

# Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## Message from Mrs Gelston

What a beautifully sunny and warm week we have had to return to school – it has been wonderful to watch the children playing out on the school field and thoroughly enjoying the sunshine. If only this could continue!

Parents and children will have noticed the work we have had done to the playground trees over the half term holiday. I would like to reassure everyone that this was essential work to ensure the preservation of the trees and the stability of the school buildings. The tree that was outside the kitchen needed to be removed because it had died and all other trees pollarded to control their growth to avoid the roots travelling further under the buildings and therefore damaging our drainage system. There has also been a concern that natural light to classrooms was being blocked. All work was carried once permission was gained from Uttlesford District Council as all trees have preservation orders on them. In time, the canopies for all trees will grow again and kept under control.

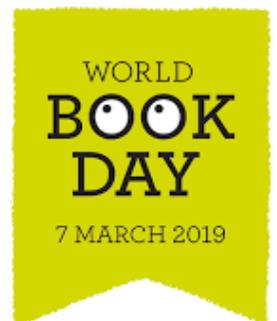
## What Parents Need to Know about MOMO

Unfortunately this week has seen yet another sinister challenge arise on the internet, this time going by the name of MOMO. Along with this newsletter is a parent factsheet about this challenge and how to help keep children safe when online. I would also urge parents to read the following article in The Guardian as it talks about how there are, at this time, no actual incidents related to this challenge: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/viral-momo-challenge-is-a-malicious-hoax-say-charities>

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We would like to invite all parents/carers into classes next week to read with the children for part of our World Book Day activities. You are invited to come into class any afternoon from 3pm to read with either your own child, a small group of children or the whole class. You can bring in a book of your choice or class teachers and children can pick one for you!

Please let the school office know whether you are able to come into school and which afternoon you are available so that we are aware of how many visitors to expect.



## Galileo Class Brazilian Drumming Workshop



'On Friday 15 February 2019, Galileo class took part in an exquisite Brazilian drumming activity. The instruments we played were agogos (cow bells), surdos (big drums), and tamborim (small hard drums). It was booming with sound but still really magical. At the end of the experience, we performed to our school and we had a blast, it was like we were a band playing at Glastonbury with a million people watching. Our wonderful drumming teacher, Dan, taught us a lot about drumming and his drumming career and it was very interesting to see how he got to this stage. It was a day we will never forget although our ears are still ringing!' By Mia and Eli

## Big Battery Hunt

Along with today's newsletter you should receive a letter giving information about a 'Big Battery Hunt' that Hatfield Heath is getting involved in.

## Holidays During Term Time

I would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Parents and carers who decide to take children out for a holiday during term time are very likely to be issued with a fine (£60 if paid within 28 days, £120 after 28 days per parent, per child) and should more than one holiday be taken each year the days will all be added together and the cumulative number of unauthorised days taken into account.

## School Health and Wellbeing Survey – Years 4 and 6

The Schools Health Education Unit is seeking parent's support for the collection of data on the well-being of children and young people in Essex. We have agreed to take part in this important annual survey of children and young people to obtain their attitudes and activities relating to: Healthy lifestyles; Emotional health and well-being; Bullying and safety; Children's rights; Recreational activities and volunteering. The survey will be carried out in school in the next two weeks. If you do not wish for your child to take part, please inform the school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Each questionnaire is anonymous and we can assure you that all information collected is held in the strictest confidence.

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (2.15pm – 3.15pm)	Einstein Class (Reception) Open Afternoon – Parents invited into school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March (morning only)	Team of Pupils at Essex English Competition
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Week – more information will follow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Galileo Class (Year 5) visit to the Neasden Temple
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March (morning only)	Team of Pupils at Essex Maths Competition
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA Mother's Day Secret Presents Room
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Father's Day Secrets Presents Room
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term