

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

Welcome back to a new year and a brand new term. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and the children had a thoroughly well-deserved rest after the success of the Autumn term. A vast amount was packed into November and December and the children should be very proud of all they achieved. We now have our eyes set on the spring term which is equally filled with challenge, enterprise and the potential for much celebration. We look forward to no less than four plays, one from the whole of Year 4 and a trio of plays from Year 6. Year 5 wait in anticipation for the incredibly exciting residential trip to Bowles. There are opportunities for sporting glory across the board including the National Milano Gymnastic Finals and the IAPS swimming regional finals. The school has high hopes for athletes in both of these competitions. Good luck to all our pupils who are sitting entrance and pre-assessment exams over the next few weeks. I know that you will do your best and hope to be reading of your successes in a few weeks' time.



We are also eagerly awaiting our very first Interhouse pancake race on the 28th February. This promises to be quite an occasion. The full details of the race are yet to be worked out but fingers crossed there will be time, space and enough pancakes for the children and the staff to show off their pancake tossing skills. There will be a special Shrove Tuesday lunchtime menu with Dave and his team looking to try and beat the record they set last year of the greatest number of pancakes served in a single lunchtime setting.

The Baily Building has served the school fantastically in its first four months and has lived up to every hope that it would be an excellent learning and performing space. Having survived its first term and, after some touch up work and post-settling maintenance over the holidays, the building is as ready as the day it opened to fulfil the demands of the school. The good news for one and all is that the heating system works and the classrooms are free from the draughts and chilly temperatures which sometimes plagued the Cedar and Veranda buildings. The Bawtree Hall is coming into its own as staff discover new ways of using its wide open space to enhance the children's learning. It was wonderful to see the Glee Club filling the floor on Thursday night with their singing and dancing to Justin Timberlake's *Can't Stop the Feeling!* Long may the feeling last and keep us all up on toes, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

As we begin the term in an icy January, a gentle reminder for the children to wrap up warm during these cold frosty days and long winter evenings. If school coats are temporarily

Thank you to all our Nursery parents who completed the Happiness Survey this year. Topline feedback is very supportive with some useful feedback being given. Your thoughts will be shared with staff and an Action Plan drawn up. More news to follow.

mislaid, please be aware that children are able to come into school wearing a home coat of subdued colour and style. Nothing too garish or faux-fur lined please! Hats, gloves and scarves should be school issue. The Estates Team on both sites will anticipate, as best they can, the cold weather. Pathways and approaches will be gritted. However, do please talk to your children about walking carefully and resisting the temptation to slide along the ice. Equally, please drive carefully into and out of the car parks on both sites. Everybody's safety must be our primary concern.



The children from Fledglings 2 make the most of the cold weather, testing the texture and temperature of the frozen ice. Meanwhile the budding artists from Robins try their ingenious hand at a spot of ice painting. The frost brings an eerie beauty to the main school site with the daily thaw predicted to be in time for afternoon games.



And finally, congratulations to Mrs Mitchelson and her family on the arrival of Emily Isabella. Emily arrived just in time for Christmas and quickly got into the festive spirit with some very appropriate pyjamas. Emily arrived on 19th December weighing 7lb 7oz. As a result, mum was excused from cooking the Christmas lunch! Join us in wishing Emily, Rob & Melissa, and not forgetting big brother James all the very best for the future.

For a list of emails/letters/texts sent home each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery & Early Years

A new year and all of our children and staff have returned with recharged batteries and renewed enthusiasm for learning, which has been a delight to see.

Fledglings 1 have started the new year with a transport theme. They made chalk roads on the floor and have been racing cars and trains as well as shooting cars off ramps.

Fledglings 2 have been off on a Bear Hunt, around the site which was very exciting. Fortunately, they haven't found any bears, however they did collect lots of sticks and grass for some lovely pictures for their big display. They have also been melting ice and making salt pictures.



Lower Robins room have been looking at the weather and seasons, doing ice paintings, making frozen water balloons and looking at rainbow clouds. They are becoming very knowledgeable about different types of weather and are secretly hoping for snow! The upper Robins have been colour sorting, making pasta and sand meals and practising their driving in the garden.



Budding future meteorologists set to work creating fluffy nimbus stratus clouds and freezing water balloons to test the plummeting overnight temperatures.

Skylarks have packed a lot in a short week. The children have enjoyed setting up the role play area for the new topic of 'Under the sea'. It has taken the form of a submarine. Many adventures have already been had with many more to come. It has been wonderful to see how many letter sounds and numbers have been retained over the holiday. Skylarks also had their very own 'Strictly' competition in the late room this week – maybe some glitter ball winners amongst us!

Oak have come back to school raring to go and many of them had some excellent ideas for new year's resolutions. Only time will tell if they bear fruit. The children's phonics work is going from strength to strength and some have made huge strides over the holidays which is fantastic. Thank you to all of you for continuing to support the children with their early reading skills it is clearly paying dividends. The chilly weather has been matched by their

artic topic in the classroom. Much fun has been had exploring the different polar animals and beginning to transform the role play areas.

Finally, please can I ask all parents, childminders, grandparents etc. to ensure they are using the car park considerately. I appreciate it can be stressful trying to park and ensure you pick up or drop off children on time, but it is important to remain patient and polite with all car park users particularly in the shared church car park. To aid the flow of cars it is therefore imperative that you all try and depart swiftly after dropping or collecting your child. This will enable others to park their cars and so aid the traffic flow. Please do use the excellent coffee shops in town to meet with friends and if you need to speak to a member of staff then please speak to the office and we will make a time after 9am in the morning or 3.45pm in the afternoon when the car park is quieter to allow you time for a proper discussion.

Reminders for next week:

- Please ensure that all children in Robins, Skylarks and Oak have named wellies in school for outside play.
- After School Clubs start next week for Oak Reception.
- Swimming commences for Oak and Skylarks next week.



Trying to discover what lies beneath the murky water can be quite tricky. But not if you are an enterprising Skylark. Simply board the submarine and DIVE, DIVE, DIVE! It's amazing how every quickly everything becomes a lot clearer.



News from Hazelwood

Book Mark Competition

Please ensure all entries are in by Monday 9th January latest. Please ask your children to deliver to the Library, or to their form tutor. Last term's final Nutshell has the details on-line. Thank-you to those children who have already delivered their bookmark designs to us.

Please also check with your children about their library books and any books taken out in the holidays must be returned. Many thanks for your wonderful support and we wish you a very Happy New Year! It has been heartening to hear of the children reading over the holidays and here's to a year of Reading for Pleasure!

Hazelwood Librarians

Oak set off on a Polar Expedition



This week the children in Oak have started exploring winter and polar regions. Role-play areas have been set up for the children to be explorers, with toy polar animals, hats, gloves, scarves and rucksacks and anything else an explorer would need. Our intrepid explorers were able to record and sketch what they have observed during their expeditions. In the classroom there is also a special reading area with maps, Atlases, theme related books and stick puppets.

Botley Hill

FARMHOUSE
16TH CENTURY COUNTRY INN

COMPLIMENTARY WINE

Members of Hazelwood School community are invited to enjoy a complimentary 375ml carafe of house wine per person when dining at Botley Hill Farmhouse in January, on presentation of this voucher.

Up to 2 diners per card. Over 18s only. Pre-booking essential. Excludes Sunday lunch. Ts and Cs apply - please see website.

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It was a chilly day on the High Seas for the children of Year 1. To launch their piratical theme, the children braved the freezing winds and ice-tipped waves of the murky oceans to set sail in search of rich pickings and plunder. The Nutshell is yet to receive news as to whether Captain Anderson was made to walk the plank!



HPA

Boden

HPA Boden Party - Monday 6th March
There will be another Boden party on Monday 6th March. There will be 20% off purchases and free commission to the HPA with our unique code which we will also circulate then. Further details to follow.

mini Boden

Sports Department

Match Reports should be taken to Mrs Greenwood or emailed to her on headspa@hazelwoodschool.com by Friday afternoon ahead of assembly on Monday morning. If your child is nominated as captain, please encourage them to write the report in time for the assembly. The children do like to share their successes with the rest of the school. Thank you.

Notice Board

Jo Gardiner, Oxted Travel Counsellor, would like to thanks all the parents and staff (past and present) for their support in 2016.

"I love being able to arrange your perfect holidays, whether it's winter ski/sun, USA trips, safari, cruise or family summer holidays in the sun.

If anyone would like my help for 2017, please give me a call on 01883 708620 or email jo.gardiner@travelcounsellors.com"

Communication sent home this week

The following letters have been sent home this week. If you need a duplicate copy, please contact the School Office.

Year 2	Trip to Horniman Museum
Year 4	Senior School Information Evening (sent to Years 3-5)
Years 1-8	CYA Project (workshop/presentation to pupils Y4-8 and parents)

Key Events for Next Week

Monday 9	Y2 visit to the Horniman Museum
	1330 Eco Schools' meeting
	2000 HPA meeting
Tuesday 10	1430 Netball: U9A and B v Copthorne HOME
	Netball: U8A and B v Copthorne AWAY
	1645-
	1815 Y6 Play rehearsal – How to eat like a child
	1900 Year 4 - Senior Schools' Information Evening
Wed 11	1430 Netball: U10 A, B, C/D v Holmewood House AWAY
	Netball: U11 A, B, C/D v Holmewood House HOME
	Netball: U13 A and B v Aberdour Away
	Rugby: 1 st and 2 nd and 3 rd teams v St Michael's Home
	Rugby: U11A, B and C v St Michael's Away
	Rugby: U10A, B and C v St Michael's and Hawthorns Home
Thur 12	0900 Year 7 Coffee/Information Morning
	1430 Rugby: U9A, B, C and D v St Michael's Away

Rugby: U8A, B, C and D v St Michael's Home
Netball: U9 A – C v St Michael's Away
Netball: U9D v Walthamstow Hall Away
Netball: U8 A – C v St Michael's Home

Friday 13 0845 HPA Form Reps meeting
1645-
1815 Y6 Play rehearsal – Emily's Incredible Illucinations

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THE OXTED PLAYERS

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*A Fun Filled
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by Paul Barren and Sarah Dyson

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January 2017**

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