



# The Hermitage School and The Oaktree School Newsletter



24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a pleasure seeing the children return to school after the half term break with such enthusiasm and focus. Many of our achievement awards today were handed out for great Learning behaviours being demonstrated in the classroom. This half term we are learning about our value of Responsibility. Throughout the coming weeks we will explore what it means to show responsibility, what we as individuals have responsibility to and will be comparing various individuals' responsibilities including our school roles of eco council, school council, Head Boy or Girl, prefects, friendship friends and sports ambassadors to name a few. The children have considered the responsibilities many celebrities, famous faces or various job roles hold; including our Prime Minister, captain of the England football team and a doctor for example. You may wish to take this opportunity to look at roles of responsibility at home. Discussing this value provides an opportunity to share roles and responsibilities in the house!

I am thoroughly looking forward to the many events planned for this half term including our school Easter Extravaganza on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the rest of this newsletter or our website for more details of these. We hope you can join us.

*Best wishes*

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## Responsibility

We can show that we are responsible by

- ✓ setting a good example to others
- ✓ solving our problems appropriately
- ✓ discussing our problems
- ✓ accepting blame if we do something wrong
- ✓ letting a teacher know when we see someone who needs help or is hurt
- ✓ owning our behaviour and the effect we have on others



## Nursery



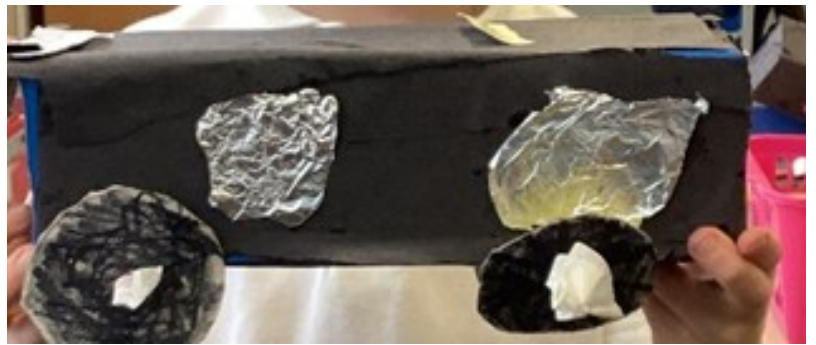
What a busy half term the Caterpillar class have had. The children have enjoyed exploring the icy winter weather, which we made sure we wrapped up well for. We went on a winter walk around the school to collect ice and investigate what happens to ice as it changes. We have also been learning about night-time and the animals that wake up and sleep in the day. Ask your children what the word nocturnal means? We have been busy practising how to say it. Next half term we look forward to exploring our new topic, dangerous dinosaurs.





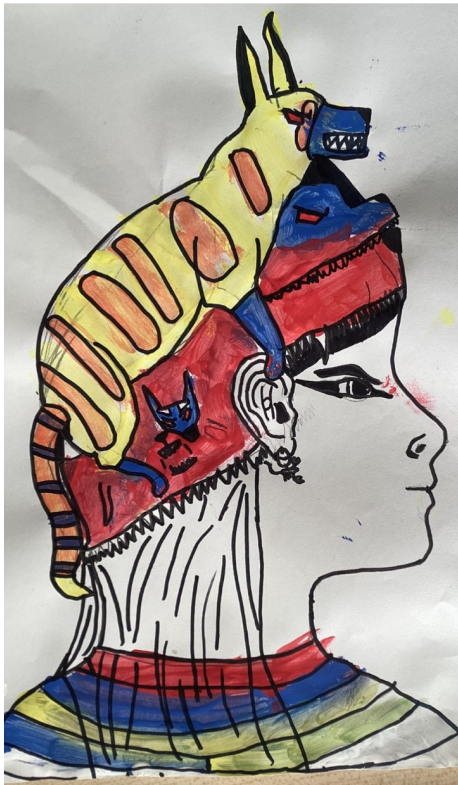
## Year 1

What a busy month we have had! The children have really enjoyed reading the Claude adventure story and writing some of their own. They have spent some time looking at London Taxis, designing and creating our own using a range of different materials. The children then evaluated their designs and thought carefully about what they would change next time and what they liked best about it. This month the children have also been taking part in different work shops such as the Dogs Trust and The Fantastic Fred experience.



### Year 3

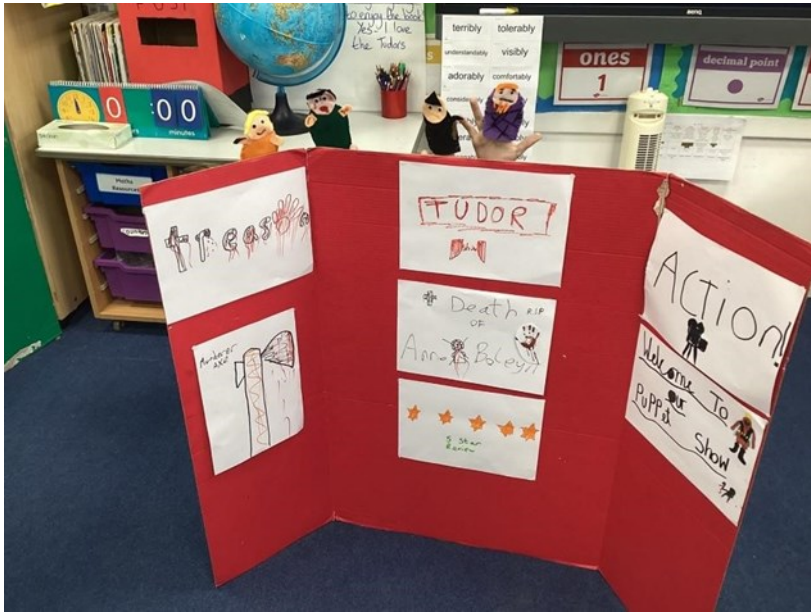
Year 3 enjoyed learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. Then, they learnt how to draw side portraits and designed their own Egyptian headdresses. These skills were then put into practice in their Egyptian portraits—aren't they impressive!





## Year 5

In Year 5 we have loved our topic on the Tudors. In DT we designed and made Tudor puppets which we then used to perform puppet shows.



We also had a brilliant day out at Hampton Court bringing all our Tudor knowledge to life!





## Orchard Centre

This week ten children from The Orchard Centre took part in a Panathlon, where they completed a range of multi sport activities including curling and basketball. We had a fantastic morning and the children demonstrated great team work.



A few more of our Orchard children have started to take part in horse riding. Later in the year, a few of our older Orchard children will take part in a Gymkhana.



## REMINDERS

### Water Bottles



Please remind your child to bring a water bottle every day clearly marked with their FIRST and LAST name.

### School Lunches

A gentle reminder for all school lunches to be paid for in advance of meals being provided. If you are in arrears, please can you log into Scopay and make a payment to clear it.

Thank you



### Dog Fouling

We have noticed lately that there has been an awful lot of dog mess left on the pathways in front and around both schools. Could we please encourage all dog owners to clean up as it is often stood in and brought onto the school premises. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### Coats

As the weather is turning, please can we remind the children to bring in a suitable coat for playtime.



### PE Kit



A reminder that during PE lessons, children are to wear the correct uniform and no Jewellery / earrings are to be worn.



## The Hermitage School

### Spring Term 2022/2023

1-2-23	Chestnut Class Assembly at 8.50 to parents
2-2-23	Yr 4 Dogs Trust Workshop
6-2-23 to 10-2-23	Feeling Good Week
7-2-23	Fantastic Fred Experience – all years
8-2-23	Yr5 to Hampton Court Palace
13-2-23 to 17-2-23	Half Term
20-2-23	INSET
21-2-23	Talent Show auditions
27-2-23 to 3-3-23	Book Week
28-2-23	Yr 4 Bikeability
28-2-23	Talent Show auditions
1-3-23	Yr 4 Bikeability
1-3-23	Tamarisk Class Assembly at 8.50 to parents
1-3-23	SEND Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm
2-3-23	Bounce for Books
2-3-23	Yr 6 Book Look
3-3-23	Book Character Dress Up Day
3-3-23	Yr 5 Book Look
7-3-23	3.30 – 6.00pm Parent/Teacher Consultations - virtual
8-3-23	3.30 – 6.00pm Parent/Teacher Consultations - virtual
8-3-23	Silver Birch Class Assembly at 8.50 to parents
13-3-23 to 17-3-23	Science Week
15-3-23	Monkey Puzzle Class Assembly at 8.50 to parents
16-3-23	Yr 4 Visit to St Johns Church
20-3-23	Yr3 Spring Celebration to parents (p.m. time TBC)
22-3-23 to 24-3-23	Yr4 Hindleap Warren residential trip
27-3-23	Easter Egg competition entries in
27-3-23	Easter Egg Exhibition to parents 3.10 – 3.30pm
29-3-23	Spring Extravaganza – time TBC
30-3-23	Talent Show Final to parents
31-3-23	1.30pm End of term



**The Oaktree School**  
**Spring Term 2022/2023**

<b>02/02/23</b>	<b>Bumblebee Class Assembly</b>
<b>03/02/23</b>	<b>HOPA Quiz Night</b>
<b>07/02/23</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check for Parents 9 – 9.30am</b>
<b>13/02/23 to 17/02/23</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>20/02/23</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>21/02/23</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>21/02/23</b>	<b>EYFS Book Celebration – 2.45 – 3.00pm</b>
<b>22/02/23</b>	<b>Year 1 Book Celebration – 2.45 – 3.00pm</b>
<b>23/02/23</b>	<b>Dragonfly Class Assembly</b>
<b>24/02/23</b>	<b>Year 2 Book Celebration - 2.45 – 3.00pm</b>
<b>02/03/23</b>	<b>Bounce for Books Sponsored Event</b>
<b>04/03/23</b>	<b>World Book Day Dress Up</b>
<b>07/03/23</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultation</b>
<b>08/03/23</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultation</b>
<b>09/03/23</b>	<b>Ladybird Class Assembly</b>
<b>22/03/23</b>	<b>Grandparents Festival – 9.00 – 10.15am</b>
<b>23/03/23</b>	<b>Robin Class Assembly</b>
<b>29/03/23</b>	<b>Spring Extravaganza</b>
<b>31/03/23</b>	<b>End of Term - 1.30pm</b>

# The Hermitage School and The Oaktree School

## Term dates and INSET days for 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022		
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term 1
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
Spring Term 2023		
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring Term 1
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring Term 1
	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	SPRING HALF TERM
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of Spring Term 2
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2023		
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
	29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Thursday	20 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day Summer Term 2
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY



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Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
Spring Term 2024		
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of Spring Term 1
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring Term 1
	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	SPRING HALF TERM
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Spring Term 2
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2024		
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
	27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SUMMER HALF TERM - these dates are still in consultation and may be subject to change
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term 2
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY