

# 10th February Newsletter



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## Message from Headteacher

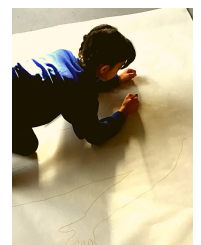
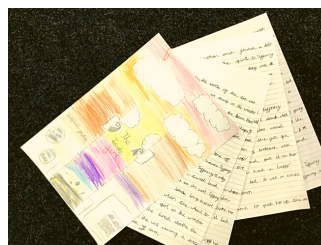
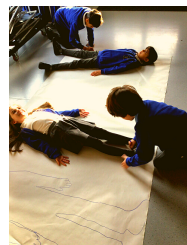
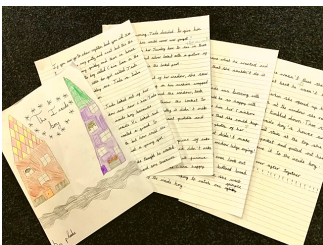
Our pupils have let their light shine again this week! I am very proud of Lucas and Vihaan (Year 5 boys) who have shown enthusiasm in offering to run a lunchtime chess club. We are in the process of purchasing some additional chess sets to support this. The Chess Team will teach others the rules of the game and how to play. We look forward to seeing this club getting off the ground later this term.

Evelyn in Year 3 has also impressed us with her compassion for others. Evelyn is due to have her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. This charity uses the hair donated to create wigs and hairpieces for cancer sufferers. You can support Evelyn in this by visiting her Just Giving page on <https://gofund.me/809ed0b8>.

Children in Year 3 and 4 have also enjoyed working with our Artist and Author in residence. Katy Durdant-Hollomby has worked with children, supported by Emma Roberts from the All Saints' Church Team. The duo led brilliant workshops with the children focusing on story writing. The workshops were linked to Katy's newest children's book called 'The Inside Girl' which the children adored. They were gripped from the opening line.



The children took part in a carousel of activities including art and drama to assist with the planning of their own version of Katy's story. This week, the children have had opportunities to write their own stories, create their own front cover based on the art activities and share their amazing pieces of writing with Katy too.



We have received advice from local police asking to forward a message to our families to be extra vigilant and aware of an increase in burglaries in the area. They have asked for families to ensure that they check that doors and windows are securely locked on both vehicles and properties. They are holding a free crime prevention webinar, **Preventing Burglary**, on 14th February between 1pm – 2pm, and 22nd February between 6pm – 7pm. The Speaker will be Inspector Matt Coe from the Crime Prevention Unit at the London Safety Centre. You can book your place by visiting [www.ourwatch.org.uk/webinars](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/webinars).



# Sports News



We have had another busy week of sport. Hot on the heels of last week's football fixtures, our Netball Team represented our school in a High Fives competition at Blacon High School. Their passing and movement on court was excellent and it was clear that they were using many drills from training in their games.

There were a few nail biting moments as the girls battled with the opposition to score. We are so proud that we placed 2nd in our group but unfortunately lost out to another school who went on to the final. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on!



On Tuesday, Year 6 were very fortunate to have some basketball coaching from Cheshire Phoenix. They completed some drills and finished with some matches.

On Thursday, Robert Jones from Wirral Taekwondo visited us to do a demonstration for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. The children really enjoyed it and learnt a few patterns. If any children are interested in taking up Taekwondo, please send an email to [enquiries@wirraltkd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wirraltkd.co.uk) or call Robert on 0151 3453430. They train at All Saints Church on Mondays and Thursdays and offer a free trial class.

# Parents' Evening

Our Spring Term Parent's Evenings will take place after half-term.

Parents Evening slots can be booked through our website, [www.hooleceprimary.co.uk](http://www.hooleceprimary.co.uk) or the School Spider App. Parents and Carers will need to login to the school website or the app to be able to book a slot. If you have forgotten your login details, please click on the "forgotten password" link to reset it. The slots are available on a first come first served basis. We emailed step-by-step instructions of how to book a slot to all parents and carers last week.

If you would prefer a telephone consultation at the time you have booked, please make contact with the School Office via email to [admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk), so we can check contact details and update records where needed. Unless we hear from families, we will assume that parents or carers are attending in person.

**The following clubs will be cancelled that week:**

**Year 1-2 Choir, Year 3-6 Choir, Year 5-6 Zentangle**

**Year 1-2 Lego, Year 3-6 Shakespeare**

**Year 1-2 Yoga and Mindfulness, Passion for Learning**

**Year 6 Maths and Reading Boosters (Both Wednesday and Thursday)**

Year group	Class teacher	Date of Parents' Evenings
Reception	Mrs Jeffs – Henry Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Miss Macdonald – James Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 1	Mrs Watkins-Smith – Flying Scotsman Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Mr Underhill – Irish Mails Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 2	Mrs Stirk – Evening Star	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Miss Davis & Mrs Elston – Mallard Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	Mrs Watling & Mrs Walsh – City of Truro Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
	Miss Hildebrandt – Duchess of Hamilton Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 4	Mrs King – Pendolino Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
	Miss Carter – Thunderbird Class	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5	Mrs Salisbury – TGV Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
	Mrs Millington – Voyager Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 6	Miss Rennocks – Shinkansen Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
	Mrs Tasker – Eurostar Class	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March



# National Children's Mental Health Week



It's Children's Mental Health Week this week and we have been shining a spotlight on the importance of supporting children and young people to improve and maintain positive mental health, build resilience and make meaningful connections.

Did you know that there is a wealth of information to help you support your child's mental health on the school website?

From meditation to mindfulness, to yoga videos and breathing techniques, we've got you covered!

Why not try Miss McDonald's **Bedtime Meditation** before lights-out tonight:  
[www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/wellbeing/75023](http://www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/wellbeing/75023)

Miss Carter developed an incredibly useful **Parent and Carers Guide to Building Resilience** and has produced a plethora of helpful videos with calming breathing techniques for all.  
[www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/resilience/84911](http://www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/resilience/84911)

As part of our PSHCE curriculum, we follow the SCARF programme, which offers a whole-school approach to well-being and mental health, promoting positive behaviour, resilience and achievement. The programme has been developed in line with Relationships, Education and Health Education statutory requirements. If you would like further information about the SCARF Programme, please visit our website to read all about it.  
[www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/the-scarf-programme/63278](http://www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/the-scarf-programme/63278)



## Safer Internet Day

It was Safer Internet Day earlier this week. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers and more, to join together in helping to create a better, safer internet.

Some resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre ([www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents))
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet ([www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers))
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media ([www.commonsense.org](http://www.commonsense.org))
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from InternetMatters ([www.internetmatters.org/controls](http://www.internetmatters.org/controls))

World Book Day

# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



## ON FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March, when children from all year groups will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and bring their book with them to show their class.

Please do not feel that you have to buy a costume. There are many simple costumes that you can create with things you already have. Some suggestions could be, Mr. Men characters, Matilda, Where's Wally, Little Red Riding Hood or Diary of Wimpy Kid.

For children who do not wish to dress up, we ask if they can bring their favourite book to school with a simple prop to show their class who can then try to guess what the book is. For example, it could be a stick, a piece of straw and a brick to link to The Three little Pigs!

We will also be holding a book exchange in which children can bring in a book they have already read, to swap for a new book.

We will be handing out book tokens to all children to choose a book from one of the ten exclusive books released to celebrate the day. If you would like to know more about World Book Day or gain some inspiration for costume ideas, please visit the World Book Day website, [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).

# Change the World this week\*



## Fancy Dress Swap



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
2 MARCH 2023



\*well, *World Book Day*, at least

Donate your children's fancy dress to the public library today, in order to get vouchers to redeem on 11 and 18 February

Cheshire West & Chester Council

## Libraries

Take your children's fancy dress to your local library from now until 10 February to receive a voucher which you can redeem for clothing on the swap days of Saturday 11th and 18th February.

## Meet the Teacher



Mrs Jeffs  
Reception Teacher  
EY Lead

### ABOUT ME

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Jeffs and I am from Chester. I live at home with Mr Jeffs and my 2 boys, Jack who is 7 and Harry who is 4..

### MY EXPERIENCE

I have been teaching for 11 years now, originally in Year 1 and for the last 8 years with our youngest children in Reception. I am the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader.

### FUN FACT

At the weekends I like to spend time with my family going for lots of walks in North Wales and on the beach.

### FUN FACT

I even like to sometimes go for a swim in the sea!

## Wear Red for Comic Relief



**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## Non-uniform Day Friday 17th March

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please make a donation via the School Gateway if you can.

We are supporting Comic Relief on Friday 17th March, raising funds for families less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking families to donate if they can. We will also have a range of comic relief merchandise for sale at the School Office and we will be holding an exciting competition for those children having a school dinner to win red noses and key-a-rings!

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can. All donations will be passed on to the charity.

## Easter Lunch



**EASTER  
LUNCH**

Wednesday 29th March

To celebrate Easter we will be serving a traditional roast dinner with roast chicken, roasted and mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables along with special Easter biscuits!

(vegetarian selection also available)

# Easter Service



**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

**29TH MARCH**

**1.45PM**

Children will be at All Saint's Church for the Easter Service on Wednesday 29th March. This service is for pupils only. Please can all children come to school in full uniform, sensible shoes and with a coat as we will be walking to the church. Year 5 are asked to come to school in their PE kits for their morning PE lesson and bring their uniform in a bag to change into and Henry Class need to bring a change of footwear for their morning Forest School session.

## Birthday Celebrations

**DULEN,  
JOSHUA,  
THEO, JAXON  
AND LOGAN M**

Many happy returns  
to all our birthday  
buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book.



# Letting Their Light Shine

We have three shining stars this week!

Ana from Year 2 trains at the Beth Tweddle Academy and mastered flips at last week's practice!

Year 4's Sam plays for Under 9 Panthers Football Team, and, he not only scored the best goal of the game last weekend, he was awarded Player of the Match!

Leon plays water polo for the Chester Water Polo Team and was awarded Player of the Year! Amazing effort!

Well done everyone - we are so proud of you all!



Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Lara H

Poppy P

Arthur B

Inci A

Ollie D

Alaiya O'H

Hamish R

Freya OJ

Ben M

Ethan W

Hanika C G

Louis B

Holly B

# Key Dates

14th February	Year 5 Trip to QPHS for Billy Elliot
20th - 26th February	Half-term Break
27th February	Parents Evenings: Evening Star, Mallard,
27th February	Parents Evenings: Pendolino, Thunderbird
28th February	Parents Evenings: James, Henry, Mallard
28th February	Parents Evenings: Flying Scotsman, Irish Mails
28th February	Parents Evenings: COT, DOH
28th February	Parents Evenings: Pendolino, Thunderbird
28th February	Parents Evenings: TGV, Voyager
28th February	Parents Evenings: Shinkansen, Eurostar
1st March	Parents Evenings: COT, Shinkansen
2nd March	Parents Evenings: Henry, James
2nd March	Parents Evenings: Flying Scotsman, Irish Mails
2nd March	Parents Evenings: Evening Star, TGV, Voyager
2nd March	Parents Evenings: Eurostar
2nd March	Year 4 Roman Trip
3rd March	World Book Day
3rd March	Y3-6 Digital Wizards Club Starts

# Key Dates

13th - 17th March

Year 5 Swimming Lessons (TGV Class)

17th March

Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief

20th - 24th March

Year 5 Swimming Lessons (Voyager Class)

29th March

Easter Lunch

29th March

Easter Service at All Saints' Church

1st April

Easter Holidays



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WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE RETURNING TO RUN OUR LATEST DIGITAL WIZARDS CLUB FROM 3.25 TO 4.25 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH  
FRIDAY 10TH MARCH  
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH  
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH  
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

**TO BOOK  
CLICK HERE**

**digitalwizards.org.uk/hoole**

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**

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5 STAR REVIEW RATING