

News from the Hill

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*"Learning Together, We Will All Be
Exceptional"*



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Our Values
respect one another
every individual matters
take responsibility
strive for excellence
try your best

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to the many parents/carers who are negotiating their way through the disruption on Streatham High Road to get your children to school on time! It is very challenging and I hope it will settle down soon.

As we move into the colder weather, please make sure your child's coat, hat, scarf, gloves are clearly labelled with their names. It is really important that you check you have the right clothing when you leave at the end of the day (particularly jumpers) as so many are similar or the same. Thank you for your support with this.

This week, children in Years 3 & 4 undertook cycle training. It was great to see their confidence improve over the course of the week and I was really proud to see them, out of my office window, setting off to cycle on the road – great work!

A huge thank you to The Friends of Sunnyhill who held their movie night today. We had close to 100 children enjoying the movie, popcorn and general cinema experience in the school hall! These opportunities would not be possible without the willingness of parents/carers and staff who volunteer their time. Anyone interested in volunteering with Friends of Sunnyhill, please see a member of staff who can put you in touch with FOS.

Next week, we are holding parent/carer meetings. Tuesday is face to face and Thursday is online. If you haven't already booked an appointment with your child's class teacher, please do so. If you are not sure how to book, contact the school office and someone will be able to help you.

Attendance for w/c 30th October was at 95.2% - which is an increase on the week before, again! It is great to see how the efforts are having an impact for children. When they are in school every day, they are learning every day! We had 5 classes with more than 97% attendance last week – it has been a long time since I have been able to say that!

Congratulations to class 2S for 99.6% attendance!

Best wishes,
Sarah Wilson
Head Teacher

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Kooth

Kooth is a free, online mental health and well-being service for children and young people. More information can be found about the service here, in a guide for parents/carers. Even if you don't have any concerns at the moment, it is well worth looking at, to understand the signs of a child in distress:

<https://cloud.brandmaster.com/shared/assets/b66864d3ba461ff8c11f>

Year 2 Monument Visit

To support their learning about The Great Fire of London in history, Year 2 visited The London Monument. Being able to see the places you are studying first hand really helps to bring the learning to life! Children climbed all the way to the top, which was very brave!



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Year 6 Science at Dunraven

Year 6 were given the opportunity to participate in a science lesson at Dunraven. This was a really good chance for the Year 6 children to experience secondary teaching first hand, on site. They carried out experiments and received direct teaching for one of the science teachers.

This is what Ms Crosthwaite said:

It was an amazing trip. The children loved it, and the teacher said we could come back after Christmas and do something linked to our biology topics!

We experimented with acids and alkalis, and used them to make a rainbow in a test tube. We also watched different chemicals being burned to see the different colours of flame. I was really, really impressed with how the children remembered what we had been studying this term, and used their own knowledge too.

We are grateful to Dunraven for extending the invitation to our children.



Work with Ms Greta

Ms Greta works with children in KS2 in small groups to support health and wellbeing in the curriculum.

In an exciting venture, some of the children have immersed themselves in a project that blends education and hands-on experience focusing on healthy eating and nutrition. Beyond textbooks, they're learning valuable lessons by nurturing their own greens, understanding the journey from seed to plate. This engaging initiative not only instils the importance of balanced nutrition but also fosters a deeper connection with the food we consume.



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Useful dates

Event	Date & Time
Parent/carer and teacher meetings	14 th November in person 16 th November online
Friends of Sunnyhill Winter Fair	30 th November
Year 1 & 2 Shakespeare Performance	12 th December PM (time to be confirmed)
EYFS Winter Show	13 th December AM and PM (times to be confirmed)
Year 3 & 4 Shakespeare Performance	14 th December PM (time to be confirmed)
Year 6 Shakespeare Performance	18 th December PM (time to be confirmed)
Year 5 'Play Your Part' Performance	19 th December PM (time to be confirmed)
Children's Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day	20 th December
Children's Class Parties	21 st December AM
End of term	21 st December School finishes at 2pm

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Parent/Carer Workshops

The programme of workshops for this term has been released. In case you haven't seen it, here is a copy:

Date and time	Year Groups	Event	Information
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November Timings to be confirmed	All year groups	Parent/carers Evening	Meet with your child's class teacher to find out how your child is doing in their new year group. You will be sent information for how to book your appointment closer to the time.
Tuesday 21st November 9.00am	Y1 - 2	Maths	Learn how we teach maths at Sunnyhill and how you can support your child at home.
Tuesday 28th November 9.00am	Year 3 - 6	Spelling and handwriting	Learn how we teach spelling and handwriting at Sunnyhill and how you can support your child to learn spelling patterns and rules.

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of days
Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - 1st & 4th September 2023 Tuesday, 5th September 2023	Friday, 20th October 2023	36 days
Holiday Monday, 23rd October 2023 – Friday, 27th October 2023			
Term Two	Monday, 30th October 2023	Thursday, 21st December 2023	39 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 22nd December 2023 – Friday, 5th January 2024			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - 8th January 2024 Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Friday, 9th February 2024	25 days
Holiday Monday, 12th February 2024 – Friday, 16th February 2024			
Term Four	Monday, 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	29 days
Easter Holiday Friday, 29th March 2024 – Friday, 12th April 2024			
Term Five	INSET DAY 4 - 12th April 2024 Monday, 15th April 2024	Friday, 24th May 2024	30 days
Holiday Monday, 27th May 2024 – Friday, 31st May 2024			
Term Six	Monday, 3rd June 2024	Friday, 19th July 2024 INSET DAY 5 - 22nd July 2024	36 days
			195 days