 **Hassell Primary Weekly Update 18.3.2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s been a lovely sunny week and the children have been enjoying their break times outside. Please can we remind everyone to bring water bottles to school (with water not juice) in order to help the children stay hydrated. Please name water bottles so they can be easily given to the right child.

Please can we also remind children to wear sun cream on hot sunny days, to help prevent any sunburn. It is also helpful for the children to remember a cap or sunhat to wear too.

If the weather changes back and goes cold again, please can all children to bring their coats on a daily basis as we do still go outside, even in cold weather.

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**Year 6 Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl.**

Now that covid restrictions have been lifted we are beginning to reintroduce some of the leadership roles for our older children. We have four houses in school : Spitfires (green), Matthews (red), Wedgewood (blue) and Bridgewater (yellow). Congratulations to our year 6 children who have been voted for as House Captains. They are ready to lead their houses, help out in school and be positive role models for the rest of the children. Our new House Captains should be very proud of their achievement and we are sure they will do a great job supporting their teams.

After Easter, we will be restarting the team point system and awarding children with team points as well as name in the jar tickets. Points will be collected and the winning team awarded the trophy during the celebration assembly. Initially this will be within KS2 and we will extend this for the younger children in the Autumn term.

Well done to our team captains who will be leading different activities within their houses. Our captains are:

Spitfires - Ben and Tilly

Matthews – Seb and Sophia

Wedgewood – Ronnie and Darla

Bridgewater – Jenson and Ava

We have also awarded the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl to two children who are a credit to our school. It was a very diffuicult choice this year but these positions go to Amelia W and Harrison R, for their positive and hard working attitudes, kind and thoughtful behaviour and ability to support other pupils. We are very proud of them and know that they will also do a fabulous job.

Well done to everyone in Year 6 who took part.

**Easter Egg design competition.**

This year we will be having an Easter Egg design competition. The children can complete their egg design on the template provided or in any medium they like. Please can designs be sent into school by Tuesday 5th April. Please remember to add your child’s name and class to the back of their design.

**Covid Update:**

Thank you for everyone’s support in helping us to maintain low numbers of cases within school. Unfortunately there has been a huge rise in positive cases within the Newcastle area, but we are managing to maintain very low numbers within school with only 2 positive cases at the moment. Unfortunately, it does seem to be presenting slightly differently for some children with a sickness bug initially, followed by other symptoms such as headache and high temperature. We hope anyone affected gets better quickly.

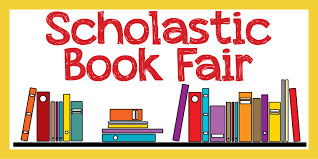
**Sports Festival at Keele University**

Well done to the children from year 4 and 5 who represented our school at the Newcastle Schools Sports Festival. We took part against other Newcastle primary schools in indoor curling, archery, bocha and running with blindfolds. The shot of the day went to Parnian for this fantastic archery score!



**Book Fair**

We have the book fair in school and books will be available to purchase on Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March after school. Weather depending, this will either be on the playground or in the school hall.



**Hassell’s Got Talent**

This year we will be holding our Hassell’s Got Talent competition for the children in KS2, years 3-6. Each class will be holding auditions during the week of the 28th March to select the finalists from their class. The finals will then be held during the last week of term.

The children can audition with anything that they would like to show, which may include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, comedy, magic … their choice is endless. All we ask is that the children choose activities which are able to be completed on the stage in the hall and do not put their safety at risk.

Any children who wish to audition for their class will need to practice their acts at home. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide class time to practice due to the curriculum coverage we need to complete.



**Keep Stoke Smiling workshops**

This week some of our classes took part in a workshop with Stoke City all about dental hygiene. The children learnt all about their teeth and how best to care for them. Well done to those children who won a toothbrush and toothpaste by answering some tricky questions!



**KS1 Multi Sports Club**

After the Easter holidays we will be having and after school sports club for KS1 and reception children aged 5 and over. Here is a link to James from time 4 sport who will be taking the sessions. The details for the afterschool club will be available soon and sent out to all children who are eligible with all the details of how to book. The school office doesn’t have these details yet but we will send them out as soon as we do.

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**Diary Dates: These will be updated as the term progresses**

**March:**

Week beginning28th March – KS2 Hassell’s Got Talent class auditions

Week beginning 4th April – KS2 Hassell’s Got Talent finals.

Monday 4th April – Y 5 to Newcastle Academy

Tuesday 5th April – Easter Egg Designs to be returned to school for judging.

Friday 8th April – Last Day of term

Monday 25th April – Children return to school.

If you have any questions or things you would like to discuss with staff, please feel free to talk to myself or the staff on duty in the mornings or give the office a ring and leave your child’s class teacher a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible. We are also available via the office email on [office@hassell.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@hassell.staffs.sch.uk)

Kind Regards

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