

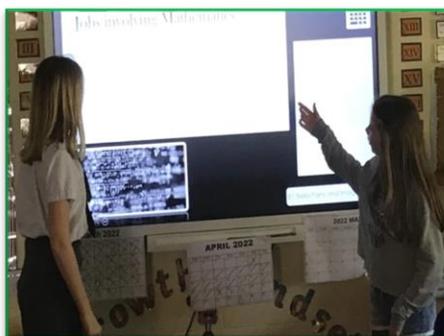
Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022

It is hard to believe that it is already the Summer Term and it is nearly May. We have so many exciting things to look forward to this term including Environmental Week, Sports Week, Sports Day, our annual Poetry Recital Competition, a Skills Builder Challenge Day, our Key Stage 2 performance and a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. By the time I have written my next newsletter, our Year 6 pupils will have completed their SATS, which is a huge focus for them right now. We wish them lots of luck and know that they will do their best during the week.

Maths Day

Last week the children enjoyed a fantastic day Maths Day. Activities during the day included: a whole school outdoor maths trail; research on the maths needed for different jobs; school surveys, which led to data being presented in bar charts; shape activities in Year 4, including making 3d shapes using cocktail sticks and marshmallows; building giant shapes using poles and connectors and making and labelling nets. The day ended with the final of our Times Table Competition.



Times Tables Competition

Congratulations to all of the finalists in our Times Table Competition which took place last week. Everyone did exceptionally well and we were very impressed with the speed at which the children could recall multiplication and division facts. Congratulations to Yashica from Year 6 who came first, Meer from Holly Class who came second and Henil from Year 4 who came third.



Diversity Mark

At Two Village we are committed to teaching our children about diversity, equality and inclusion. Last term, our Year 1 and 2 pupils studied other countries and explored the differences between children around the world. They discussed how good it is to be unique and explored the question 'Is it ok to be different?' Today, they took part in a parade to show that it is good to be different.

Skills Builder

During the Summer Term, the children will be learning about problem solving and then creativity. To find out more about these skills, and others that we have learnt about this year, please visit the Skills Builder Homezone <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>.

Skills and Values Home Challenge

Last term, we sent out our Skills and Values Home Challenge for children, parents/carers and other relatives to complete to show how the children are demonstrating our 8 essential skills and Christian values outside of school. Certificates were awarded last week and the challenge will start gain this term for anyone who wants to complete it. Forms will be available on the school website and emailed out again this term.

Book Recommendations

This term, we will be inviting children to recommend books that they have read so that other children in the school can enjoy them. If your child has read a book that they have really enjoyed recently, we would encourage them to write a short review and hand it in to Miss Herbert or the School Office. These will be collated and shared in school and on newsletters. Templates for reviews will be available in classrooms next week.

Name Change

The consultation period for a possible change to the name of the school has begun this week. Next week, I will be visiting classes to speak to the children about this and will also be holding two sessions for parents/carers to share information about the history of the school's current name and to explore the benefits of changing the name. The meetings will also provide an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any questions that they may have.

The sessions will be held virtually on **Thursday 5th May at 9.15 am** and on **Friday 6th May at 3.20 pm**. A meeting link will be sent out next week.

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the school office, by email, to confirm attendance so that we know how many people to expect.



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Today, we have added a link on the school website to an online comments form for parents/carers and members of the local community to use to share their thoughts about changing the school's name. This can be found using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrZc7-mUSnVpJhCaNyTAWHNIUMU1TSTIJOUm4SUo4NjEzRzQwS1dKODg2Ry4u>

New Sports Kits

We are in the process of ordering a new sports kit for our children to wear at sporting events. We would like to say a huge thank you to Ben from Tiny Rugby for making a generous contribution to the cost of the kit by sponsoring it. We will share pictures of these as soon as we have them in school.

Pond Help

Now that we have a bit more normality in school, we would like to restart work on developing our Forest Garden. One of the things identified on the Eco Committee's action plan last year was the development of the pond in the garden, as well as some miniature ponds around the school grounds. In order to develop the large pond, we would really benefit from some help. If you would be able to help with developing the pond – either through expertise, man power or by providing/donating materials, we would love to hear from you. It would be fantastic to finally get this completed and for the children to be able to use it next year, or even sooner! The Eco Committee will also be writing to local businesses to see if we can acquire any materials at a reduced cost or through donation. If you feel that you would be able to help in any way, please speak to me or contact the school office.

Lunch Club Resources Needed

Miss Lungley, our Learning Mentor, runs Lunch Club every day and is finding that the children are starting to get a bit bored of playing the same range of games. If anyone has any old games (without missing parts/pieces) that they would like to donate, these would be gratefully received. Miss Lungley is also in the process of putting a list together of things that the children would really like. In case anyone has any of the items that they no longer need/use or would like to donate something, we will be sharing the list with you soon.

Class Trips and Visits

Class teachers are currently planning class trips for the Summer Term. Please look out for letters about these in the coming weeks. The children haven't been on any visits for some time so I am sure that these will be very exciting days out this term.

Non Pupil Day

Please note that after the May half term break, there will be a non pupil day on Monday 6th June.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent/carers survey last half term. We are very pleased that for all of the questions at least 94% of parents carers agreed or strongly agreed.

Mrs Hazell

We will be very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hazell for a while as she leaves us next week to start her maternity leave. We will be excited to hear about her new baby when it arrives and are all sending her our love and luck at such an exciting time. We are pleased to say that we have found a teacher to cover Silver Birch Class for the Summer Term. Ms Coleman is an experienced teacher who is passionate about Early Years education. She is very excited to be joining us and we are looking forward to working



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with her. Ms Coleman is hoping to be in school for a couple of days next week to ensure a smooth transition between teachers.

Attendance

At Two Village we work hard to ensure that our attendance figure is in line with national expectations and aim to improve this by ensuring that parents/carers are aware of any concerns that we have about children's attendance.

Last week, we sent out letters about attendance, as we previously did before the Covid-19 pandemic. This is something that will happen termly, based on our review of attendance data. We understand that it may be worrying to receive a letter about your child's attendance but these are standard letters that are sent out to ensure that parents/carers are aware of any dips in their child's attendance. Our target for attendance is 96%. Therefore, if a pupil's attendance falls below this, we need to inform parents/carers to prevent this from getting any lower. If you have received our standard letter informing you of your child's attendance, this does not necessarily mean that you will be required to attend an attendance meeting or that you will be fined. These letters are intended to keep you informed if your child's attendance has fallen below the expected level. We completely understand that children become unwell and some miss a period of school days which impacts significantly upon their attendance. However, it is important that we do all that we can as a school to improve attendance.

Please could we also remind everyone that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time and any absences from school can only be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances.

Reading Challenge

Please see the results of the Reading Challenge for this half term below.

Congratulations to Hazel Class for winning the Reading Challenge this week and coming second last week. Congratulations also to Maple Class for winning last week. It is great to see some different classes winning already this term.

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 18/4/22	43%	40%	81%	38%	80%	76%
WC 25/4/22	34%	45%	50%	38%	81%	62%

Class Attendance Tracking

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 18/4/22	98.2%	98.8%	96.7%	98.8%	100%	94.7%
WC 25/4/22	94.9%	96.5%	93.2%	95%	96.3%	93%

Attendance has been very good over the last two weeks, with 100% attendance in Hazel Class last week. What a great start to the term!

Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022



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Date	Event
Monday 23 rd May 2022	Progress Celebration Assembly
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – details to be finalised and shared by School Council
Week commencing 30 th May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Sports Day
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Poetry Recital Final
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Year 6 visit to HDHS
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th July 2022	KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES Wednesday 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Thursday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Non Pupil Day