

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Reading week

At the end of last half term, the whole school enjoyed a fun packed reading week. The children took part in a wide range of activities to celebrate a love of reading. The week started with buddy reading across the school where children mixed up into their houses to share books with all different age groups. The children shared stories with enthusiasm, and encouraged each other to have a go at reading aloud.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed visits from storytellers and Year 5/6 had a go at their own creative writing following their author visit and writing workshop.

Thank you very much to parents and carers who volunteered to come in and read their favourite stories to classes, the children loved sharing books with different people and seeing a range of different role models enjoying stories.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our book swap shop, it was lovely to see the children getting excited about taking home new books to enjoy and passing on their old favourites for others to read.

We also had a competition to judge which classes had read the most books throughout the week. The winners were: Infants: Owl Class Juniors: Otter Class.

The winning classes will each get to choose a new book for their classroom.

Breakfast and After School Club

We **do** have spaces most days at both of these clubs. If this is of interest, please enquire via the school office.

Harestock World Book Day

Well done to all of the children (and staff!) who dressed up so fabulously on our early world book day. We could see that a lot of work and creativity went into making costumes. The children had a great day and enjoyed talking about their favourite books.

Mrs Davies is hosting an Usborne Book fair on Tuesday 19th March during parent-teacher meetings 3.30pm - 7pm to enable you to purchase any books from your child's wish list. You can use the World Book day £1 vouchers too. The children are viewing the book fair next week.

Internet safety: Minecraft:

Tips and advice for parents from O2 and NSPCC to help keep their children safe

The web page provides details of the game to help parents understand the differences between 'creepers' and 'griefers' and relevant risks their children may face when playing. Parents can immerse themselves in the infographic to learn how to explain to their children about staying and playing safe. Click

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide> to access the information.

Outstanding monies

Our financial year ends on the 29th March (the 2nd to last Friday of this term before we break up), which is quickly approaching. PLEASE try to ensure ALL outstanding dinner monies, music tuition monies and money for activities/ trips are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

University Students

We are very lucky at Harestock to have a fantastic link with the University of Winchester. Currently we have two students on their final teaching placement before they qualify to become an NQT next year and gain their first appointment somewhere. We also have three Erasmus Students who are on an overseas placement at the University. These students are training to be teachers in their home country and are here for 2-3 days a week until Easter, to experience English teaching and the curriculum in this country. Our three students are from Czech Republic, Spain and Denmark. It is great to have them working alongside the children.

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Football match

A fantastic performance by the School football team last week, as they were victorious playing against King's Worthy School. A hard working team capped their first match of the year with 3 goals, including goals from Max W and James G. Every player played their part and were thoroughly deserved winners!

School Journey

Year 6 have been on their school residential trip to Osmington Bay this week. The children will have had the opportunity to try such activities as abseiling, climbing, zip wire and giant swing. We hope they all have a wonderful time and are sure they will have lots to tell everyone. When Mrs Sankey visited on Tuesday, the children were having a great time; challenging themselves to do the Zip Wire and the Giant Swing.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Panda, Woodpecker, Owl, Panther and Ladybird blogs. Yr 3/4 Curriculum Letters, Yr 6 Osmington Bay

ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

Hampshire Music Service- Staff Showcase at The Anvil, Basingstoke

FOS

Infant and Junior Discos - 22nd March 5.15pm - 6.15pm Infants

6.30pm - 7.30pm Juniors

Mother's Day gift making for children at lunchtime 25th - 29th March

Easter Egg Hunt on the field and Bake sale/ Café in the temporary classrooms Thursday 4th April 3.15pm

REMINDERS

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Children and staff to wear something red and donate £1

Resilience Workshop

Next session is on Wednesday 27th March 9- 11.30 a.m.

Maths Workshops

Tuesday 2nd April Infants 9-10 a.m. Juniors 10 - 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Message from Littleton Tennis Club

We would like to invite Harestock pupils to our second annual 'Littleton Aces' Talent ID Day at Littleton Tennis Club. We will be running a fun-packed, two-hour session on Saturday 23rd March from 1-3pm. The session will involve lots of agility, balance and co-ordination exercises as well as tennis specific drills.

The aim is to find a few children who show a great attitude with a willingness to learn and to award them a scholarship on to our tennis programme.

We will be awarding two, possibly more, places to children in each of the following categories:

Mini Tennis Red - 8 & U

Mini Tennis Orange - 9 & U

Mini Tennis Green - 10 & U

Yellow ball tennis - ages 11-14

Each child selected will receive up to 12 weeks free group coaching, free 1-2-1 coaching and free membership to the tennis club. A package worth over £200!

Ideally, we are looking for children who have little or no tennis experience.

If you think this is something your child would like to take part in please contact Chris Hughes, contact details are info@momentumtennis.co.uk, 07966 166 857.