



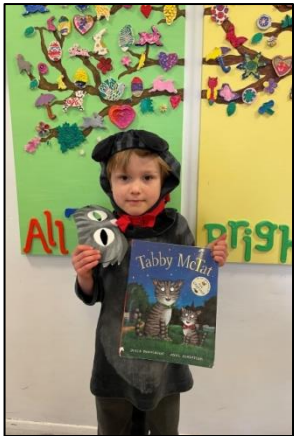
NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK

10th March 2023

What an exciting few days we have had with World Book Day and snow flurries. The school grounds looked beautiful with the snow on the fields, although it soon turned into snowballs at lunchtime! Please remember that all children should have wellington boots in school at all times and should bring a jacket to school. Even when the sun shines, there is a chilly breeze on our field.



World Book Day

Mrs Tweedley organised a fantastic day of reading fun. Everyone dressed up from their favourite book and the teacher reading relay was a resounding success.

Does anyone have a van?

Sometimes we need to collect free furniture, such as chairs and bookcases from grapevine and other places, but often have to say no, due to a lack of transport. If anyone has a van and could collect any items for us, as and when we find/are offered any, that would be a great help. Please let the office know if you are able to assist when needed.



Parents' Evening

The week commencing 20th March is the start of the parent consultations. Please ensure you book for the correct week. Appointments for children with a SEND support plan take place the following week. If you have any issues or have accidentally booked the wrong week, please contact the school office to help you.

The PSA is looking for a new Chair.

Your PSA are in need of a new Chair or even a couple of friends who would like to co-Chair. It is a very rewarding job and the fundraising and events that the PSA organise are such a massive help to our children and school.

The Chair doesn't have to organise all the events themselves as there is always a team of volunteers enlisted to help with each event, plus the new Chair(s) will have the full support of all the members of the PSA who have previously helped organise the events. They can also provide plenty of advice and guidance where needed.

If you are interested please email or WhatsApp Karen Hosker or Lisa Rolfe, catch Lisa on the school playground on a Friday or speak to / email the school office.

If you would like to be on the wider committee please contact hawridgepsa@hotmail.com or speak to a member of the committee.

The School Drive and Car Park



Unfortunately this is another request for parents to **stop reversing into the school drive** at the beginning and end of the school day. A car nearly backed into a member of staff a few days ago and there have been a couple of near misses with children as well.



- Only staff and blue badge holders are allowed to park in the car park.
- Parents should park on the road and walk their children up to early morning clubs.
- Parents should park on the road to collect children from after school clubs.
- No cars should reverse onto the school drive ever!



These rules are for the safety of your children.

Volunteer readers



We are in need of more volunteer readers, especially for lower down the school. If you would like to spend an hour or so listening to our younger children, please let us know.



Book Corner Competition

Mrs Tweedley announced a class book corner competition a couple of weeks ago to promote reading for pleasure, as well as creating a cosy and inviting place for reading. Each child and member of staff voted for their favourite. It was very close as they all looked so fabulous and exciting, but at the final count **Year 2 were the winners!**



You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax. All you need is a book. – Dr Seuss



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 93% (much lower than previously). A shocking 23% of our children are classed as being persistently absent from school. I do understand that some of our children have medical reasons for this, but for others this is due to term time holidays being taken or for minor ailments such as runny noses/colds etc. This guidance from the NHS may help you decide whether your child should be in school or not <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school> We are now going to celebrate the class with the highest attendance each week with a special certificate. Last week this was Year 4. I wonder who it will be this week?

Mrs Birley, Mrs Davey and myself were lucky enough to attend the Buckinghamshire Headteachers Conference yesterday. It is always good to step back for a moment and reflect on all the good things about our school and plan for some exciting times ahead. It was good to reflect on how our wonderful school community supports each other, particularly over the last few challenging years. Loving nature as we do at H & C, the analogy of flying geese struck a particular resonance with me. Teamwork in action and once again a real lesson from nature!



- Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of them, reducing wind resistance.
- The geese take turns being the leader, falling back when they get tired. This means they can fly for a long time before they need to rest.
- The V formation makes it easier to keep track of every bird in the group. Flying in formation helps each member to communicate and coordinate with the group more effectively.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"

Hebrews 10:24-25

Finally, I hope everyone has a happy and healthy weekend. Let's hope for a little sunshine, which is always nice to wake up to. See you on Monday refreshed and ready for a busy week!