

# 17th February Newsletter



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## Message from Headteacher

It has been a busy half term! We have found many opportunities for children's lights to shine as brightly as possible over the last seven weeks. Children have engaged with enthusiasm in an array of activities encompassing arts, sports, drama and music.

Our sports teams have been in action many times and in many locations! We have played netball and football fixtures locally and as far afield as Crewe. Our netball team performed well in friendly matches and a recent tournament in Blacon. Our after school sports clubs have been as popular as ever this term. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to staff for giving up their time to run clubs and coach pupils. Thanks also to the many parents/carers who have supported us with transporting children to and from events.

Two of our Year four pupils were selected to participate in sports ambassador training. The course was attended predominantly by Year six pupils from other schools but we were represented by Daisy and Morgan. Daisy and Morgan were undaunted by the older pupils and set about enthusiastically answering questions and participating whole heartedly in the training session. We look forward to seeing them using their skills to develop others over coming months.



The school choir has been shining brightly in the local community this term. Miss Carter's choir has treated us to performances this week. On Monday, they performed for the school in our morning worship and then welcomed parents and carers in for a special performance after school. Mrs Inns and some older choir members visited local residential homes on Wednesday afternoon to entertain residents with music and song.

Our older children continue to show leadership to inspire younger learners. The buddy system for Reception and Year one pupils goes from strength to strength each year. Year six learners are also supporting some Year three children to build their confidence and fluency as readers and mathematicians.

We now look forward to the second half of this term. We return to school on Monday 27th February. I wish every member of our school family an enjoyable and restful week.

# Message from Headteacher (continued)

## Apologies

We look forward to welcoming families to our termly Parents' Evenings during the week beginning 27th February. Apologies to those parents/carers who have had to rebook appointments due to issues beyond our control with the School Spider app.

## Targets

Teachers have been working on children's reading, writing and mathematics targets. These will be provided to parents/carers during Parents' Evening meetings.

## Strike

The second day of strike action by the teachers' union, the NEU, is currently planned for Tuesday 28th February. Talks with the Education Minister are ongoing.

I wrote to families this week to advise that our school is unaffected by the strike action and will be open as normal to all year groups.

## Learning Hub

We are so proud to host a weekly Learning Hub at our school. This has been running over recent months at Hoole with parents/carers attending engaging in free courses organised by the Cheshire West & Chester Adult Learning Unit.

Parents/carers are invited to enrol for the latest course which focuses on English skills. The free course starts at school on 7th March and runs every Tuesday morning until 23rd May 2023 from 9.15am – 11.30am.

The course covers areas including writing, punctuation, sentence structure, speaking and listening. This would be ideal for anyone wishing to brush up their own skills and knowledge to be equipped to support their child's learning at home.

The course is run in a friendly environment in the school hall. Refreshments are provided and this is a great opportunity to connect with other parents/carers.

Details of the course are attached for your information.

Please contact 07775 717122 to book a place.

Calling all members of the  
Chester Community!

 Cheshire West  
and Chester

**COME AND JOIN US FOR**  
**FAMILY ENGLISH**

**Gain an adult  
Functional Skills  
English  
qualification**

**A fun, friendly and free  
12-week course**

**Pick up tips and  
ideas for supporting  
children to develop  
their English skills**

**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2023, 9:15AM – 11:30AM**  
(FREE REFRESHMENTS SERVED FROM 8:50AM)  
**THE LEARNING AND SKILLS HUB**  
**at Hoole Primary School**  
(School Hall Entrance)





To book a place, please text **07775 717122**

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Cheshire West and Chester



# Choir in the Community

On Wednesday, members of our key stage 2 choir took prayers that children had written in school to All Saints' Church and the Co-op on Hoole Road. They sang and raised money for the Nigerian School, Gyero. The children left messages of love for the community inside the Co-op.

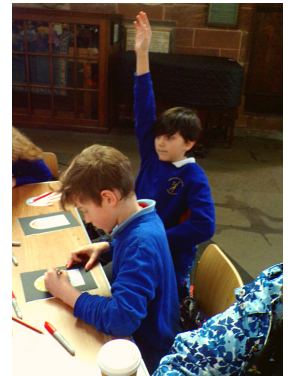
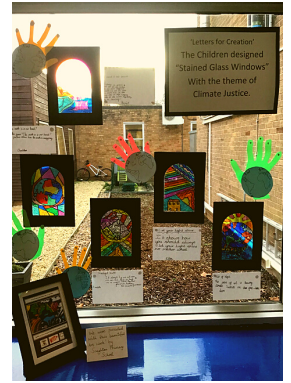
They then journeyed on to Rose Villa and Cedar Care Home where the choir sang "Naughty" from Matilda and gave hearts and messages of love to the residents,

The staff gave the children some sweet treats and the children hung the heart messages on the tree.





# Letters to Creation Conference



Yesterday our Ethos Ambassadors and Global Citizens joined children from other local primary school in the Letters for Creation Conference, and had a wonderful experience at Chester Cathedral. They took part in a worship service underneath Gaia, in which five of our ambassadors prayed for climate justice. They created images in a stained glass workshop to promote care for the world. Their creations are now on display in our shine corridor.

The children also had a chance to explore the the displays regarding climate justice from other local Primary Schools and they also listened intently to talks by a representative from Christian Aid and Jen Mcilveen, the Diocesan Christian Character Advisor.



# Parents' Evening

Our Spring Term Parent's Evenings will take place after half-term.

Please accept our apologies for the technical issues we have experienced recently with the school website and School Spider app. Parents and Carers will need to rebook their Parents Evening slots.

If you would prefer a telephone consultation at the time you have booked, please make contact with the School Office via email to [admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk), so we can check contact details and update records where needed. Unless we hear from families, we will assume that parents or carers are attending in person.

**The following clubs will be cancelled that week:**

**Year 1-2 Choir, Year 3-6 Choir,**

**Year 5-6 Zentangle, Year 1-2 Lego,**

**Year 3-6 Shakespeare**

**Year 1-2 Yoga and Mindfulness,**

**Passion for Learning**

**Year 6 Maths and Reading Boosters (Both Wednesday and Thursday)**

Year group	Class teacher	Date of Parents' Evenings
Reception	Mrs Jeffs – Henry Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Miss Macdonald – James Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 1	Mrs Watkins-Smith – Flying Scotsman Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Mr Underhill – Irish Mails Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 2	Mrs Stirk – Evening Star	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Miss Davis & Mrs Elston – Mallard Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	Mrs Watling & Mrs Walsh – City of Truro Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
	Miss Hildebrandt – Duchess of Hamilton Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 4	Mrs King – Pendolino Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
	Miss Carter – Thunderbird Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5	Mrs Salisbury – TGV Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Mrs Millington – Voyager Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 6	Miss Rennocks – Shinkansen Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
	Mrs Tasker – Eurostar Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March



## Club News

After half-term, we are very excited to be welcoming back the **Digital Wizard** himself, Mr Strickland, who will be holding a 5 week club to develop vital STEM skills in computing, Maths, Science, English and DT. Our spring term club is already fully booked however Wizard Strickland will be holding a second version of this popular club during our summer term, starting on 21st April for those who has missed out. You can book your child's place by visiting [www.digitalwizards.org.uk/hoole/](http://www.digitalwizards.org.uk/hoole/)

Streetdance have some places available for their Key stage 2 Wednesday club. The cost will be £27.50 for the remaining 5 weeks of the Spring Term. If your child would like to join, please contact Victoria at [inspiredanceandfitnessuk@gmail.com](mailto:inspiredanceandfitnessuk@gmail.com) with any enquiries.

## Sports News

Last Thursday, four Year 3 children attended a Bee Netball Festival at Blacon High.

They took part in many netball drills where they practised their catching, throwing and dodging skills. The children were fantastic!



## Be E-Safe!

Year 5 children delivered impressive PowerPoint presentations on E-safety earlier this week, to classes and members of the School Office and the Catering Team. We were blown away by their professionalism, and their presentation and digital skills.

Pictured here are Phoebe, Frankie, Lily and Lucas from Voyager Class.





World Book Day

# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



## ON FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March, when children from all year groups will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and bring their book with them to show their class.

Please do not feel that you have to buy a costume. There are many simple costumes that you can create with things you already have. Some suggestions could be, Mr. Men characters, Matilda, Where's Wally, Little Red Riding Hood or Diary of Wimpy Kid.

For children who do not wish to dress up, we ask if they can bring their favourite book to school with a simple prop to show their class who can then try to guess what the book is. For example, it could be a stick, a piece of straw and a brick to link to The Three little Pigs!

We will also be holding a book exchange in which children can bring in a book they have already read, to swap for a new book.

We will be handing out book tokens to all children to choose a book from one of the ten exclusive books released to celebrate the day. If you would like to know more about World Book Day or gain some inspiration for costume ideas, please visit the World Book Day website, [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).



# Meet Our Team!

## Meet the Teacher



Mrs Watkins-Smith  
Year 1 Teacher  
English and KS1 Lead

### ABOUT ME

My cat is called Sumesha which means beautiful adventurer in Bengali. I have a passion for languages.

### MY EXPERIENCE

I have taught in Secondary, lectured in FE through to Early Years. I am KS1 Lead and English Lead here at Hoole.

### FUN FACT

My favourite place is in the garden.

### FUN FACT

I can sail a laser!

## Meet the Governor

I joined the governing body in Summer 2021. My partner and I both live in Chester after moving from Manchester in 2017. We love it here!

My current role is Lecturer in Power and Energy within the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Manchester. This position lets me apply my knowledge and passion for engineering and education to inspire the next generation of problem solvers.

I see my role as a governor as an extension of my work in education, as ensuring strong early foundations is key to supporting students in reaching their full potential.



# Easter Service



**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

**29TH MARCH**

**1.45PM**

Children will be at All Saint's Church for the Easter Service on Wednesday 29th March. This service is for pupils only. Please can all children come to school in full uniform, sensible shoes and with a coat as we will be walking to the church. Year 5 are asked to come to school in their PE kits for their morning PE lesson and bring their uniform in a bag to change into and Henry Class need to bring a change of footwear for their morning Forest School session.

## Birthday Celebrations

COOPER, THEO,  
KITTY, JACOB,  
FRANKIE,  
OLIVER S, MAX,  
HENRY, &  
DANIEL V

Many happy returns  
to all our birthday  
buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book.



# Letting Their Light Shine

We have six shining stars this week!

Layla-Rose mastered the splits this week!

Leon came second place and Arianwen came third in their groups in the North Wales Cycle Cross competition!

Heath won this shiny medal for his football skills!

Matthew was awarded a certificate by Helsby Football Club for his dedicated sportsmanship!

Hamish created this amazing Roman shield all by himself!

Well done everyone - we are so proud of you all!



Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

**Mahira K**

**Theo R**

**Kian B**

**Oliver R-P**

**Mollie-Ann S**

**Matthew P**

**Eleanor T**

**Finley R**

**George R**

**Maisie G**

**Tabby P**

**Jack B**

**Sam B**

# Key Dates

18th - 26th February

Half-term Break

27th February

Parents Evenings: Pendolino, Thunderbird

27th February

Parents Evenings: Evening Star, Mallard,

28th February

Parents Evenings: Shinkansen, Eurostar

28th February

Parents Evenings: James, Henry, Mallard

28th February

Parents Evenings: Flying Scotsman, Irish Mails

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Parents Evenings: COT, DOH

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1st March

Parents Evenings: COT, Shinkansen

1st March

Ethos Club

2nd March

Parents Evenings: Henry, James

2nd March

Parents Evenings: Flying Scotsman, Irish Mails

2nd March

Parents Evenings: Evening Star, TGV, Voyager

2nd March

Year 4 Roman Trip

2nd March

Parents Evenings: Eurostar, DOH

3rd March

World Book Day

3rd March

Y3-6 Digital Wizards Club Starts



# Key Dates

8th March

House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am

8th March

Ethos Club

10th March

Non-uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

13th - 17th March

Year 5 Swimming Lessons (TGV Class)

15th March

Ethos Club

17th March

Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief

20th - 24th March

Year 5 Swimming Lessons (Voyager Class)

22nd March

House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am

29th March

Easter Service at All Saints' Church

29th March

Easter Lunch

31st March

PTA Chocolate Stall

1st April

Easter Holidays

