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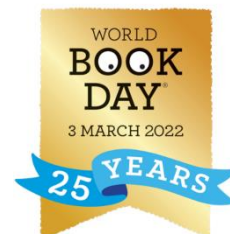
NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2022

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good week's break, despite the wind and the rain! The new term has got off to a great start with lots of reading activities leading up to World Book Day. In assembly on Tuesday we talked about bedtime stories, our favourite books and the love of reading. The children were excited about wearing their pyjamas for World Book Day today!



Nursery

Nursery have been celebrating Shrove Tuesday. They listened to the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and then made their own batter using flour, eggs and milk. They enjoyed eating their pancakes at snack time with syrup, lemon and a little sprinkle of sugar.

Our school nursery is very popular, so if you are wanting to increase the hours that your child is attending at the Nursery after Easter, please get in touch as soon as possible as places are filling up. If

you know anyone who is wanting to come to the Nursery in September, please ask them to get in touch with school for an application pack, so that we can reserve a place for them.

Home Reading Challenge

Don't forget to remind your child to complete the Reading Challenge! There are 8 activities to try and each one is worth a Dojo or House Point. Please hand them in as soon as the challenge is complete, we can't wait to see what the children have been up to.

Parents' Evening

Our next parents' evenings will be held from the week commencing **14th March**. Many families have said they would like to continue with remote parents' evenings as it helps with child care, work and other commitments. Other parents have said they would prefer a face-to-face meeting with their child's teacher.

Therefore, families have the choice to have either a Google Meet (Juniors), a phone call (Infants/Juniors) or a face-to-face meeting.

You will be able to book your parents' evening slots for Google Meet or your telephone call, using the usual system on Teachers2Parents. You will be sent a text in the next few days to let you know when you can book your discussion.

Teachers will be providing a mini-report as usual, summarising your child's achievement and what their targets are for the term ahead. Please use either Class Dojo or Tapestry to contact your child's teachers about any individual queries.

Coronavirus Update

You will be aware that the latest advice on coronavirus has changed. On 21st February the government set out the next phase of the covid-19 response, outlining how we 'learn to live with coronavirus'.

The main changes are as follows:

- Public health advice for People with COVID-19 and their contacts changed from 24 February. Contacts are no longer required by law to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Local public health may advise the wearing of face coverings if there is a local outbreak.
- Staff are no longer advised to test twice weekly.
- The legal requirement to self-isolate with coronavirus has been removed. However, staff and pupils are advised to continue to self-isolate as per the previous guidance following a positive test result.

If your child has coronavirus symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, should stay at home while you're infectious to others. This can be for up to 10 days from when your symptoms start. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You can do a rapid lateral flow test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day you had the test if you do not have symptoms) and another the next day. If both tests are negative and you do not have a high temperature, you're less likely to pass COVID-19 to others and you can go back to your normal routine, including going back to school or work. If your test result is positive on day 5, you can carry on doing rapid lateral flow tests every day until you get 2 negative test results in a row.

If children are unwell (with coronavirus symptoms or anything else that means they are too poorly to be in school) they should stay at home. If they become unwell at school, we will contact you to collect your child. If they have coronavirus symptoms we will advise you to get your child tested and follow the latest advice.

The following link has the latest advice 'when to self-isolate and what to do':

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

We are continuing with the following safety measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone (regular handwashing etc)
- Appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

So far this week, we only have a very small number of cases in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Ukraine

Some children may be asking questions about what is happening in the world at the moment. As parents/carers, we sometimes find it difficult to answer questions children may have. These articles give advice to parents and carers about how to talk to children about what is happening in Ukraine:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60557186>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/.../ukraine-invasion-how-to...>

Finally...

The 1st March was the start of Spring – let's hope for some warmer weather for the coming weeks. Here's to a great term ahead!

Best wishes

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning Monday 14 th March	Parents' Evening - during the week parents will have the choice to have either a Google Meet (Juniors), a phone call (Infants/Juniors) or a face-to-face meeting to speak to their child's teacher
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day – children may come to school wearing pyjamas (optional) donations welcome
Tuesday 22 nd March	Year 5/6 Basketball – Alfreton – details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd March	Year 4 MapQuest 1 pm – 2.45 pm – details to follow
Tuesday 29 th March	Reception children to visit Church for Easter Service
Friday 1 st April	'Jungle Jo' a workshop for our Reception children
Friday 1 st April	Year 4 Brass playing at the Octagon pm - details to follow
Friday 8 th April	End of term

ADMINISTRATION

Contact details

Kindly inform school of any contact changes – address/telephone /email.

Absentees and medical appointment procedures

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, please inform us as soon as possible, before 9am. You can contact us to report an absence by:

- phoning the school office 01298 23261 (you can leave an answer machine if you phone before the office is open)
- emailing sreception@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk
- texting school on 07786 207779 or by replying to a school text

If the absence is coronavirus related, we may need to contact you for further information.