

Newsletter

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Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Dear Parents,

What a week??! We started off the week looking at some of the books by James Mayhew. James is a famous artist and illustrator who has written and contributed to many books; we were very excited and fortunate to welcome him to school on Wednesday. James spent time with all of the children, telling stories and producing unique illustrations with the children. We will proudly display these throughout the school.

World Book Day—the children looked fantastic in the fairy-tale themed outfits on Thursday, World Book Day. They enjoyed a day of visiting different classrooms and taking part in a range of fun, fairytale focused activities. A big thank you to you all for arranging costumes and to our staff for dressing up too! Such a fun day which will hopefully inspire a love of reading.

We also held a book swap and hopefully your child has shared the book/books they brought home with you. As we had some books left over we will be having a 'book lucky dip' today (Friday). There will be boxes outside with bags containing boxes, please take one and enjoy the books with your child over the weekend.

Parent's evening—It was lovely to see so many of you at our two Parents evenings this week. Feedback sheets indicated that they were a resounding success and that you all feel that you received sufficient information about your child's progress and how to help them at home. The success of the online booking system was also apparent and will continue to use this to book for parents evenings, plays, workshops etc. If you were one of the few parents who experienced difficulties accessing it please contact the office.

Red Nose Day—It is Red Nose Day next Friday (15th) and we are asking the children to come to school dressed in something red and to bring a £1 for Comic Relief. This is an extremely worthwhile charity which helps vulnerable people both here and abroad.

Nursery - We waved our Nursery teacher, Mrs Binns off on her maternity leave yesterday. We will miss her and I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her well. We hope that all goes well with baby number 2 and Mrs Binns reassures me that she will return next year. As she said herself 'it's not goodbye just bye for now' !!

Milk—As the children in Nursery and Reception have 'rolling snack' during the morning we have decided to offer milk to all children at no cost to you. Therefore once your child turns five you will no longer have to fill in a form and pay for milk.

After such a busy week I know that the staff are looking forward to a restful weekend, I hope that you are too.

Mrs O'Connell—Headteacher

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Upcoming Dates

11th March—Science week begins



15th March—Nursery application deadline

15th March—Return Reading Star challenge and Red Nose Day

28th March 2.30—Parent Forum with class representatives



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Stars of the week

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
Filip and Freddie	Charlie and Amelie	Isa and Paris
Hazel	Pine	Beech
Elias and Farooq	Alicija and Maciej	Katie and Mtho
Willow	Antonia and Lois	

Star Writers

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
Evalynn	Oliver	Fia
Hazel	Pine	Beech
Finley	Fabiana	Taylor

 #hotchocfriday—joining Mrs O’Connell for hot chocolate on Friday to celebrate good behaviour at lunchtime—Lolu, Nathaniel, Jack H, Antonina, Chloe and Keerth

Attendance—Week beginning 25th February

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
83.74%	92.79%	86.55%
Hazel	Pine	Beech
64.67%	94.44%	96.67%

Well done to Beech class, the only one to reach the magic 96%

Chickenpox have hugely affected our absence in the last couple of weeks.

Please remember Every day counts.

