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Newsletter No.5 - 31st January 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Happy New Year and Welcome back. It's 2020!

We are already at the end of January and there is a lot planned for this term. A couple of local authors will be visiting us as part of our World Book Day celebrations and will lead writing workshops with the children. Parent's evening will be on Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March.

You will see our monthly newsletter looks different this month. We have changed the way we record our diary of events and moved the dates from the right hand side of the front page to a separate sheet. Our new calendar gives dates for the activities that are planned for the term as well as the whole year's term dates. The separate sheet is enclosed with this newsletter.

This month we say a fond farewell to Miss Pullin who will be leaving us on Friday 7th February to follow a new career in the police force. Miss Pullin will be missed by us all and we wish her every success and happiness in her new adventure. She has promised to pop back to visit to let us know how she is getting on. May be in her police car!

Wellbeing Week— Monday 3rd February

Next week is Mental Health Week and we will be promoting wellbeing throughout in each class by carrying out different activities during the normal school day. We will also be talking to the children about how it is good to talk to one another, help each other and notice how others are feeling.

NSPCC Number Day—Maths Inspired Fundraising Day

On Friday 7th February we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day by being 'Maths Mavericks' by doing a fun Maths activity during the normal lesson time for that day. The NSPCC promote this day to fundraise for their charity which protects children from harm. To find out more please visit their website. [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/make-a-donation/)

If you would like to make a donation you can visit their donate page. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/make-a-donation/>

School Uniform

At the beginning of last term we announced we are changing our uniform provider from the Bucks Schoolwear shop to PL Schoolwear. Bucks Schoolwear still have items of uniform in stock but PL Schoolwear now stock all items. Their shop is located at Unit 56, Edison Road, Rabans Lane, Aylesbury, HP17 8TE or you can make purchases via their website www.plschoolwear.co.uk. They can be contacted on 01296 488000.

Weather and School Closure Procedures

The weather has turned colder this week and so we wanted to include a reminder of our procedures should we need to close due to poor weather conditions.

If the school has to close due to heavy snow, information will be given on Mix 96, online at www.buckscc.gov.uk and on the homepage of the schools website; www.haddenhaminfant.bucks.sch.uk/website. We try our best to make this decision as early as possible to enable you to make plans but the Governors and ourselves do not take the decision lightly; the safety of the children and staff is of paramount importance to us in these situations.

There may be occasions where the weather takes a turn for the worse during the day, in these instances we will keep you updated via the schools website.



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World Book Day

We have made a few changes to the way we will celebrate World Book Day this year. In the past we have invited the children to dress up as their favourite book character. This year we will not be having a dress up day and instead are turning the focus back to books to encourage a love of reading and story telling. There will be many other activities organised for that week.

Some recent articles have discussed that when World Book Day was introduced in 1995,

‘the main aim was to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. 1 in 8 disadvantaged children in the UK say they don’t have a book of their own. Children who say they have a book of their own are three times more likely to read above the level expected for their age than their peers who don’t own a book.’

We feel we should consider some alternatives to the norm of dressing up and take a step back to the place where the a LOVE of books and the POWER of stories is the focus.

Book Swap Shop

We want us all to become World Book Day Warriors and on Thursday 5th March we would like the children to bring to school between 1 to 4 books they have read that they are happy to swap. We will display all of the books in the hub and the children will have the opportunity to choose another book from the Swap Shop.

Focus on an Author

Each class will be focussing on a particular author during the week. They will share different stories by reading to other and there will be lots of other in class activities that week focussed around their particular author. The authors we will be exploring are: **YR—Julia Donaldson; Y1—Lauren Child; Y2—Oliver Jeffers**

Author Visits

We will have the pleasure of two authors coming to visit to hold assemblies, talks and writing workshops. These are:

Steve Cole—Friday 28th February

Sebastian Hockaday—Friday 6th March

There will be an opportunity for the children to buy a signed book by each author during their visit.

Steve Cole will be at school at pick up time to sign and sell his books at a reduced cost.

Sebastian Hockaday will be signing and selling his books during his visit in the school day. Please send your child in with money in a named sealed envelope if you would like them to buy his book. The children will not need any more than £5 per book.

Sponsored Readathon

During the week we will be running a sponsored reading and listening event. The aim of our event is to promote the love of reading and inspire us as World Book Day Warriors. During World Book Day week we are asking your child to be sponsored for the reading and listening they do at home. For example they could be sponsored for the length of time they read, number of pages, learning a new word. With the funds we raise we will buy new books for our library. We will send out a sponsor form nearer the time.



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Outside Play Equipment

Please, please can we ask that you ensure children do not play on the outside play equipment before and after school. We can only use this equipment when the children are being supervised by a member of staff due to health and safety and insurance reasons. Especially at this time of year, the equipment can be slippery/icy and should not be used. We do not allow the children to be supervised on the equipment in these conditions. Thank you for your support.

Save the Date! Saturday 16th May –Colour Fun Run

Following the success of our Colour Fun Run last year we are hosting another event on Saturday 16th May. The event will be in the morning so please keep your diaries free to come and join us. Fitlife will commence the fun with their fabulous colour warm up and will start the race. Our PTA will be serving a BBQ lunch in the school grounds afterwards too.



Footsteps Trainers—Your help please!

As part of our School Travel Plan the children in Years 1 and 2 take part in Footsteps Training which teaches them the important aspects of road safety. We are in need of some volunteers to help with our footsteps training as some of the parents who have helped left the school last year. If you are available to help we would love to hear from you.

Fisher German

Building on the success of our 'Building Communities' initiative which was launched in 2019 Fisher German are very pleased to have now partnered with our school, Haddenham Community Junior and St Mary's CE School.

“At Fisher German we care about the communities we work within and the 'Building Communities' initiative is just one of the ways we differentiate from other property businesses”.

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