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Summer A - Week 1 - Friday 20th April 2018



Andy Tooze Professional Poet Workshops!



Welcome back to school and what a fantastic 'first day back' we all enjoyed! Andy Tooze came along and spent the day with all of the children and inspired them with his funny and entertaining poetry. He started the day with a jam-packed, poetry filled assembly and then worked with each class in turn helping them create all different styles of poetry. We finished the day with another assembly where all of the children showcased what they had been learning to all of their friends. It's fantastic to see that so many children have been inspired by Andy and have chosen to create their own poetry books at home too...well done!



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Vegetable Planting Area



We are really excited to start planting up our Vegetable Growing Area. Last year, we successfully managed to secure some charity funding from Tesco's and have used it to create an area in our school where children can plant, tend and eat a wide range of fruits and vegetables! Each class has their very own planting 'bed' and everyone is involved in the planting process. Next week the children will start to plant their seeds and seedlings so we will keep you updated via the school newsletter on progress. If any parents, families or friends would be interested in helping us manage our growing area on a regular basis or have spare plants or seeds to donate then please call Mrs Eling on 01675 462312 or email her direct on admin2569@welearn365.com

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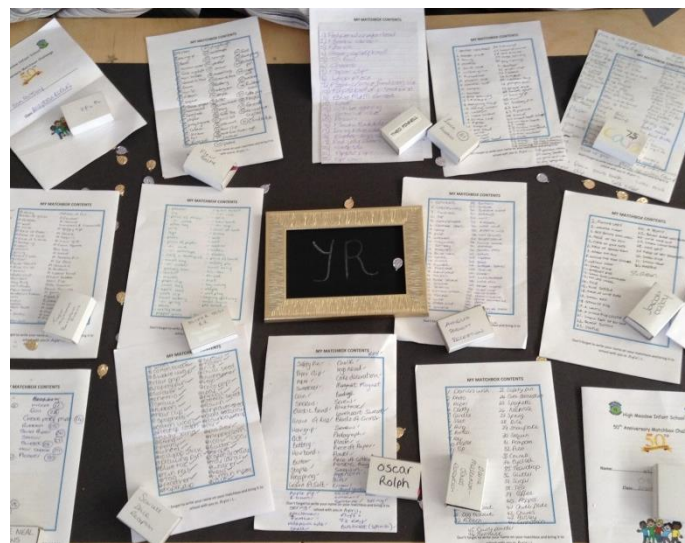
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50th Anniversary Celebrations



Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 'Matchbox Challenge!' It has been truly amazing and we will reveal the results of the winners next week! If you've not yet sent your child's entry in, then please do so by next Friday 27th April.



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Here's this week's excerpt of the history of our school by Sue Kay, a past Deputy Head....

Part Three. The 1970's

"Another great contrast with today was the number of children who walked to school. When the school first opened over 80% of the children walked to school, the majority of the seven year olds on their own. After school four or five children would regularly stay behind to help with tidying the classroom, sharpening pencils or cleaning paint pots. The only stipulation the staff had was that parents were told that their child would be a little late that day, and after helping the children would walk home together"

You may have also noticed our 'spread' in the Coleshill Post sharing our 50 years story. Please remember to ask family and friends to please send in any memorabilia and they are more than welcome to come along to our community celebration on Tuesday 26th June from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.



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Our next exciting 50th Anniversary event is our 'Dancing through The Decades' afternoon! Next Friday 27th April the children will have great fun learning a different dance from each decade. It's not going to be a 'polished performance' but most certainly lots of fun! You are more than welcome to come along; it will be standing room only as there will be no space for chairs as all of the children will be in the hall. Any prams or pushchairs must be left outside too. The dancing starts at 2.15pm and be warned....you may be asked to join in too!!!



Year 2 SATS

The Year 2 SATS start next week and will continue throughout May. Please do not take any holidays during this period. These tests are essential in helping moderate the teacher's judgements and will influence the end of year levels that your child will then take up to Coleshill Primary with them. Thank you for your support in this.



Keeping SAFE in the Sun



Please, please make sure that your child has a sun hat for school now that the weather has really warmed up. Please also smoother them in a high factor, 8 or 12 hour sunscreen before they come to school. Please DO NOT send sunscreen into school for your child to apply themselves. We have children in school who may be allergic to some sunscreens so please apply BEFORE school. Please DO NOT send in sunglasses. These can be extremely dangerous if they smash when a child is outside and playing. By ensuring their sun hat shields their eyes, there is no need for sunglasses in school.

To help ensure your child keeps safe in the sun, if they do arrive in school without a sun hat then we will request that they stay in the shade during playtime. Thank you for your support in this.

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[Our High Meadow Superstars!](#)



Keep an eye out in week 3's newsletter for our High Meadow Superstars!

[Attendance Reports](#)

Today you will find your child's attendance report in their book bag for the period from the start of the academic year in September 2017 until we finished for the Easter break. Please remember that we should all be aiming for higher than 97%. Our Attendance policy states...

98% - 100% Pupil should be congratulated. High attendance levels should be maintained.

95% - 97% Attendance at this level is beginning to cause concern. Your child's class teacher will have a chat with you to see how we can work together to remedy any issues.

91% - 94% There are serious concerns over attendance at this level. You will be sent a first formal letter from the Head Teacher to attend a meeting to discuss any remedial actions that may need to be put in place.

85% - 90% A pupil with this level of attendance is in a high risk group and will be identified as persistently absent. You will be sent a second formal letter to put in place an action plan to address any underlying issues. The school may also send a referral to the ACE team.

Below 85% A pupil with this attendance level will be monitored closely for six weeks. After six weeks of attendance at this level or below, the pupil will be referred to ACE who will apply intensive solution focused Casework/Legal Intervention

Please expect a letter if your child's attendance is at 94% or below.

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Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved a FANTASTIC 99.4% so a huge 'Well Done' to everyone!

Position	% attendance	Class
JOINT FIRST PLACE	100%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT FIRST PLACE	100%	YR Robins
THIRD PLACE	98.3%	Y2 Barn Owls

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Whole School Events and Activities

APRIL/MAY 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 23 rd April	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Story Time in the hall
Friday 27 th April	All day	Sponsored 'Dancing Through The Decades' for our 50 th Anniversary
Wednesday 2 nd May	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Parents Online Safety Meeting - Keeping Your Child Safe Online
Thursday 3 rd May	All day	The Flying Potter - creating a collaborative piece of pottery for our 50 th Anniversary
Thursday 3 rd May	6.00pm	New Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 8 th May	All week	Eggs and hatchery being delivered to school for children to watch hatch over the following 10 days
Tuesday 8 th May	tbc	Year 1 Film Club
Monday 14 th May	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Story Time in the hall
Wednesday 16 th May	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1968 GROOVY LUNCH for our 50 th Anniversary

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June Inclusive

STAFF TRAINING DAY - Monday 4th June - ALL DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th June



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Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are honest; we don't cover up the truth'

In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Relationships!



We are learning that to have great relationships we need to...

- Know how to make friends
- Know how to solve friendship problems when they occur
 - Know how to help others to feel part of a group
 - Show respect in how we treat others
 - Know how to help ourselves and others when we feel upset or hurt
 - Know and show what makes a good relationship

kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

Keeping our children safe, every day, in every way.

Keeping your child safe from sexual abuse -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMIKUsZjirA>

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Keeping your child safe on-line -

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