

Friday 8th February 2019www.harestock.co.uk

Number 10

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Attendance

The whole school attendance % is currently 96.2%. We strive to be able to celebrate attendance at or above 96% which is in line with national average. We recognise that January was a month in which some children across the school were poorly with coughs, colds and other viruses.

Year R	96.3	Year Y1	92.9	Year Y2	96.1
Year Y3	96.3	Year Y4	94.3	Year Y5	96.6
Year Y6	96.1				

Just a reminder, if your child is ill and cannot attend school please ring the office and let them know what your child is ill with (you can leave a message on the answerphone). If you know your child will not be returning to school for a couple of days let the office know when you first ring. A copy of our Attendance Policy is available on the school website www.harestock.co.uk

Writing competition. THE 500 WORDS COMPETITION IS OPEN - MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BY 7PM on FRIDAY 8TH MARCH.

'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. It was launched back in 2011, after Chris Evans had a dream. He dreamt of getting children excited about reading and writing. All children: no matter what their ability, experience, or background.

In 2018 134,790 children entered the competition, and since it launched, the competition has received over 800,000 short stories.

It's super simple. All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want - space-ships, grannies, insects, microwaves. The list is endless!

The competition has two age categories: 5 - 9 and 10 - 13. There is bronze, silver and gold prizes in each category.

Entry opened last week and entries close on Friday 8th March at 7pm 2019. All the details can be found on the Radio 2 website or <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50pnqLfDywb9CFxjNvth5l0/about-500-words>

Best of luck to you all.

Next week is reading week at Harestock!

Next week is reading week at Harestock and we have planned lots of fun activities to promote reading for pleasure. They include visits from a storyteller and an author, specific story sessions in classes, a whole school story-writing event, extra opportunities for sharing and enjoying books during playtimes and lunchtimes, class reading competitions and many more.

You have already received a letter inviting parents, carers or grandparents to volunteer to come and read a story to their child's class either at the end of the day or at another time during the day. The children would benefit from seeing a range of different role models enjoying books and sharing their favourite stories with them. If you are interested in coming in to read a story to your child's class, please see your child's class teacher to organise a suitable time and day. Class teachers can be flexible as all timetables will be altered for reading week so even if you have limited availability during the school day please don't hesitate to enquire.

As another way of promoting reading for pleasure, we will be running a lunchtime book swap shop on Monday 11th February and Wednesday 13th February. Children will be able to bring to school a book they no longer wish to keep and will exchange it for a token. They will then be able to exchange their token for another book in the swap shop.

Children are also invited to bring in their own reading material for all of next week and will be given extra time for reading throughout the week.

Please speak to myself or your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding reading week.

Happy reading!

Mrs Jacques

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION (Year R, 1 and 2)

Owl, Woodpecker and Ladybird classes

Topic outcome showing: Tuesday 12th February 2.45pm

We are looking forward to presenting our exciting film of Harestock Histories for our 'Who's to blame?' topic outcome. Although we said that there would not be any refreshments, Mrs Sankey has kindly said that we can provide popcorn to you, for a small donation. So don't forget your purses. It will just be like being at the cinema!

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Change of date for the Year 6 Osmington Bay meeting and curriculum meeting for SATs.

It is now WEDNESDAY 13th Feb 5pm - 6pm.

Year 6 Osmington Bay payments

Please ensure payments are at the office asap. The children are due to leave for their five day residential on Monday 4th March. Can you also ensure the office have an up to date mobile phone number as this will be used to inform you of their safe arrival at Osmington Bay and their estimated arrival time back at school on the Friday, but arrival time back at school should be approximately 4.30pm.

Online homework using Mathletics and Spellodrome

Next week we will be sending a letter home clarifying when and what the children should be accessing on this site. We know many children use this for additional re-enforcement of their learning. Practising topics covered on the previous terms curriculum topic letter would always be helpful, for the year group the child is in. Times tables practise is always helpful to do to improve speed and accuracy. Your child will know the timetables they are practising and being tested on. More information will be sent home next week.

FOS

Friday 8th February Alfred and Walker bake sale

Friday 22nd March Infant and Junior Discos 5.15pm - 6.15pm and 6.30pm - 7.30pm

WEBSITE UPDATE

Whole School, Panda, Panther, Woodpecker, Owl, Ladybird and After School Blogs. Also check out Junior Road Safety

REMINDERS

INSET day : Friday 15th February. No school for children

First day back after half term: Monday 25th February for children and staff

Please check the Spring term events through the year or see the school website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Connect to Support Hampshire - online Information and Advice

Connect to Support Hampshire is an online information and advice website for Hampshire residents (over 18's) It contains a wealth of information on how Hampshire residents can manage their care and wellbeing, stay independent and connect to their local community. <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/home>

Practical Information includes:

- Eating, Smoking and Weight Management
- Alcohol and Drug Support Charities
- Physical disabilities and conditions
- Mental Health advice
- Employment, training and learning
- Information for carers

The Connect to Support website is now available to download as an app on Google Play and the iTunes Store searching 'Connect to Support Hampshire'