



Hello from Mrs Hunter

We are perhaps the last school to get there but today is our World Book Day! There has been lots of talk in the news this year about whether or not this event has become too commercial. However, we are proud here that we have got the balance just right. The children have a great opportunity here to wear something different that they feel comfortable in, see the staff get dressed up and get immersed in a variety of book related activities to help inspire a lifelong love of reading. What is commercial about that? It was so lovely to come back from the snow days to have children asking us when our WBD was going to be rearranged – while they love it we'll keep doing it!

Yesterday we met with the cast of the Lion King 2018 to give them their parts. It was wonderful to have all 200 of them together. We did talk through with them how to handle disappointment and that the only way we could have avoided that would be to not put the play on at all! There is so much that our children learn from these opportunities – thank you for your support with this. The scripts will be going out after Easter once as a team we have added in the extra lines that are needed. We did explain to the children that at the moment they might not be clear as to what their part actually means but that will all become clear after Easter. Get ready to roar!

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to find out more about our approaches to bullying at the Anti-Bullying evening last week, run by Mrs Blissett and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. While there were not many parents there it was a good chance for us to explain our many approaches to this important issue.

Spring is definitely underway (we have two sets of nesting birds on site!) although I am sure you are aware of the amber snow warning in place for Sunday. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from parents regarding our communication around the previous snow days and we will make sure that this is the case this time round.

Finally, don't forget to sort your tickets for the Easter assemblies on the last day of term. I am delighted that Sim Dendy will be returning to run these with me.

Best wishes
Sam Hunter ☺



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Lunchtime Supervisors Wanted!

We are looking for new lunchtime supervisors to join our friendly team. The hours are from 11:55 to 1:05pm Monday to Friday during term time. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with children, is confident when dealing with pupils, is a good communicator and is a team player. If you are interested, please see Mrs Batten in the school office for an application form.

This week Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to school next week! The book cases are coming from **The Travelling Book Company**, who are one of the best companies for offering a fantastic selection of really good quality children's books. Books will be on sale, in the school hall from 3.30pm till 4.15pm



Wednesday 21st from 3.30pm till 4.15pm
Thursday 22nd from 3.30pm till 4.15pm and
Friday 23rd March from 3.30pm till 4.15pm

You can use your World Day Book Voucher towards the cost of a book worth over £2.99. It is lovely for children to have special books of their very own to treasure and furthermore all purchases generate commission for free books for our school. Last year your support was FANTASTIC and we raised £815! We hope to see you there.

Feeling the Force

Combining their current science unit and their themed week, Year 3 visited Paultons Park on Monday to learn all about forces. The children impressed all with their knowledge and understanding of forces, from the basics of pushes and pulls to more technical terms like air resistance, gravity, friction and centrifugal force. Of course, young scientists have to conduct thorough research and we were not short of volunteers to experience the forces at work on the rides themselves.

Owen H – The Velociraptor had such good, fast speed and I could really feel the force of the air resistance on my face!

Alice T – I enjoyed the sky swinger because it went so fast and lifted me up! It was funny how the centrifugal force pushed you to the outside.

Laurence M – I liked the Flight of the Pterosaur because the chairs dangled under the tracks instead of sitting on top of them. I liked seeing the rubber wheels and learning about how they stop the rides with friction.



As ever, huge thanks go to our parent helpers for making this day possible.

The Year 3 Team

We Care Certificates this week



Theo D (3P) Super Paired Partner
Emily T (4R) Supporting, Explaining, Questioning
Imogen N (5B) ModRoc Mask Master
Marnie C (3DN) Terrific Team Player



Thomas H (5H) Brazilian Fish Uncovered
Dominic H (4P) Originality and Ingenuity



Ella T (6W) Awesome, Ambitious, Arithmetic
Hannah J (6C) Bounces back..... BOOM
Vicky W (3O) Engineering determination
Alessia B (4S) Marvellous, Multiplication Method
Mirko B (5CH) Persuasive politician



Ben B (6B) Eager to improve



Communications this week (copies of these letters can be found on our website)

Group	Content	Date of Event/Deadline
Y5	Fairthorne Manor Residential – final letter	May 2018
Y6	Isle of Wight – final letter	June 2018

Dates for Next Week

19 th March	4P Sharing Assembly 14:15 R&R Lower School Football 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
20 th March	4S Bolderwood Trip
21 st March	Book Fair 15.30 – 16.15 in school hall R&R Y4/Y5 Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room
22 nd March	4P Bolderwood Trip 3O Sharing Assembly 14:30 Book Fair 15.30 – 16.15 in school hall R&R Upper School Tag Rugby 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room George’s Marvellous Medicine Theatre trip 19:00
23 rd March	5H Sharing Assembly 09:15 4R Bolderwood Trip Easter Egg Hunt 15:30 Book Fair 15.30 – 16.15 in school hall R&R Lower School Netball 15:30 – 16:30 collect from the music room Street Dance cancelled due to book fair



Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 23rd March, Junior School Playing Field, 3:30pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY UNTIL MIDNIGHT TUES 20th MARCH!!!!

Buy your tickets on line at www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta for £3. Alternatively visit our **Pop up shop** at school pick up on Wednesday 21st March for your final chance to buy tickets for £3. A limited number of tickets will be available at the event for £4.

For those that haven't been before, the hunt takes place on the Junior School field and children enter the playground through the start line next to the Astro pitch. Please allow pre-school and Year R children and their parents to enter first. All other parents, please remain in the playground area and enjoy visiting our cafe and cake stalls!

On the field collect three pink and three blue tickets to claim a prize. There are also two year group eggs hidden and one golden egg to hunt for!

PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKET WITH YOU ONTO THE FIELD as you will need it to claim your prize.

HELP NEEDED: - can you spare an hour to help set up? Clear up afterwards? Or volunteer during the event? Can you bake a cake to sell at the cake sale? If you can, please sign up on www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or email us at info@hspta.co.uk.

For any queries or questions about the events or anything HSPTA related please contact us at info@hspta.co.uk or see our Facebook group [facebook.com/groups/hspta](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta).

Helen (HSPTA Chair)