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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for the latest news and updates from the Havannah First School Family.

Easter Egg Competition

Well done to the winners of the Easter Egg Competition. Some of our School Council Members judged the entries and chose the winners. It took them a lot of time and they considered many different aspects of design and craft in their judgements! This year's entries were spectacular as always and we were delighted to see so many children getting involved. Thanks to everyone at home for helping and to the PTFA for organising!

Book Fair

The book Fair took place in the last week of term and we delighted that so many children wanted to buy new books. Your purchases earned us £400 to spend on our library books. Mrs Jones is busy making purchases and these will be in the library stock soon. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Yard Markings

I am sure that you will agree that the yard looks brilliant with the new markings! For all children, the games, activities and markings have stimulated more purposeful and interactive play which has made playtimes calmer and more productive. We cannot thank you and our wonderful PTFA enough for making this possible - THANK YOU!



Anti-bullying Session for Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend the session which Dan Tolan presented for parents and carers last week. Dan has recently worked with Y1 classes and Skylark Class and we are arranging more activities with Dan for Y4 children as part of our transition to middle school plans. Dan has forwarded the slide below which lists useful resources for parents and carers. Let us know if you have any questions.

Some useful resources for parents:



- **All about bullying (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)**
- **Bullying | Parents Guide to Support | YoungMinds**
- **What can I do if my child is bullying people? - Support for Parents from Action For Children**
- **Advice for parents and carers - Bullying | Mencap | Learning disability**
- **Bullying at school | Bullying advice for parents and children (nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk)**



Walk and Wheel

The message below came to us this week from Sustrans:

Congratulations on completing the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel! In the Newcastle region, your school ranked 10th out of 17 participating schools. Your best day hit 56.3% of students travelling actively to school, and generally your stats show around 24% walking/wheeling, 15% scootering & 10% cycling which gives a good baseline to work from to keep promoting walking and wheeling.

Well done everyone – Let's see if we can keep it going!

Parking

You might have noticed a police presence one day this week outside of school. They were here to observe the parking and safety at drop-off. They will be back and will be talking to parents and carers about parking and safety as they monitor the situation. Please park safely and make sure that your children are exiting vehicles safely and away from moving traffic. Remember that you can avoid the business on and around site by parking at the park and ride and walk the last 5/10 minutes.

Book Swap

Don't forget that the book swap trolley is available most days at drop off and pick up. If it's not outside on a day when you want to use it, just come to the office and we will bring the trolley to you! There is a good range of books for children and for adults too. All you need to do is donate a book to take a book. Let's keep it going as it is a great way to keep us all reading without the expense of new books.

Numbers for September

Our intake for Reception 2023 has remained at 60 following discussions with the City Council. We are delighted to welcome our new families to school and we will be contacting everyone soon with arrangements and dates for meetings, visits and starting school!

In September we will have 60 children (two classes of 30) in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. We are expanding Y4 from 45 children to 60 children and will be able to take in year applications for the additional 15 Year 4 places in a few weeks' time – spread the news!

Multiplication Tables Rockstars

Well done to our Key Stage Two Times Tables Rockstars this half term. We have some very impressive scores on our KS2 Leaderboard and we are up to 8th place in the Nearby Schools list which includes some Middle and High Schools! Times Tables are very important in mathematics and this is a fun and enjoyable way to pick up and develop knowledge and speed whilst competing against friends and even teachers. Logins can be found in the front of your child's planner and the class teachers also have copies if the children need them.



Thanks also to the parents and carers who attended the Y4 timestables check meeting. I hope that you found it useful.

ESafety message from the Digital Leaders

Our Digital leaders have been working hard to make a film which advises everyone how to stay safe while gaming online – it is a huge achievement and has a really important message. The Digital leaders are presenting the film next week in assembly. It will be available to everyone on the website after the premiere next week. Well done Digi Leaders!



Don't forget that it's a Bank Holiday on Monday and a strike day on Tuesday (same arrangements as were in place this week. Wishing everyone a good weekend – fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher

Dates for Spring and Summer Term 2023



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| Monday 1 st May | May Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Tuesday 2 nd May | NEU Strike Action – school open to Reception classes and Fern Class ONLY |
| Wednesday 3 rd May | Maths Workshop for Reception Parents and Carers 5.00pm |
| Thursday 4 th May | Reception Stay and Play for Parents and Carers 9.00 – 10.00am |
| Friday 5 th May | PTFA Coronation Chocolate Tombola (non-uniform) |
| Monday 8 th May | King’s Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Friday 12 th May | KS1 Visits to Safety Works |
| Wednesday 17 th May | School Photographer (could extend to Thursday 18 th May) |
| Monday 22 nd May | Governors’ Meeting 5.00pm |
| Thursday 25 th May | Year 3 Assembly for Parents and Carers |
| Thursday 25th May | Break up for half term holiday |
| Friday 26 th May | Training Day - school closed to children |
| Monday 5th June | Return to school |
| Tuesday 6 th June | Meeting for September 23 Reception Parents and Carers |
| Thursday 8 th June | PTFA Meeting 9.00am |
| Thursday 15 th June | Y2 Visit to Centre for Life |
| Friday 16 th June | Reception Assembly for September 23 New Starters 9.00am |
| Friday 23 rd June | Reception Assembly for Parents and Carers 9.00am |
| Thursday 29 th June | Reception Sports Stay and Play 9.00am-10.00am |
| Friday 30 th June | Y1 Assembly for Parents and Carers |
| Tuesday 4 th July | Y3 Adventure Challenge Day |
| Wednesday 5 th July | Y2 Assembly for Parents and Carers |
| Thursday 6 th July | Transition Day |
| Friday 7 th July | Transition Day |
| Tuesday 11 th July | PTFA Meeting 2.00pm |
| Thursday 20 th July | Annual Reports to Parents and Carers |
| Friday 21st July | Open Afternoon (details to follow) |
| Monday 4 th September | Y4 Leavers’ Assembly 9.00am |
| Tuesday 5th September | Break up for Summer Holiday |
| | Training Day – school closed to children |
| | Beginning of New School Year |

* We are planning some year group sports ‘days’ for Y1 to Y4 (Reception planned for 23rd June) and will let you have these dates as soon as they are arranged.