

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

15th February 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston

We have certainly had a busy half term since returning from the Christmas holidays. This is a quick summary of what has taken place at Hatfield Heath Primary in the last 6 weeks:

2-day Ofsted Inspection; National Handwriting Day with children taking part in a whole school competition; 'What's Great about Great Britain?' Week with children learning about aspects of their country and about their own families; Safer Internet Day with children learning about the meaning of consent; Reception Class Penguin Day; Year 6 visiting Duxford Imperial War Museum and having a special World War Two visitor in school to learn more about this incredibly important topic; Year 1 visiting Hollytrees Museum in Colchester as part of their work on toys and Year 5 spending today immersed in the sounds and rhythms of the Brazilian Samba!

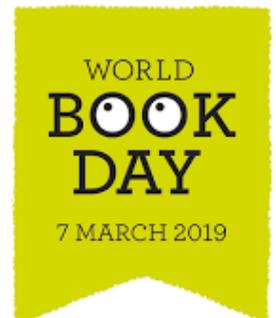
It's certainly been a terrific half term for the school and I wish everyone a restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 25th February.

Reporting A Child's Absence

It is essential that the school is made aware of a child's absence from school as soon as possible so please ensure that a phone call or email is made to school **before 9.30am** on the first day of absence. We would then expect parents/ carers to call on any further days of absence so that registers can be kept fully up to date. Thank you.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We shall be taking part in World Book Day again this year and we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in the book that this character is linked with. During the week around World Book Day we shall be completing work based around a book called 'The Lost Words', a book that inspires art, performances and singing. We shall also be inviting parents/ carers to come into school from 3pm each day to read with children. Look out for the letter which will be sent home after half term to provide more details about this.



Term Dates 2019-2020

The Trust Directors have now agreed Hatfield Heath Primary School term dates for 2019-2020. You will receive these along with this newsletter today. Please make a note of these dates so that holidays can be planned during the holidays rather than in term time.

Parent Zone – Experts in Digital Family Life

We have promoted Parent Zone on a number of occasions via this newsletter. It is such a useful website for parents to register with which provides weekly briefings relating to keeping children safe online. The link to their latest briefing is here: https://parentzone.org.uk/article/weekly-briefing-6-13-february-2019?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=7d2546f1a1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_02_13_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-7d2546f1a1-179242049

Great Britain Cake Winners

The cake designs have now been judged and winners chosen. The winners will be announced after the half term holiday and will be shared via this newsletter.

Hatfield Heath PFA Valentine's Ball

Thank you to all the guests, volunteers and sponsors who helped to make the Valentine Ball last Saturday a fantastic night, raising over £6,000 for the school. This is a tremendous achievement and the funds will be a significant step to helping us further our vision for IT and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths).

Congratulations to the PFA, the ball's organisers (photograph to right)



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March



We shall be supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. More information will come out closer to the time but for now we would like to let you know that we will be selling the Comic Relief Red Noses for £1.25 each from Friday 1st March.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 26 th February	Parent's evening (all year groups)
Wednesday 27 th February	Parent's evening (Year 3 only)
Thursday 28 th February	Parent's evening (all year groups except Year 3)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March (2.15pm – 3.15pm)	Einstein Class (Reception) Open Afternoon – Parents invited into school
Monday 25 th March – Friday 29 th March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Week – more information will follow
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
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
Friday 14 th June	PFA Father's Day Secret Presents Room
Saturday 29 th June	PFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term