Early Years
trip to British
Wildlife Centre

15th June Year 2 trip
to British Wildlife
Centre

16th June
Class photos

3rd July
Sports Day

Dates for your Diary

May 2023	
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 5 th	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation – School closed
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 th	Year 4 class assembly Inkpen clas trip – British Wildlife Centre
Friday 26 th	Year 5 class assembly
Monday 29 th – June 2 nd	Half Term – School closed to children
June 2023	
Friday 9 th	Year 6 class assembly
Thursday 15 th	Year 2 – British Wildlife Centre – More details to follow
Friday 16 th	Class Photos
Friday 23 rd	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 30 th	Year 2 Class assembly
July 2023	
Monday 3 rd	Sports Day 9.00am – 12.00pm with the opportunity to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child. More details to follow separately
Friday 7 th	Early Years class assembly
Monday 10 th	Reserve Sports Day 9.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Last day of school
Friday 21 st	INSET day