

## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day has been a great success today in achieving one of our reading aims; inspiring children to read and promoting the joy that books can bring. We shared with the children in our assembly in the morning that as a school we have two aims for every child to achieve in Reading; for the children to 'Learn to read' and 'Love to read.' World Book Day is an important enrichment part of this as the children enjoy and explore a range of new authors and illustrators, share and talk about books and bring them to life, which is exactly what happened today! One of the children's favourite creative activities that Mrs Thomas planned, was 'The Masked Reader Challenge.' The children had to guess which Teacher was behind the mask and what books they were reading from the videos. Well done to 4DN for winning the competition! Sharing books with children from the Infant school was also a special moment which we hope to do more of in the future.

It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came into school dressed as their favourite book character. Amongst the many characters we had in school today from Harry Potter, and multiple princesses across the year groups, we also had Fantastic Mr Fox, Little Red Riding Hood, Matilda, Where's Wally, Horrid Henry, Gangsta Granny, Mildred Hubble and the Cat in the Hat, amongst many others. Thank you for all the effort made!

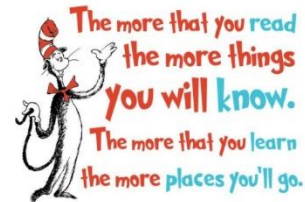
We all want to thank our fantastic team of Librarians and Mrs Thomas for the hardwork they have put in for the children to all enjoy not only today but each day in our school library. We would encourage all of our families to continue to enjoy reading together too.

Well done to our football teams who showed perseverance and ambition in both the girls and boys matches against Cherbourg. Congratulations to the boys who won 2-1 and huge well done to the girls who despite losing 3-1, showed great team work, we are very proud of you all.

Have a great weekend and keep on reading!

Best wishes,

**Zoe Loosemore**



**Hugo illustration** – please enjoy this amazing portrait of Hugo drawn by one of our aspiring artists! We were amazed at how they have brought Hugo to life and caught his reflective and affectionate personality.



**You can now subscribe to our school website calendar!**

**Link to our school website calendar for dates and events**

[Website Calendar Link](#)

# Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed or you would like to check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please check using the link below:

FSM [Hampshire link here](#)

## Free school meals criteria

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

*Congratulations Elise & Amelia! We are very proud of you!*

We are pleased to confirm that on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January we completed the 3 challenges for raising money for Finsattached.

The 3 challenges included a 2km run, a 2000m swim, which we managed to do in 57 minutes. The after that we did a 3km cycle ride! In a day!

We had fantastic support on our collection pot website and raised £810.92. Finsattached have confirmed that we buy two tags for the sharks!

We have recently been in touch the CEO of Finsattached and he has shared our story and collection pot link on the Finsattached Facebook page and asked his global community to support our challenge and get our total to £1000! You can donate by clicking on this link:

<https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3043030/>

*Elise & Amelia* 😊



# Year Group Highlights



Year 3

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 4

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 5

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)



Year 6

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

## Highlight Well-being

As book week has been in full swing this week, please talk to your child about the shared stories, events, dressing up and all things bookish that we have been exploring this week. Ask your child how it has made them feel, and what they have learned from their favourite books. Take the time to enjoy the slow paced pleasure of curling up with a book and escaping the whirlwind of life for a while.

Taking the time to enjoy some gentle, healing activities is also something that we will be focussing on for our next **Wellbeing Coffee Morning, 9 - 10 on Wednesday 8th March**. This will be a relaxed and informal session where parents can join in with yoga, (led by a qualified community yoga teacher), art therapy, and a range of ELSA and Thrive activities. It is by having a go ourselves that we can learn the value of these activities, and can then share these activities with our children; connecting more with ourselves and with others.

Very much looking forward to this. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes that you can stretch in!





## Bookmark Competition Winners 2023

**Well done to all the children who took part in the bookmark competition!**

The designs were eye-catching and vibrant and many included children's favourite authors, books and messages to inspire and promote 'we are all ambitious readers'. All the bookmark winners received a certificate and a book token prize and were presented with these during today's assembly.

Congratulations to the winners of each year group

*Mahi (3P), Moaaz (4S) Alex (5MR) Stefano (6C).*

Class 3P

Name (full name) Mahi



Name (full name) Moaaz

Class 4S



Class 5MR

Name (full name) Alex



Name (full name) Stefano

Class 6C





Hope you and your children all enjoyed lots of reading fun this week!

### Events and Sales Coming Up:

**Wonder Women** - Children can choose a special gift for a special person in their life, just before Mothers Day. Gifts will be wrapped up and sent home.

£5 per gift, sales end 13th March



**Easter Egg Hunt** - Children will be able to hunt for eggs / clues and claim their reward, with a big prize available for one lucky winner too! **Tickets on sale now! £3.50/child.**

*We will also be launching Easter Activity Bags ahead of the holidays too!*

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**HSPTA Quiz Night** - Get your brains ready for a night of fun at our next quiz night! A great chance to socialise and test those brain cells and always a few curveballs to challenge you! Pizza's available to order and you can bring your own drinks!

Friday 21st April @ 7:30pm. £40/ table of 8 people, with a limited number of single tickets available for a mixed table.

Buy all tickets, uniform and more on our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Event	Date
PTA Meeting on Zoom	9th March 7.30pm
Wonder Woman Celebration Sale	13th March
Easter Egg Hunt	24th March 3.20pm
Easter Craft Bags	31st March
Spring Quiz	21st April 7.45pm
Summer Fayre	Pencil in 8th July!
Summer Colour Run	End of summer term

Website for orders and info: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Private Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta>

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