



**NEWSLETTER 8**  
**Spring Term 2020**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parents,

**World Book Day**

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DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

The children were an awesome sight on Thursday as they dressed up to celebrate this year's World Book Day. We had a whole host of characters on display and the children had a truly outstanding time sharing their favourite stories with each other. The staff got into the spirit too

and looked amazing.



Can I say a huge 'thank you' for supporting this day with your creative costumes and engagement – whilst the build-up can sometimes seem hard, everyone's efforts are so gratefully received – and the children had a fantastic day.

**Book Fair**

This year's Book Fair has been a different format to previous years and we have been thrilled with the way you have turned up and supported us by purchasing a huge number of books. As a result, we have been able to add a great big pile of books to our own library and class resources.

My thanks to our wonderful volunteers for giving up their time to man the stalls; Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Cattle, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Story, Mrs Wagstaff and Mr Wong.

**Book Fair Competition**

Don't forget that we are running our annual book competition and entries must be in school by 9.00 am on Monday 18th March. This has historically been something of a highlight of the term and the children have produced some truly outstanding entries, which have then been displayed for the whole school to see.

Why not use this weekend to start your entry off and earmark the time with your children – that would still leave you next weekend for those ever-important finishing touches!

- Reception – Make a poster based on a favourite book
- Year 1 – Create a bookmark based on a favourite book
- Year 2 – Make a puppet based on a favourite book
- Year 3 – Design a book jacket for a favourite book
- Year 4 – Make a mobile based on a favourite book

As always, a prize will be on offer in each year group.

**Hot Meals**

Please note the menu is now live for online ordering after the Easter break. A copy of the new menu will be coming home in book bags today.



## Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultations, next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 4:30 – 7:30pm, and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March between 3:20pm and 6:00pm.

Please remember that consultations are ten minutes long and we would be grateful if you would make alternative arrangements for your children so these can run as smoothly as possible. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for Year 4 Parent Consultations will be confirmed in due course.

## Friend's Quiz Night

The rumours are true – the Quiz Night is back! Registration forms accompany this newsletter and we hope that you will continue to support the school. It is always a great chance to leave the children at home and get to know other parents in a fish and chip-fuelled, highly competitive way!

Tickets are £10 each - including a fish and chip supper – and teams of six will receive a free bottle of wine. Please sign up and return entry forms and money by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see you there.

## Jungle Book

Finally, as we finish off World Book Day 'week', M&M Theatrical Productions treated the school to a performance of Jungle Book. The children followed Kipling's classic story of Mowgli as he fights for survival in the Indian jungle. They met other famous characters including Bagheera, Baloo, Kaa and the dastardly Shere Khan.

Thank you to the Friends for paying for this wonderful show!

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Yours sincerely,



**Mr. T. Williams**  
**Headteacher**

**Next Week:**

We enclose brief details about what the children will be covering in English and Maths next week. We hope you find it useful.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week Reception had a visit from a T-rex! We thought about what different dinosaurs might have eaten and used the terms carnivore and herbivore. We labelled the dinosaur's food and wrote sentences about this.	In maths we have been looking at simple AB repeating patterns. We explored how to make patterns in different ways and using different things and identified different patterns around us.
Year 1	In English, we have started reading stories set in Africa, including 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain', 'Handa's Hen' and 'Handa's Surprise'. We are learning about adjectives and have found lots in these stories and enjoyed thinking up extra adjectives to describe the animals. In phonics, we practised reading words containing hard and soft 'g' and we have begun to apply the rules for soft 'g'.	In Maths, we have been comparing numbers to 50, saying which is greater or less and using the correct signs. We have ordered numbers in various ways - pictures, tens frames, tens and units apparatus. We even ordered sets of 3 number cards. We also practised counting in twos up to 50.
Year 2	This week in year 2 we have looked at the spelling of words involving <i>soft g</i> ( <i>giant, edge</i> ), and we have written answers to questions about our historically famous person - Florence Nightingale! World book day involved lots of reading and sharing of books...	In maths we have looked at different strategies to use when subtracting two-digit numbers. Some strategies work better than others, so children are learning to decide which one to choose.
Year 3	We have continued to enjoy <i>How to Train your Dragon</i> and have used some of the jokes and riddles to reinforce speech punctuation such as inverted commas and new paragraphs. On World Book Day we looked at one of the £1 books called 'The Day we Met the Queen' by Onjali Q. Rauf and made predictions about how the story might continue.	We have been measuring each other's arm spans and all sorts of other things in the classroom this week, for our unit of work on length. The children can use units of measurement and choose the appropriate ruler with which to measure in mm, cm or m.
Year 4	This week the children have been creating imaginative settings based on a piece of music. They have also been looking at the structure of an information text, preparing to create their own Rainforest Book.	In Maths, the children have been visiting fractions once again. They have been converting between mixed and unit fractions, to be able to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

The theme for Collective Worship next week is:

**Hope:** *What hopes do we have for our lives and for others?*

*To Love God and to Love one another'*

## Diary Dates

Spring Term	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 4:30 – 7:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3:20 – 6:00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket Taster Sessions
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Dorset Fire & Rescue visit
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends Quiz Night
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg decorating competition
Friday 3 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service @ All Saints' Hampreston 2:00pm
Summer Term	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	SRE Information Evening
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Healthy School Day (including Fun Run) Break up @ 3pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET DAY
Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School Opens
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6:00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6:00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day tbc School Disco
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Informal Parent's Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Awards Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service Break up @ 3pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY