



We have had a very busy spring term so far at Hockliffe. We are now part of the Kingsbridge Educational Trust. This is a very exciting step for the school. Over the half term holidays we have had new flooring put down in Maple and Willow classrooms, we are very pleased with the result.

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who were able to attend our reading afternoon, it was lovely to have a love of reading being shared.

Mrs Aoife Greaves

Headteacher

Celebrating Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to ensure that children are given every opportunity to learn.

Good attendance means having attendance of 97% or above.

Each week in our celebration assembly we will recognise the class with the best attendance for the week.



Attendance:

26 pupils have not missed anytime off school this term. Well done.

Values

At Hockliffe we are proud to be a Values School. The values we have followed and have learnt about this term are:

Love

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This month we have been looking at the story of *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst. The story reminds the children that we are always with them in their heart even when we are not beside them. If your child sometimes has trouble separating in the morning it is worth sharing the story with them.



Number Day



Ukulele Lessons



New floor



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. We have a visitor coming into school to do workshops with each of the classes. Children can come to school, should they wish, in book-themed costumes. We will be asking for a contribution of £1 towards the cost of the workshop.

Online Safety

We live in a digital world and we all have a responsibility to ensure our children are safe online. We cover online safety in school but following a couple of recent incidents, where children have been talking about age-inappropriate things they have seen on the internet or been playing online, I would like to remind parents that you have a responsibility to ensure your children are safe online. The following tips may be helpful:

- Talk to your children about what they're doing online
- Ensure filters and parent controls are set up
- Check what your children have been accessing when online
- Ensure games and apps are age appropriate
- Supervise your children while they are online



Hockliffe Lower School is involved in a project that will run jointly between schools and Bedfordshire Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting of police-attended domestic abuse incidents to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, where there are children in the home.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, Mrs Greaves, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Calendar
February 26 th Return to School 27 th Yr 4 Young Leaders top up Rowan to wear PE kit 27 th KS1 BASH (be active stay healthy) Maple to wear PE kit
March 5 th Top Up Young Leaders (Yr 4) 5 th Little BASH (Be Active Stay Healthy) Maple top come in PE Kit 8 th World Book Day Celebration 12 th Joy of Movement Festival (KS1) 12 th Little BASH (Be Active Stay Healthy) Maple top come in PE Kit 14 th Egyptian Day Rowan 18 th Rowan & Maple Parent's Evening 1.30 – 6pm 19 th Clay work shop (all classes) 21 st Willow Parent's Evening 2.30 – 6pm 22 nd Joy of Movement Festival KS2 22 nd Rocksteady Concert 27 th Cluster Sports Festival KS2 (return approx. 4.30) 28 th Break up for Easter Early Close 1pm
April 16 th Children return to school

HSA Events 2023 2024

Date	Event	Cost
Mother's Day	7 th March (PM)	TBC
Easter Egg Hunt and Quiz	28 th March (AM)	TBC
HSA Non Uniform	24 th May	£2
Father's Day Donuts & Lego	13 th June (PM)	TBC
Disco	4 th July	£5
Summer Fete	Saturday 6 th July AM	