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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a happy and healthy half term break. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities going on in school before Easter, including our Book Week (next week!) and Alive and Kicking. We hope you will get involved as much as you are able.

Please find all our dates for this term below. The last time we published dates was 15th January, so please note the imminent Beech Class assembly this Friday!

*Children.....Could you learn a poem, or a limerick, or tongue twister? Here are some examples > > >
A A Milne poems are super to learn and there are some great books around. There are plenty on line too! We are looking forward to hearing some!*

*If two witches
were watching two
watches, which
witch would watch
which watch?*

*There was a young lady from Leeds
Who swallowed a package of seeds.
Now this sorry young lass
Is quite covered in grass,
But has all the tomatoes she needs.*

*My Sister Laura's bigger than me,
She can pick me up quite easily.
I can't lift her: I've tried and tried.
She must have something heavy inside!*

Come and read!

Come into school and read with us! We have quite a few volunteers now - thank you!

If you are available, even if it is just for 15 minutes at the start or end of the day, let us know and we will arrange a little group for you to read to/with.

It is great for the children to read to new people to!

**STORY
CRAFT**

DESIGN A BOOKMARK!

Your design could be made into a bookmark and distributed to thousands of bookshops nationwide

Visit the World Book Day website to find out about exciting competitions, such as:

- FIVE sets of signed **DICK AND DOM** books to be won!
- FIVE SIGNED **WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL?** PRINTS TO BE WON!
- Win a family ticket to Tom's Midnight Garden
- FIVE sets of **PAWS AND WHISKERS** goodies to be won! Jacqueline Wilson's NEW book **PAWS AND WHISKERS** is all about cats and dogs!

Blossom magazine storywriting competition

To celebrate World Book Day 2014, **Blossom** magazine is giving readers the chance to have their very own story illustrated and published!

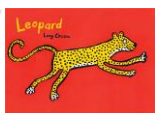
In addition to having their story illustrated and published in **Blossom** magazine, the winner will also receive:

- A keepsake storybook copy of their story
- A visit to their school from **Princess Poppy** author, Janie Louise Jones
- A book bundle for them and their school library

Book Week, (3rd - 7th March)

Here are some of the things we will be doing during the week: Please do have a look at the **World Book Day website**, as there are lots of video clips with stories on them, competitions, information and ideas for parents and children.

- **Monday 3rd March** - bring in your own notebooks for some fun writing (we will have some spare ones in school for anyone who would prefer to use one of these) The Dancetime rehearsal and performance are also on this day, in Worthing.
- **Tuesday 4th March** - Maple and Apple Tree Classes visit **Chichester Library** and **Waterstones** to spend their **World Book Day** tokens, which will be given out to everyone on this day.
- **Wednesday 5th March** - dress up as a book character for the day. Be ready to recite your poem or tongue twister for the chance to win prizes and certificates!
(Some children will also take part in the **Arun swimming gala** in the afternoon on this day)
- **Thursday 6th March** - **World Book Day**. Beech and Chestnut Classes will swim as usual on this day. Children will read with Book Buddies from other classes.
- **Friday 7th March** - **Dance Workshops** based on famous children's books will take place for all the children - make sure you have your **PE kit** in school!



CAR PARK SAFETY

Please do not walk across the car park with or without your children. Use the path between the fence and the swimming pool changing room wall. We may have to lock the pedestrian gate near the school office if this remains a problem, as it is putting children at risk.

Dates for 2014

Summer Term starts Tuesday 22nd April and ends on Thursday 24th July

Half Term - 26th - 30th May

Easter Holidays - Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

INSET DAYS: 2nd June

Friday 28th February - Beech Class Assembly

Monday 3rd March - Dancetime @ Worthing Pavilion for Dance Club

Tuesday 4th March - Apple & Maple visit to Chichester Library & Waterstones

Wednesday 5th March - Sports Partnership Swim Gala at Arun (selected pupils)

Wednesday 5th March - Dress up as book characters for World Book Day

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - there will be activities to encourage reading and writing throughout this week and beyond

Friday 7th March - World Book Day Dance Workshops in school

Tuesday 11th March - GAS Able Pupil Art Day at North Mundham school (selected pupils)

Tuesday 11th March - Visiting Author - Jack Trelawney

Tuesday 11th March - Parents' Evening for R, Yr 2, Yr 6 3.00-5.00

Wednesday 12th March - Quick Sticks Hockey at The Regis (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th March - Parents' Evening for R, Yr 2, Yr 6 3.00-6.00

Thursday 13th March - Governing Body Meeting 5.30pm

Friday 14th March - Chestnut Class Assembly

Monday 17th - Friday 21st March - Alive and Kicking Week in school (the children will engage in a wide range of activities linked to being healthy and staying safe)

Monday 17th March - Bikeability Week at Singleton School for Yr 6 pupils

Tuesday 18th March - GAS Able Pupil Art Day at North Mundham School (selected pupils)

Friday 21st March - Sport Relief Day

Friday 21st March - Maple Class visit to W&D Museum re flower planting.

Wednesday 26 March - Yr 1/2 Infant Agility Event at Bishop Luffa 1.00-3.00

Friday 28th March - Apple Class Assembly

Wednesday 2nd April - Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 2nd April - Apple Class visit to the Weald & Downland Museum

Thursday 3rd April - Last Westgate Swim

Thursday 3rd April - PTA Beetle Drive 6-8pm

Friday 4th April - End of Term Easter Assembly in school

Saturday 14th June - Summer Fete

Acorn Awards – 14th February 2014

Sidney - for using the bench and mat in PE, travelling in different ways

Tabatha - for always listening on the carpet, being a great example to others

Hester - for her motivated and enthusiastic attitude to work

Mathilde - for a super effort at swimming. Good listening and concentration

Summer - for presenting her data effectively in a bar chart. She could do this independently

Freddie - Birthday and for fantastic efforts in target time

Millie - for imaginative writing and improvement in Maths



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