

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

18th January 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston – Colder Weather Forecasts

With forecasts of colder weather over the next couple of months I thought I should remind you of the procedures we take should it be necessary to close the school. This is a decision I do not take lightly and will always endeavour to keep the school open as much as possible. If, however, we do need to shut the school an e-mail will be sent as early as possible. A message will also be put on the website as well as the Essex Schools closure page.

Please ensure the school always has your up to date e-mail address. New details can be sent via e-mail or letter to the office.

'What's Great about Great Britain?' Week

During the week beginning Monday 28th January, as a whole school, we shall be exploring what is great about the country we live in. We shall be looking, in particular, at British Values and how we are all incredibly lucky to live in a country where there is individual liberty, mutual respect, democracy and the rule of law.

During the week, children may bring home questionnaires or mini-projects where they will need to ask you about your family. One thing we are particularly interested in finding out is the diversity of our school population so we are setting families the task of producing a family tree that not only identifies the people but also **where** they were born. Thank you in advance if you are able to do this at home – we are sure your children will enjoy finding out about their family.



SENCo Drop in Sessions with Miss Godsaf

On Tuesday 12th February between 1:30pm and 3pm, the school SENCo (Becca Godsaf) will be holding drop-in sessions to discuss any concerns you may have about your child and their progress or learning. Please contact the office to book an appointment. Your child does not need to be on the SEN register to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Trainers

A reminder that our school uniform policy states that trainers should not be worn to school. There may be times where there is no alternative, but should we see a child wearing trainers for longer periods of time a letter will be sent home.

Should there be a specific medical condition where trainers are the only footwear recommended, then please ensure these are plain black. Thank you.

National Handwriting Day – Wednesday 23rd January 2019

We shared last week that we shall be celebrating National Handwriting Day in school by getting children to take part in activities and a special handwriting competition.

If you are interested in handwriting, have a try of these activities at home with your children:

- Write a letter or postcard to someone – it's becoming a lost art and we all know how much we love to receive something handwritten through the post.
- Draw a doodle –doodling is a great way to express some creative freedom and exercise your writing skills. You could even take them further into a larger sketch - your children will love seeing what you do!
- Colour in a colouring book.
- Learn what your handwriting says about you, for example, people who use large letters are usually more outgoing and outspoken!
- Search for the handwriting styles of people in the past – look at Lewis Carroll, who used doodles when writing his famous stories.



PFA Mother's Day Secret Presents



Please keep sending into school any unwanted, unused gifts ready for children to buy for the PFA's Mother's Day secret presents room that will be held for children in school on Friday 29th March.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 23 rd January	National Handwriting Day
Monday 28 th January – Friday 1 st February	'What's Great about Great Britain?' Week
Saturday 9 th February	PFA Valentine's Ball
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 6 at Duxford Imperial War Museum
Thursday 14 th February	PFA Valentine's Day Cake Sale
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 26 th February	Parent's evening
Thursday 28 th February	Parent's evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Friday 29 th March	PFA Mother's Day Secret Presents Room
Tuesday 2 nd April	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 5 th April	Last Day of Term
Friday 14 th June	PFA Father's Day Secrets Presents Room
Saturday 29 th June	PFA Summer Fayre