The Nutshell



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD

Compassion. Courage. Respect.

Dear Parents,

We've had such a busy and exciting week leading up to half term. The annual Hazelwood Talent Show took place on Thursday evening and was another roaring success. The acts were wonderfully varied this year and showcased the incredible range of talent we have amongst our pupils. I am always hugely impressed and this year was no exception. Well done to everyone who took part!

On Tuesday, we welcomed musician Marcel Pusey, who led music technology workshops for our Year 5 – 8 pupils. The children enjoyed trying out the technology on their iPads or Chromebooks and learning about how music technology has developed. This is a particular passion of mine and we hope to develop our music technology offering next year; I won't give too much away now as there is still a lot of preparation involved to make this happen!

We have also enjoyed a bumper number of trips recently, with Years 3, 4 and 7 all taking part in active, fun and often muddy residential trips! Closer to home, Chestnut visited the British Wildlife Centre and Oak visited Drusillas Zoo this week too. These trips are always a great opportunity to enrich our pupils' learning and encourage them to connect their learning with real-life experiences. We hope they made lots of happy memories to enjoy for years to come.

I am delighted to share that we raised an amazing £1,074 on our Mufti for Mindfulness Day recently. Thank you so much for your generosity - your donations will be helping the incredible Lucy Rayner Foundation support young people struggling with mental health issues. If you did not get the chance to donate, there's still time; please see page 3 of the newsletter for the QR code.

We also hope you have had a chance to explore our new website. It is a strong reflection of our dynamic, innovative approach to teaching, as well as highlighting the happy, friendly and supportive community we strive so hard to nurture here at Hazelwood. Thank you for the positive feedback we have received from parents so far.

Next half term is ramping up to be jam-packed with so many wonderful school events for all to enjoy. Sports Day, Grandparents Day, Prize Giving, Leavers' Ceremony, another Wellbeing Day and more. The HPA Summer Fair is also fast approaching on Saturday 8th June – always a fantastic day out for the family to enjoy, so please put the date in your diary.

Please do make the most of the opportunity to rest and recharge over half term and I look forward to an exciting end to the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

Lindie.



HPA



Hazelwood Summer Fair

Saturday 8th June 12-3pm

- BBQ & Bar
- Independent Stalls
- Games

- Gladiator Duel
- Bouncy Castle

Bottle and teddy bear collection for the tombola will be held w/c 3rd June - further details to come!

Careers

If any parent would like to offer a talk about their own career, either on the 12th or 26th June, or in the next academic year, please contact Naomi Herbert at herbertn@hazelwoodschool.com

Thank you!



Charity

Mufti for Mindfulness

Last Monday, we held our Mufti for Mindfulness day and we raised an amazing £1074 for our new charity partner, The Lucy Rayner Foundation!



Thank you to everyone who donated - your generosity is going to help an incredible organisation provide vital emotional support to young people struggling with mental health issues.

It's not too late to donate! Please scan the QR code if you'd like to show your support...













Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Theo, Edie and Libby for taking part in the Banham Marsden March in London recently.

They successfully walked 15 miles....which took 6.5 hours and over 40,000 steps...and raised money for the Great Marsden Hospital!

Well done Theo, Edie and Libby!



The Student Spotlight aims to showcase the remarkable achievements of our pupils, both within and beyond Hazelwood.

Please nominate your child if they have accomplished something wonderful - we'd love to hear about it! Email:

marketing@hazelwoodschool.com

Staff Spotlight





Safeguarding Team



Meet Hazelwood's Safeguarding Team! Their job is vital for providing a safe environment in which our pupils can learn.

We always put our pupils' welfare first and children are encouraged to speak to a DSL or any member of staff, if they have any concerns or worries.



LEAD DSL (NURSERY) HOWARD GARLICK (DEPUTY HEAD, WELLBEING & EYFS)



LEAD DSL (SCHOOL) CLARE HARDGRAVE (HEAD OF ORGANISATION)



DEPUTY DSL (SCHOOL) WILL FAGG (DEPUTY HEAD, PREP)



DEPUTY DSL (SCHOOL) LYNNE BRIGHTING (HEAD OF YR 8 & SCIENCE)



DEPUTY DSL (SCHOOL) STEPH TAYLOR (YR 1 TEACHER)



DEPUTY DSL (NURSERY) MATT WEEKS (NURSERY MANAGER)



DEPUTY DSL (NURSERY)
BECKY CROMWELL
(DEPUTY NURSERY
MANAGER)



DEPUTY DSL (NURSERY)
PAULA RUTTER
(ROOM LEADER)



Fledglings 1

Last week, Fledglings 1 children have been enjoying learning about minibeasts, looking at pictures of these creatures in books. They have been creating honeycomb paintings using variously shaped Duplo bricks and painting butterflies with cotton buds. The children have also been painting CDs to create bumble bees. They've had fun exploring different materials in the search for minibeasts and have their own minibeast headbands.

Additionally, they've enjoyed making sandwiches and eating them during snack time. This week, Fledglings have been learning about pirates. They've been decorating pirate hats and crafting treasure maps. The children have been playing on a pirate ship soft play area in the room, making sandcastles in the messy tray, and floating boats in the water tray. In the garden, they had a pirate-themed tea party, sang pirate songs, and made and devoured pirate flag biscuits. They also took part in a pizza and den day, dressed up as pirates.













Fledglings 2

Fledglings 2 have been visiting under the sea to look for that beautiful, coloured rainbow fish! They have been making all sorts of sea creatures for our new board, such as itty bitty crabs, shiny discs fish, shaving foam print fish, cheerio starfish and colourful paper plate jellyfish. Fine motor skills at its finest with using different mark making tools to colour pictures, threading cheerios on to octopus tentacles, folding paper into chains, using tweezers to transfer objects and weaving fish with coloured paper. Lots of activities have been provided to explore counting, shapes, numbers, grouping shells and grouping bubble fish. The children have loved listening and watching the rainbow fish exploring the world of friendships, which have created a few new ones! We have also been exploring with sand, sinking and floating objects as well as making yummy pizza fish shaped wraps.











Lower Robins

Lower Robins have had a great time over the past couple of weeks! Last week, we carried on our topic of Space. The children enjoyed creating moons by scrunching up tin foil and painting with them. They also had fun with marble painting! This week, the children have been thoroughly enjoying our 'under the sea' theme! There have been lots of exciting activities for them to participate in. They loved making starfish with glue and Cheerios, crafting fish with tissue paper and using water spray to stick the paper down - they particularly enjoyed using the water sprays!

Lower Robins have also had a great time making jellyfish using paper plates and practising their maths skills by counting shells. They've had a messy but fun time in the under the sea-themed tuff trays. Additionally, they've had a great time exploring different animals and categorising them into the correct habitats of water or land.













Upper Robins

This week in Upper Robins the children have been enjoying the topic of pirates, they have loved playing on the pirate ship and learning to walk the plank and the rope bridge, trying not to fall in the sea and to keep away from the sharks. They have also enjoyed making their very own treasure map and telescopes, alongside threading pirate flags with cheerios, playing with our pirate small world table, lots of water play with boats and seeing what sinks/floats.

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring the topic of under the sea, they have been very creative this week with making different sea animals, they have made jellyfish by painting paper plates and then threading string through the bottom to make their tentacles and they have also made fish by using different shapes. The children have enjoyed talking about what animals live under the sea and how they move. They have loved exploring different ways sea animals move by moving their bodies in different ways. There has also been ocean writing, exploring the sea animals in our sea foam and lots of water play. The children are also looking forward to an end of week treat by making dens and then eating pizza inside the dens.















Skylarks - Green

We completed our topic on the 'Handa's Surprise' story by concentrating on the narrative and using visual aids to recount the tale, including the different fruits, story cut outs and sequencing cards. We consolidated our numeracy skills by linking the correct numeral to quantity of fruits on the flashcards and then tasted the different exotic fruits featured in the story, describing their taste and texture using ever more complex adjectives.

Last week it was 'Superheroes Week', a topic that always captivates the children's imagination. They delighted in playing at the 'Supertato' 'smallworld' table, creating their own little scenarios, designing their own 'Supertato' character, using a selection of different media and comparing the height of the 'Superheroes' using the number cubes. They practised their language skills as they explained what super power they would like to possess if they were a 'Superhero' and had great fun dressing up as their favourite 'Superhero' on Wednesday.

This week we have elaborated upon this theme to cover real-life 'Superheroes', those people who help us every day and enhance our lives. The children have been fully engaged at the vet's tuff tray and in the hospital role-play area reinforcing their cooperative play, learning new, specialised vocabulary, developing their imaginative language and practising their early writing.















Skylarks - Orange

We've had a brilliant time at Skylarks recently! The children were really into superheroes, dressing up as characters like Spider-Man and Superman. They loved making their own capes and masks to take home. It was amazing to see their creativity and imagination in full flow! We also set free the butterflies we had been looking after from caterpillars, giving the children a wonderful experience. And that's not all! In the second week, we focused on activities about people who help us, such as dentists, doctors, and vets. We spoke about how and why they can help us. What a fun and educational time we've had!















OAK

The Three Little Pigs

We all enjoyed looking into the story of The Three Little Pigs, exploring various versions and interpretations. The children retold the story, writing about the events, and even following an instructional video to draw their own pigs. Their drawings were fantastic and showed great attention to detail. In a hands-on project, the children built houses for the pigs using plasticine, straws, and lollipop sticks. To test the strength of their constructions, we used a "hair dryer wolf" to see if the houses could withstand the huffing and puffing. This activity was not only fun but also a great way for the children to learn about materials and structures.







Summer Show

The children put on a fantastic Summer Show last week after working hard in the weeks leading up to it. They dedicated time to learning and practising the songs, lines, actions, instruments and the overall sequence of the show. During rehearsals, they paid attention to each other to coordinate when to speak, stand, or sit. The children also helped paint the beautiful flowers and sun for the backdrop behind them. Their performance was fantastic!





OAK

Trip to Drusillas Park

We had an unforgettable trip to Drusillas Park. The children had an exciting animal encounter, where they learned about and even petted a Madagascan hissing cockroach, a milk snake, a hooded rat named Peach, and an armadillo named Gretel. After lunch, we explored the park and saw a variety of animals including a red panda, capybara, beavers, camels, porcupine, anteater, lynx, and many different types of monkeys. The park was full of interactive activities that the children loved. They tried to stand on one leg like a flamingo, jump as high as a serval, and see how fast they could run compared to different animals. Many children were excited to discover they could run as fast as an elephant shrew at 25 km/h!







Forest School

Oak MCC went to Forest school this week and had a wonderfully rainy morning exploring the forest. There was den making and shaking the trees to release the rain on themselves and others, along with some lovely encouragement for their friends and sharing of ideas. It was lovely to be out in the rain and enjoy playing with the mud, including painting the trees! The children had a really collaborative morning, helping each other on the swing and taking turns

beautifully.









Art

Look at some of the amazing, finished paper sculptures by the Year 1 and 2 children in Art Club. They used lots of different techniques for folding paper and some children were very inventive, creating their own ways of folding and cutting paper.





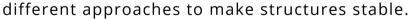
Class Treat

1T have worked as a team to fill the class marble jar. They were very excited to be rewarded with time in the Outdoor Box and an ice lolly! Team work makes the dream work!



Outdoor Learning

To celebrate the end of our seaside topic, the children were challenged to create a beach scene from natural resources in groups. Each group had unique ideas and demonstrated fantastic team work. The ideas included a turtle on its nest, using a large branch as an umbrella and various three dimensional structures to represent a Punch and Judy Show! Some of the children also showed great resilience and problem solving skills, when they had to try











Science

To further explore basic forces of push and pull, the children enjoyed playing a game of tug of war!





Topic - Punch & Judy

As part of their seaside topic, Year 1 learnt about the history of Punch and Judy. Did you know that a version of the show was first recorded by Samuel Pepys in his famous diary in May 1662? He noted seeing it in Covent Garden, London, performed by the Italian puppet showman Pietro Gimonde from Bologna, otherwise known as Signor Bologna.







YEAR 1&2

Emotional wellbeing sessions with Caryn

Year 1 and 2 children are actively participating in social and emotional groups focusing on collaboration, negotiation, flexible thinking, fostering relationships, sportsmanship, and creative thinking. The children learn to work together, handle wins and losses gracefully, and think creatively through engaging activities.

The groups provide a supportive environment where children develop essential life skills, use emotional regulation techniques and build relationships with each other while fostering resilience and creativity. Most importantly, the sessions are FUN!

Caryn's Collaborative Chair Challenge is an exciting one! How many chairs can you balance before they topple? (The children are beating the teachers at this

point!)











ICT

Over the past few weeks, the children in Year 2 have been researching a country that they selected as part of our 'Around the World' topic. With all of the information that they have gathered, they have been working on creating a Powerpoint presentation using the skills that they have acquired last term. The children could all independently create slides, add text and manipulate how it looked on the screen in terms of size, font style and colour. Some children were even able to insert pictures and add animations to these, as well as transitions between slides.





PSHE

During PSHE learning we have been thinking carefully about spending and saving money. We discussed how it is important to consider the things we need to spend our money on versus what we might want to spend our money on. In pairs, children decided that food, water, shelter and clothing were 'needs'. The children even ordered the 'wants' in order of importance and nearly all children decided that school was an extremely important

'need'.









Residential with The Bushcraft Company at Penshurst Place



















Art - Kensuke's Kingdom











Maths

Measuring and converting cm and mm.









Maths

Year 5 made quadrilaterals by folding paper for their homework last week. They investigated the properties of quadrilaterals.





Well done to Robin L (Bronze certificate), Ella J, Imogen P and George G for participating in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. They were the only 4 pupils in Year 5 to take it and it was an extra special achievement as the UKMT is aimed for Year 8 pupils!

Art









English

Year 5 spent Wednesday's lesson in The Box learning how to write a cliffhanger story. Their character had to literally be hanging off of a cliff!

They spent some time learning about different mountain ranges across the world, and then explored how their vocabulary choices could help bring their stories to life.

They used this structure to plan their ideas:

P1: Place Know your setting vocab. Make a vocab bank - it hooks your reader and makes it believable.

P2: Problem + Panic Something has to go wrong! Describe it! Stress the reader out! Make them think the very worst... Was this my last moment on earth?

P3: Phew! In the nick of time, someone/something saves the day. Show your feelings! "That's the last time I...!"





D&T

Year 5 finishing their timber bookends. Sanding, painting and posca penning their designs. Then they need to glue their sanded design together! Nearly done! Excellent workshop skills work 5J.











English

A Midsummer Night's Dream: character description



Puck

Like a mischievous monkey, Puck is a vexatious spirit who brings mischief to all that follow him. Although he is infinitely loyal to his master Oberon, he would never follow the commands of anyone else. The blameless Puck, who has openly admitted his numerous wrongdoing, would never deny any of his devious actions. Zipping around, Puck will dart around the mystical woods to comply with the great Oberon's wishes. A drunk prankster, Puck will never avoid the opportunity for mindless mischief. One of his most famous mishaps was when he enchanted the innocent, ignorant Bottom to have the large head of a furry donkey.

By Charlie J-T

Bottom

Puck, a mischievous and fearless fairy, put an awful spell on Bottom, resulting in an ugly, unflattering head of a donkey taking the place of his head. Like an unkempt garden, Bottom's hair stuck up in every direction, revealing untidy, ragged tufts. When rehearsing the play for Duke Theseus' wedding, Bottom would be relentlessly bossy and controlling over the other performers. Being a perfectionist, he was quite unable to control himself!

By Isabella V



Art







Maths

Four pupils in Year 6 competed in the Maths Inter-School Quiz Championship semi-finals. They worked brilliantly as a team and should be really proud of their efforts. Overall, the team placed 12th out of 40 teams. A big well done to Charlie JT, Jacob B, Flo M and Katherine D!







Residential to High Ashurst

Day 1: Arrival and Adventure Begins

Excitement buzzed in the air as Year 7 embarked on their much-anticipated residential trip to High Ashurst Activity Centre. The journey began with a lively ride in minibuses, filled with chatter and laughter. Upon arrival, the first challenge awaited: climbing. Students donned their harnesses and helmets, ready to scale the climbing wall. It was a test of courage and teamwork as they belayed each other and abseiled down, cheers of excitement echoing with each descent.

After the thrill of climbing, it was time to settle into their new home for the next couple of days. Students unpacked and tackled the task of making their own beds—a novel experience for some. The evening brought a hearty dinner of well-received bolognese, providing much-needed energy.

The first evening concluded with a serene 50-minute walk around the Surrey Hills. The group soaked in the magnificent scenery, a perfect (but tiring) end to a thrilling day.

Day 2: Challenges and High Ropes

Students fuelled up with a hearty fry-up breakfast - crucial preparation for a day of activities that would test their communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

The morning's challenge course was a maze of ropes, balance beams, and poles. Students worked together, guiding each other through the obstacles. Laughter and shouts of encouragement marked their progress as they navigated the course.

After a quick lunch, the group faced the high ropes course. The towering structure included three challenges: Jacob's Ladder, a leap of faith onto a trapeze, and 'all aboard', a platform where the day's ultimate challenge took place: a game of 'bum wars.' Could they push their friends off the small platform and be crowned the last person standing? It was a day filled with camaraderie and determination, with everyone pushing their limits and supporting their peers.

The evening was equally memorable. After dinner, the group explored the historic site, gathering firewood for the campfire. As darkness fell, they enjoyed biscuits and hot chocolate around the fire. A spirited boys vs. girls sing-off ensued, filling the night with renditions of football chants and Taylor Swift songs. Back in the cabins, the night wound down with a film, games of Uno, and a spot of Scrabble. To the teachers' relief, everyone managed to sleep soundly.

Day 3: Code Breakers and Farewell

The morning was dedicated to a code breakers challenge and various team tasks. These activities demanded strategic thinking and collaboration, ensuring every student had a chance to contribute and shine.

The students packed up, tired but triumphant. They returned home with stories of adventure, further secured friendships, and a sense of accomplishment.



Residential to High Ashurst



















Maths

Year 7 have been enjoying calculating speed, distance and time down the

slide.













Art











Other News

Flo and her team are U12 National Hockey Champions! The best U12 team in England! Flo scored 4 goals

Worth the trip to Nottingham!

Well done Flo!





Yari B and Alex C in Year 3 were runners up in the Tandridge youth football league gold vase final on Sunday.

They were playing for Westerham Junior FC U8 Pumas.

Well done boys!

Charity Walk

On Saturday 15th June, Mr Towner will be taking part in the Jersey Island Walk. Starting at 3am, he aims to complete 48 miles around the entire perimeter of the island of Jersey.

He is raising money in aid of Sportin MS; a charity providing mental and emotional support to those diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and their loved ones. Please show your support by donating here or use the QR code.







LIBRARY

Hazelwood/Usborne Easter Reading Challenge



Thank you so much to the pupils who took part in the Easter sponsored reading challenge. Thanks to your hard work, reading your books, we raised just over £1,770. Usborne are giving us an extra 60% on top so our final figure is just over £2800 which we are sharing with St Mary's, Holland and Crockham Hill junior schools.

Congratulations to the following pupils who will all receive a prize after half term when we will be presenting the schools with the new books they have chosen.

Abigail T, Ella J, Edie J, Evie Y, Emily P, Sienna C, Chloe C, Isabella CR, Penny K, Molly T, Kian AE, Clemmie B, James P, Zephry W, Francesca P, Theo JK, Henry S, Willaim K, Margot K, Max C, Leo C, Amelia H, Bethany K and Poppy T

The nominated schools were so pleased and on contacting them these are the replies I received:

Thank you so much for the amazingly kind donation - the staff are very excited and the children will be too! Crockham Hill

A huge thank you from everyone here at Holland!

This is so kind of you. - St Mary's Primary

I am so glad that we have been able to support our local school community, it really makes such a difference to them to be able to put new exciting books into their libraries and I am already looking forward to involving three more schools next Easter. If you did not sign up for this year there is always next year.....



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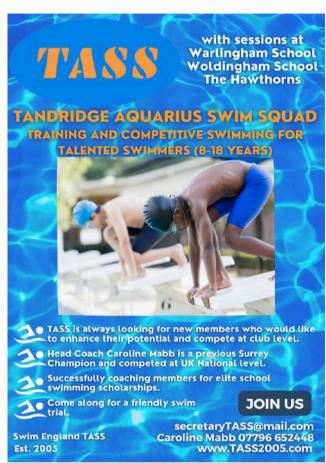
Hazelwood School Recommended Reading Lists

Scan the QR codes below to access recommended reading lists for each year group and also search more widely by genre, helping you find books to match your child's individual interests.









FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE FOR YEARS 4, 5, 6 & 7

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May

9 am - 12 pm Hazelwood Astro Pitch



Please contact Mr Jarvis for further details and to reserve a place.

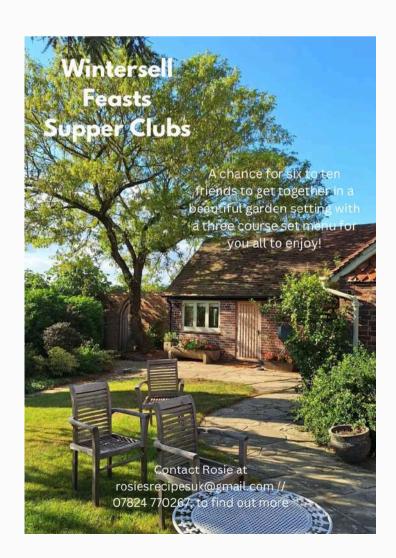
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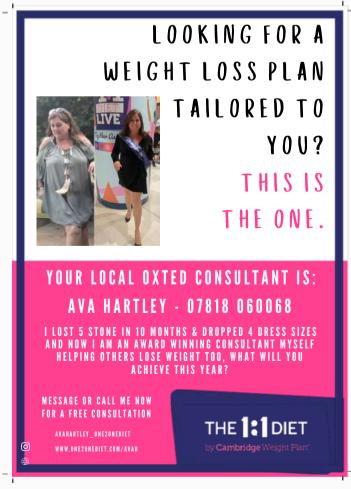




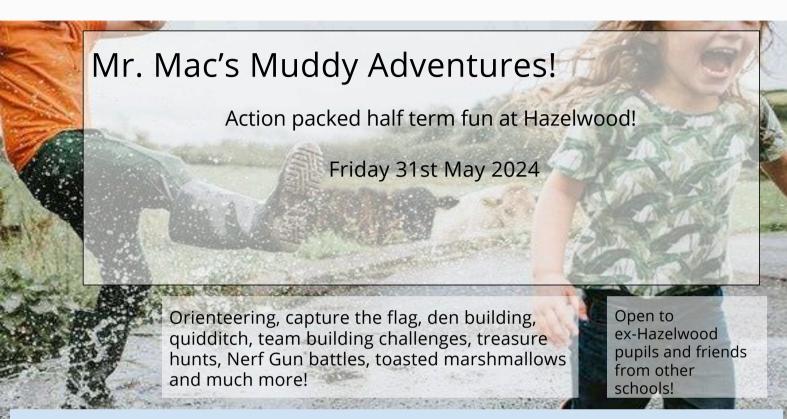












Time: 10am - 3pm Cost: £50 per child Bring: packed lunch (no nuts); water bottle; change of Wear: clothes Old clothes, outdoor shoes, waterproof









Fantastic condition Cube Agree GTC Race Carbon Fibre Road Bike (56 cm)

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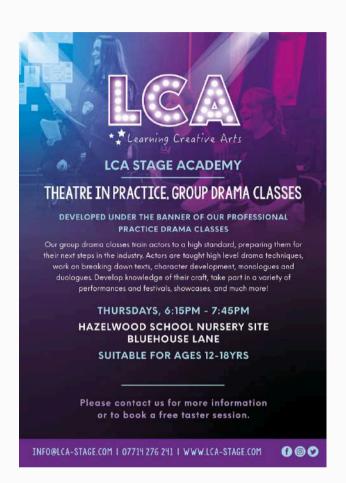
Easton Aero Drop bars

Please call Natalie Thomas 07748703541 if you would like more details or to view the Bike. Oxted









Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club are running All Stars Cricket again in 2024. Aimed at 5-8 year old children (both boys and girls).

Sessions will be running 5-6pm for 8 weeks from Friday 10 May - Friday 28 June. The price for this year is £50 and includes a backpack full of goodies.

Our sometimes sunny but always cheap members bar will be open to help any parent needing a medicinal drink after a long week!

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