

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Welcome to Issue 22 - 1st March 2024*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Today Falcon Class showcased their learning this term in their class assembly. The assembly was written by the children and featured what they regarded as their 'best bits'. They wowed their audience with a range of highlights including: a re-enactment of the circulatory system, video clips of news reports that were filmed and produced during their recent trip to Sky Studios and a gymnastic sequence of controlled balances and movements. Well done Falcon Class and thank you to Mrs Wilson and the wider Year 6 team.*

*On Wednesday four of our very talented mathematicians in Year 4 took part in a maths competition at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham. The competition involved 75 teams from 40 different schools and required the children to answer a range of very challenging mathematical questions. Our children were focussed and determined to do their very best which resulted in them coming **first place!** We are so proud of them. Henry said 'It felt amazing just knowing that we came 1st. I thought that they were quite easy questions actually!' Thank you to Mr Randall and our governor Seonaid Chappell for taking and supporting the children.*

*There was lots of excitement in the lunch hall today as Saturn House celebrated being the house that achieved the most points last term. To mark this momentous occasion they had a very special lunch. Their tables were decorated in green, there were green balloons and music playing. It was wonderful to see children from all year groups spending time together and enjoying the team spirit. Thank you to Mrs Dunk and Dr Boagey for organising the table decorations and for making this event one to remember.*

*The Junior Citizenship event that year 6 attended yesterday at Epsom racecourse was aimed at giving young children the skills to deal with a wide range of emergency situations, and to enable them to make a valued contribution to their local community through good citizenship. The children enjoyed their learning on safety around water, electricity, railways, drugs, alcohol, vapes, and no know who to call in various emergency situations. The event*

*ended with all children taking part in a game aimed at promoting respect and support towards each other.*

*"I liked when we had to spot the dangers in the posters when near water, there were lots of dangers that I hadn't thought about," remarked Isla.*

*Please note that our Week 1 Menu has changed slightly - Twelve15 have added pesto pasta to the Monday menu commencing Monday 4th March. All pre-orders will have been cancelled out so please ensure you log on to ParentPay and re-select if you had previously chosen the cheese and tomato pasta option.*

*Next week we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and welcoming the author M P Robertson on Friday. Miss Macdougall has carefully planned a fabulous week of reading based activities which we are all looking forward to, including our parent/carer mystery reader event!*

Miss J. Allen

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## *Parking*

### **Is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside of schools?**

Yes, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services or near a bus stop, tram stop or taxi rank. Again, the rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

### **What about when signs are in place?**

When yellow zig-zags are accompanied by a sign indicating the hours of operation, it means that between those hours parking wardens or local authority civil enforcement officers have the power to issue motorists with penalty charges for parking in the area.

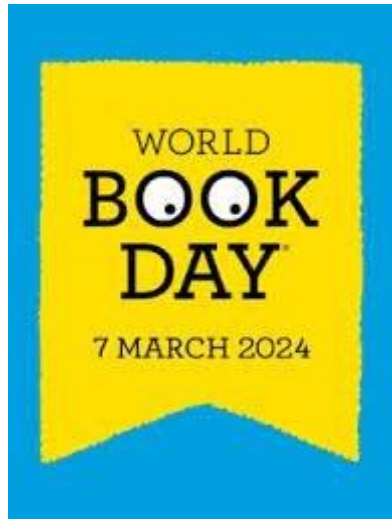
Parking on a yellow zig-zag without a sign or outside the indicated hours of operation doesn't mean that it's legal to do so; it just means that it's a matter for the police rather than the local authority to enforce.



## *World Book Day*

World Book Day 2024 is next week, 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 don't forget to sign up using the form [here](#). Once you have received confirmation, all you have to do is come along with your favourite book or extract 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](http://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

Tuesday 5th March - Junior swimming gala

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Ladybirds class assembly

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

Friday 8th March - Cross country races



### *Headteacher Award*

Taylan in Reception has produced some fantastic writing all about his mummy and why she is special to him.

Hugo in Year 3 proudly shared his fabulous geography work all about monsoons.

Billy in Year 3 was totally enthused by his learning linked to the Egyptians and the mummification process.

Ned and William in Year 3 worked incredibly hard to produce an instructional piece of writing about mummification.





## Monsoons in India

How many seasons does India have? Can you recall them?

India has three seasons Hot and dry,  
Wet and Hot & Cool and dry ✓

What season does the monsoon occur in? Why?







Monsoons occur in the wet and hot  
season because it's wettest. ✓

Why is it important that India has monsoons? Write in full sentences to explain why.

It is important <sup>for the monsoon to come</sup> because it has  
a positive impact <sup>environment</sup> such as helping crops  
grow, making the environment cooler,  
helping farmers make money and  
many other things that help Indians. ✓

Draw a picture of a monsoon in India:



 1. Firstly, cut the head off with the scissors. carotid arteries. ✓	 2. Secondly, smash the brain and pull it through the nose. ✓	 3. Next, fill the head with herbs and spices. ✓
 4. Then, cover the head with the bandage and wrap it. ✓	 5. After, cover the head with the bandage and wrap it. ✓	 6. Finally, put a bandage over the head and wrap it. ✓

How to mummify:

- Equipment:
- jar/body
  - canopic jars
  - hook
  - natron (salt)
  - herbs
  - linen
  - sarcophagus

Instructions:

1. Wash the body with water and natron
2. Smash the body with a mallet to break the bones
3. Put the body in a jar
4. Put the body in a jar
5. Cover the body with natron
6. Put the body in a jar



Mummification in Egypt

you need: a mallet.

4 canopic jars: soap and water, natron, linen

Instructions 1) First wash

the body. 2) Secondly

take the organs out!

2) Thirdly take the brain

out and put some

dust in! 3) Next put

them in salt!

4) Wrap them in

linen! 5) Finally put

them in a coffin!



## *Online Safety*

### **WhatsApp**

WhatsApp is a free mobile messaging app which allows users to send and receive messages, images and videos to their existing phone contacts, using an internet connection. WhatsApp users can create groups and send messages to lots of their friends at the same time.

WhatsApp is end-to-end encrypted meaning that only the sender and recipient can see the contents of a message.

### **What do parents need to be aware of?**

#### Age restrictions

In Europe and the UK, the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation.

Like many age restrictions on social media apps, some children may choose to ignore this and sign up for WhatsApp when they're younger.

WhatsApp's main purpose is to send messages to friends. It isn't public in the same way that Twitter is, and people can only message friends who are already added on their phone. As long as a child only has trusted people as contacts on their phone, it is a relatively safe social media app.

The main thing to discuss with them is how to act in group chats, as here people not in their contacts will be able to see all the messages and send them messages.

#### Group chats

The group chat function allows up to 512 people to chat in one conversation stream. Each group is set up by one person, known as the group admin, who is the only person who can add or remove participants and change or add further group administrators.

Anybody in the group, even if they're not one of your phone contacts, will be able to see messages that you post, and you will be able to see theirs. If you are added to a group with someone you have blocked, that person will still be able to contact you in the group chat.

You can't always control if you're added to a group chat; but remind children that they can always control their own participation within it – they can leave whenever they want to.

To do this, when on the group's page, tap the three dots in the top right (or the name of the group at the top of the screen on an iPhone), then tap Group info, then EXIT GROUP in the red box at the bottom of the screen (or scroll down to Exit Group on an iPhone).

### 'View Once' messages

WhatsApp also allows you to send images and videos which can only be viewed once, and this can be done by tapping the 'View Once' button on the image or video you wish to send. All photos and videos sent this way won't be saved to the recipients photo library.

### Edited messages

In May 2023 WhatsApp announced that they would be introducing the ability for users to easily edit their messages for up to 15 minutes after sending.

Although messages which have been changed will be accompanied by an 'edited' note next to them, users will no longer be able to see what the message said previously.

WhatsApp haven't announced if the platform themselves will keep a history of edits. If there's no way of seeing the previous content of a message (besides a screenshot at the time of receiving the message) then this will mean that it's more difficult to have evidence of messages which are harassing or involve bullying.

It may also mean that children are more prone to send a hurtful message if they believe they can quickly edit it afterwards (and avoid repercussions).

### Privacy settings

The app has a default privacy setting which allows anyone else on WhatsApp to view the user's profile photo, status and when they last used the app.

It's easy to change this setting to specify that the WhatsApp profile is only seen by 'My contacts' or 'Nobody' making the app feel a lot safer for younger users. You can also manage any blocked contacts.

In August 2022 WhatsApp announced some additional privacy features, including the ability to leave group chats 'silently' without notifying other members (excluding admins), extra control over who sees your 'online status', and the blocking of screenshots for View Once messages.

### Status update

Users can now update their WhatsApp status by posting images or videos. These will only last 24 hours and if more than one status update is posted then they will collate into a story, similar to Snapchat and Instagram.

You can choose who sees your status update by going to the Privacy Settings. The original text-based status update is still available through the general settings menu.

Remind children that making a status without first amending privacy settings will enable anyone in their contacts to see it. Make sure that they only post something if they feel comfortable with it being seen by all their contacts in their phone.

### WhatsApp Web

WhatsApp can also be accessed via a user's computer and PCs by using WhatsApp Web. The feature is an extension of the app and users can have conversations as normal using the browser version. The web version lets people stay logged in by default so it's important to make sure to either choose not to stay logged in or log out after you're finished using it.

For any more information, please do look at [https://faq.whatsapp.com/?locale=en\\_US](https://faq.whatsapp.com/?locale=en_US)

### *Stars of the week*

Our stars of the week are:

<b>Ladybirds</b>	Willow
<b>Bumblebees</b>	Anna
<b>Dragonflies</b>	Harry K
<b>Foxes</b>	Robert
<b>Squirrels</b>	Nam
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Jenson
<b>Rabbits</b>	Finn
<b>Eagles</b>	Amelia
<b>Hawks</b>	Ellis
<b>Falcons</b>	Archita
<b>Kestrels</b>	Izabella



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## *Attendance*

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

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



## *Surrey County Council's new road safety strategy*

Surrey County Council are consulting with all residents in Surrey regarding a new road safety strategy which aims to cut road collisions resulting in death or serious injury, to zero by 2050.

### **What is Surrey County Council's Vision Zero Strategy?**

The strategy includes a new policy for introducing 20 mph speed limits. They will be focusing on schools, residential areas and town centres. They will listen to the views of local people before they develop any new scheme. There is no intention that this will be a blanket approach to 20mph limits.

Please give your say by completing the consultation via the link below:

<http://visionzerosurrey.commonplace.is>

**HAVE YOUR  
SAY ON ROAD  
SAFETY IN  
SURREY**



Working towards zero collisions on Surrey's roads.

