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Best Attendance

Best Attendance this week was achieved by Robin in Reception and Parakeet Class in Key Stage One both with a fantastic 98%. 'Well Done' to both classes.

What We Have Been Doing

Thank you to all the children in Nursery who have brought in the home challenge. This week we have been looking at the lovely range of pictures, paintings and photographs of animals. Next week is Book Week and in Nursery we will be reading stories about 'Pets'. If you have any pets at home, can we ask you to send us a picture via Tapestry for us to share in group time. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children next week.



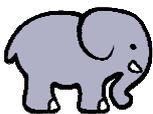
Fairy Tales

The children in Reception have settled really quickly back after the half term break and have told us about places they have been, things they have seen and family they have visited. Thank you if you have put this up on Tapestry; we love finding out what your child's interests are away from school. This term our focus is on 'Fairytales' and we have read the story of 'The Gigantic Turnip'. This has led to discussions about how plants grow and we have even done our own seed planting! Now we have to wait and see what happens. If you have any old garden pots or spades that you no longer need, we would happily take them off your hands. The children are very excited about Book Week next week and our visit from the Image Theatre who will perform Pinocchio. If you have not paid for this yet, please can you send in the money as soon as possible. The production from Image Theatre is really important as it allows the children to see how a performance is put together. At the end of this term, the Reception children will be performing their own Fairy Tale shows for you to come and watch. The dates of the performances are:

Robin Class	Tuesday, 26th March	9.20am
Hummingbird Class	Wednesday, 27th March	9.20am
Bluebird Class	Thursday, 28th March	9.20am
Kingfisher Class	Friday, 29th March	9.20am

Year 1 continued their work on weighing objects. This week they learnt how to solve problems such as "I am thinking of an object, it is lighter than a pen but heavier than a book. What could my object be?". The children used scales and mathematical language to try and investigate the

problems. In English we have started a new book 'One Night Far From Here' by Julia Wauters. We have read lots of books about the animals which live on the African Savannah and have written fact files about an elephant. Why not ask your child what interesting facts they can remember?



Year 2 started their new non-fiction book 'The Moth' by Isabel Thomas and Daniel Egneus. The children have used the text to find out interesting facts about moths and have used these to create fact files. In maths we have been learning to tell the time. By the end of next week your child should be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Why not practise this at home or you could try the following website to help you:

www.mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time



Parents Evenings 12th and 13th March – Online Bookings Open 2/3/19

Heathfield Infant & Nursery School will be holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday, 12th March between 5.00pm and 7.30pm and Wednesday, 13th March between 3.40pm and 6.00pm.

Online appointments will be open from 2/3/19 from 8.00am and will close on 7/3/19 at 11.00pm.

If you would like to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please login to your **SCOPay.com Account** or use the link <https://www.scopay.com/products.html>

Once you have logged in, choose the tab 'Parents Evening Spring 2019'. Online appointments will be on a first-come, first served basis. If you have any problems logging in to your SCOPay.com account or need to set up a SCOPay.com account, please come to the Infant School office for assistance. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you.

Monday Singalong

Start your week with a song! Come along to the Infant hall every Monday morning for 20 minutes of singing with parents, children and staff. Mr Speck will lead a session of popular songs! Please arrive around 8.25am ready to sing at 8.30am. Singing experience is not necessary. Toddlers and younger siblings are also welcome to join. Please note that you are responsible for supervising your child during this time, and you must accompany them for drop-off in the playground ready for the start of the day as normal. See you there!



Bedtime Stories – Wednesday, 6th March – 5.30pm until 6.30pm

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Week and our love of books next week. All the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to our 'Bedtime Stories' evening. The children can come back to school on this evening, wearing pyjamas, a dressing gown and slippers (pillow & teddy bear optional!). They will be offered drinks and a biscuit and will be able to listen to exciting bedtime stories read by the staff! If you would like your child to come along to this fun event, please complete the tear-off slip on the letter sent home last week and hand in to the Infant School Office.



Book Week - Reading

As well as our Bedtime Stories event next week, we would love to encourage parents and carers to spend extra time reading to their children at home either in the bath, at bedtime, in the car, on the bus or wherever you are. Research shows that reading regularly to children of all ages (even when they are fluent readers themselves) supports their language skills, develops their imagination, helps them to relax and develops a bond between the reader and the child. If you are pushed for time, choose an evening next week when **you read to your child** instead of them reading to you – it might make a nice change!

Please pop to the library if you are looking for inspiration. Thank you. Helen Child

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday, 7th March

On Thursday, 7th March all the children from Nursery to Year 2 can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. We are really looking forward to seeing all the fantastic creations/costumes and guessing which book they are from! On the day all children will receive a £1 book voucher towards buying a book from the suppliers taking part.

World Book Day Book Swap – Friday, 8th March

Our Book Swap day takes place on Friday, 8th March. Some children have already brought in a wonderful selection of books to exchange. It would be great if you could send in any books which you no longer need. That are in good condition (no ripped or damaged books please), so that another child can enjoy reading them. Your child will then be able to have the chance to swap their books for a different one!

Internet Safety Message

You may have heard a number of recent issues raised in the media about risks to our children from using the internet and social media platforms, including the recent Momo challenge. We talk regularly to the children about how to stay safe when using the internet, whether on a computer, tablet, games console, phone or other device and ask you to do the same at home. Key messages to reinforce at home with your children are:

- **Keep your personal information and your settings private**
- **Talk to an adult you trust if you come across anything which worries you**
- **Don't arrange to meet someone you have only met online**
- **Never post anything online which would upset someone else.**

In addition to this, we would advise parents to:

- **Monitor what your children are doing online**
- **Check the settings on devices your children use (including your own)**
- **Talk honestly to your children about how to stay safe online, without scaring them**
- **Speak to someone at school if you are concerned that your children are using the internet in an unsafe manner or are being bullied online.**

Further information about specific issues, social media platforms and online games can be found on our website.