

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 21 - 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a restful half term. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school during our open afternoon on 6th February, the children are very proud of their learning so to be able to share this with you is something that they really enjoy.

Today, Hedgehog Class treated us to the most fabulous class assembly. They captivated their audience by transporting them back in time to explore 1000 years of Britain's history. Every child creatively shared their learning about the Romans, Saxons and Vikings through song, dance and acting. I was really struck by how hard they worked as a team and how inspired they have been by their learning. A huge thanks must go to Mr Randall and Mrs Ashby for supporting the children to showcase their learning.

Our Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their morning at Therfield School in Leatherhead to watch their performance of 'We Will Rock You'. It was great to see some of our ex-pupils showcase their talents and our children were left feeling inspired and excited about their future next steps to secondary. Thank you to the Year 5 parent community for organising transport and making this trip possible.

Reception had a very brief visit from the team at Leatherhead Fire and Safety this week. They were thrilled to see them and witnessed first hand what happens when the fire service receive a 999 call as they were called away at the start of their visit! Needless to say, watching the blue lights on the engine with the siren blaring, was a real highlight.

We have lots of free tickets to give away for Leatherhead Football Club. Each ticket allows free entry for up to 2 adults and 5 children to attend any home game until the end of March. Their upcoming home games are Tuesday 27th February, Saturday 9th March, Saturday 23rd March and Saturday 30th March. Please pop to the office to collect some free tickets for your family and friends.

Miss J. Allen

Headteacher

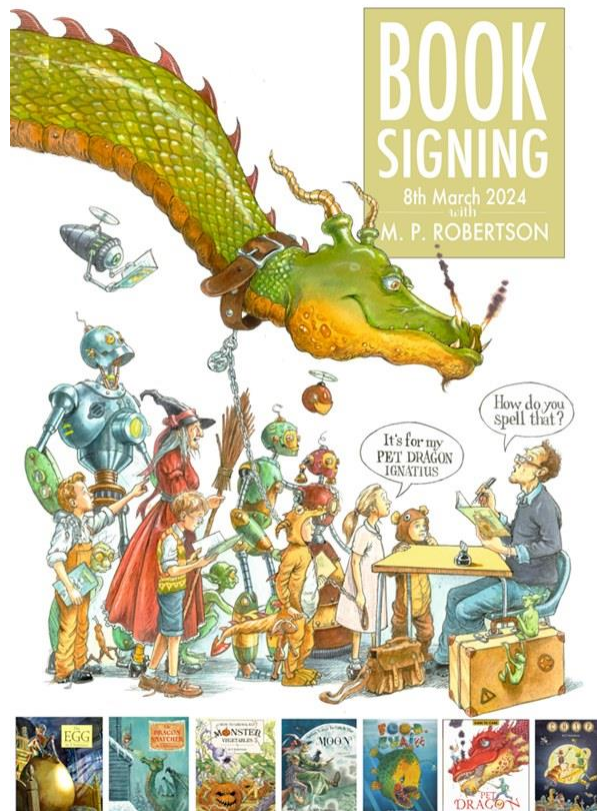
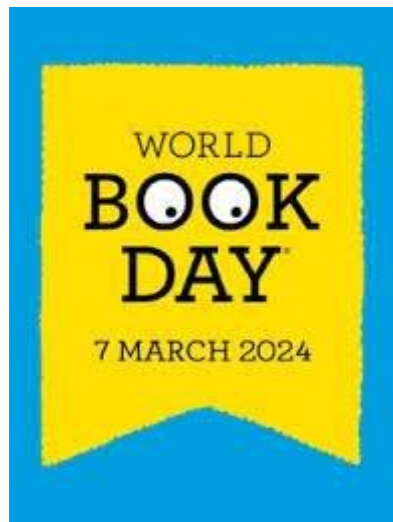




World Book Day

World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March and we will be taking this opportunity to celebrate all of our favourite books and authors. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character for this day and we will be hosting a range of different activities across the school. However, we don't want to keep the celebrations to just one day! During that week we would love parents, carers, grandparents and family members to get involved and come and read a story to their child's class. It will be a 'mystery reader' event- so it will be a surprise for the children! If you are interested, please sign up using the form [here](#). You will receive confirmation and then all you have to do is come along with your favourite book or section of a book to share with children for 15 minutes. We feel this is a great opportunity for children to hear some of their favourite stories/extracts and have reading modelled from a variety of different people.

Also, on Friday 8th March 2024 we are lucky enough to have the author M.P Robertson visit our school. Each child will partake in a workshop to learn about his writing and his amazing book illustrations. More information about his work can be found here: <https://www.mprobertson.com/>. There will be a book sale after school on this date from 3:30pm in the junior hall should you wish to purchase some of his titles. If you can't attend the book sale but would like to purchase a book, please fill in the attached form with your child's name and class and return it with the exact amount of cash to the class teacher or the school office.



Child's Name:	Child's Class:	Cash Amount (EXACT please):
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BOOK ORDER FORM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A BOOK AND YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO MAKE THE BOOK SALE PLEASE PLACE A TICK BESIDE THE BOOK(S) YOU WOULD LIKE AND GIVE THE MONEY TO THE TEACHER ALONG WITH THIS FORM. YOU CAN VIEW THE BOOKS AT MY WEBSITE: WWW.MPROBERTSON.COM.

- ☐ **THE EGG.** George discovers an oversized egg in his mother's chicken house. When a dragon hatches out he knows it is his motherly duty to teach the dragon dragon ways. £8
- ☐ **THE DRAGON SNATCHER.** George and his dragon travel to an icy world to take on an egg snatching wizard. Can they teach him the error of his evil ways? £7
- ☐ **DARE TO CARE for a PET DRAGON.** A practical guide about caring for a pet Dragon. £8
- ☐ **THE SANDCASTLE.** A boy gets more than he wishes for when his sandcastle becomes a reality. A modern day fairytale with magic shells and mermaids tails. £7
- ☐ **SEVEN WAYS TO CATCH THE MOON.** A gentle rhyming text about a girl who wishes to catch the Moon. Perfect bedtime reading. £7
- ☐ **ICE TRAP** When Shackleton's ship, The endurance, is trapped in pack ice he must lead his men to safety. A story of survival where men's wits are pitted against the elements to survive. £8
- ☐ **FOOD CHAIN.** A naughty little boy sets off a chain of events that he may regret when he tips his pet goldfish down the loo. £7
- ☐ **HIERONYMUS/HERMIONE BETTS and his/her UNUSUAL PETS.** Available in two editions one with boy siblings one with girls, please state which edition you would like. £7
- ☐ **HOW TO GROW AND EAT MONSTER VEGETABLES.** An essential guide to growing and surviving the dangerous task of growing monster veg. **HARDBACK £11**
- ☐ **CHiP** is my latest book, a tender LOVE story between two ROBOTS. Highly imaginative and IMHO one of my most beautifully illustrated books. **HARDBACK £11**

£1 of every book sold will go towards funding my visit to your school.
Many Thanks.



Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday 28th February - EYFS and Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum

Friday 1st March - Falcons class assembly

Tuesday 5th March - Junior swimming gala

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Author visit and book sale after school



Headteacher Award

Cora in Reception shared her brilliant writing all about parrots. I was so impressed by her use of phonics, adjectives and letter formation.

George in Year 2 has worked so hard learning his phonic sounds and came to share some fabulous progress that he has made so far this year.

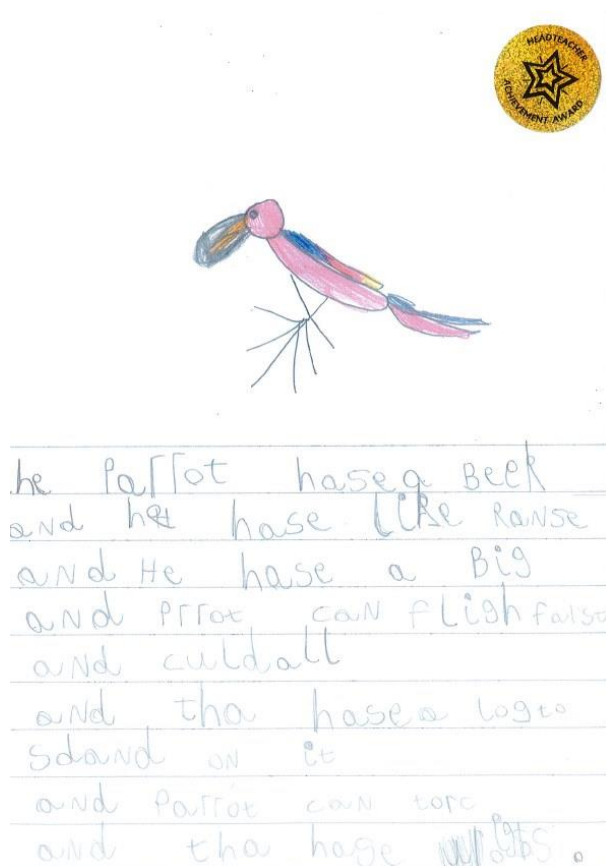
Archie in Year 3 proudly read his fabulous version of The Three Little Pigs to me.

Harlow in Year 3 shared his thoughtful plan and ideas for his version of The Three Little Pigs.

Robert in Year 3 worked hard on his story called The Three Little Pups.

Harry in Year 4 shared a heartfelt poem that he had written about someone that he loves.

We are delighted to report that Lucy in year 6 competed in the Surrey Schools Cross Country at Priory Park, Reigate recently. In a strong field of 59 of the best runners in Surrey and on an undulating course, Lucy came in 20th which secures her a place at the next Surrey training and selection day. Well done Lucy!



he parrot hase a beek
and he hase like ranse
and He hase a Big
and prro can flioh fawso
and culdall
and tha hase a logeo
stand on it
and parrot can tore
and tha hase mll pbs.

Thursday 22 February 2024



The three little pigs

One sunny day, there was a poor pig family consisting of one mother who was the poorest, pig 1, pig 2 and pig 3. Sadly the mother pig had to pick them out to save some money for a milk or 2. After that, pig 1 looked to the left and found a man with some blocks of wood. pig 1 went over to the man and said "could I borrow some wood?" "Sure!" replied the man. So the pig took some wood and started building his house. Meanwhile, pig 2 was venturing through the forest in search of some food. Eventually, pig 2 found some large old trees and set off to build his hut. Also, pig 3 was a bit cheeky and stole some bricks and a tub of concrete to build his house.

Then, a hungry wolf, one by one by after smelling the pigs' pork. "Oh piggy or piggy! let me in!" the wolf said. "No No No! Not here and not at my door!" replied the pig.

"Then I'll hiss and jump and BLOW THE PLACE DOWN!" said the wolf. After hearing this, pig 1 immediately escaped through the emergency hole and ran into pig 2's hut. After that, the same thing happened until both pigs got to the 3rd hut. When the wolf tried to blow this night but the pigs were safe. The wolf learned his lesson and never did it again.

Tuesday 22nd February
2024
The three little pigs

One day there were
three little pigs. They lived
in a magnificent cabin.

They made a straw cabin
a wig cabin and a brick cabin.

The big bad wolf tried to
blow down the brick house like
a wrecking ball but sadly he
failed.

Next
he tried to blow the
wood house down.

Finally the big bad wolf blew
down the straw house.

So he made the brick
house ^{explode} and Bonfire with it.

And goes to prison ^{forever}.



Thursday 22nd Feb 2024

The Three Little Pigs

1 One day there was a ^{man} named
Pig called Sky. Sky had
three Pigs called Marshall,
Rocky and Chase.

Paragraph 2
2 Sky told the Pigs to build on
houses. Marshall built a straw house
Rocky built a stick house Chase
the third one the
built a brick house. The
building made the Pigs
exhausted.

Paragraph 3
3 Chase the third Pig
had the best house.
Sky was very impressed.

Paragraph 4
4 The ^{man} was slow to
and... He tried to
knew that Chase was
the was tried to blow down
Chase the Pigs called 991
the Pigs to arrest the
to go to the worst place.

over the world Prison
 jail. The ^{was} sadly gave up
 so he can't see meet

*In her sapphire blue eyes,
 There deeply lies,
 a scene of beauty, care and happiness.
 From that tiny dove,
 She's grown by
 enough for me far,
 for someone to eventually love.*

*She might have grown with not many friends
 but she's never alone.
 She might be miles away,
 but she's never too far away from my heart.*

*When we run,
 it makes me feel free.
 She might not run that fast,
 but it's good enough for me*





Online Safety

For our online safety topics this week, we are focusing on how to create positive habits for those in EYFS and information about using Virtual Reality.

Online safety advice for Early Years

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

Reality Check from Parent Zone

Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Winnie
Bumblebees	Mark
Dragonflies	Grace
Foxes	Archie
Squirrels	Keelia
Hedgehogs	Simey
Rabbits	Cody
Eagles	Rupert
Hawks	Ellis
Falcons	Michaela
Kestrels	Issy

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Falcons** for winning the attendance certificate **last week!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Falcons** classroom all week.



Penalty Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

A form must be completed for all requests of leave, which you can obtain from the school office.