

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

After another busy and fun week in school, I want to take the opportunity in this letter to inform you of the events we have planned for World Book Day 2023.

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating this year's World Book Day. As you know, we are focusing on promoting a love of reading and involving our whole community as part of this. So far, this has involved our new reading scheme, our brand-new jungle library and our fabulous Books Over Breakfast events. Therefore, we want to ensure that this year's World Book Day is the best ever at Holne Chase. Below is a list of events that will be taking place to celebrate World Book Day 2023.

EXTREME READING PHOTO COMPETITION

We are inviting children to take part in the 'Extreme Reading' competition. We would like children to get a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual and out-of-the-ordinary place. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (please be mindful of your child being safe). The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Children can bring in a hard copy of their photographs or email to the school office at office@holnechase.org.



Additionally, you could add to your social media accounts and tag in Holne Chase but please ensure we receive a copy of the photo in school. All of the pictures will be added to what we hope will be a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places. Deadline for entries is **Friday 24th February 2023** and there will be winners from each Key Stage, which will be decided on **Thursday 2nd March**.

THE MASKED READER

Leading up to World Book Day (Monday 27th February – Thursday 2nd March), we will be uploading videos to our social media accounts of masked members of staff talking about their favourite books. Your challenge will be to share these with your child and comment on which member of staff you think is behind the mask.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 2nd March 2023

Throughout the day, the children will be involved in a range of activities all about books. This will include

- 'Drop Everything And Read' - when instructed, the children will need to stop what they're doing and read
- BBC World Book Day Live Lesson
- Wooden Spoon puppets – each child will be creating their wooden spoon puppet of their favourite book character



Dressing Up

We are inviting all children to dress up as their favourite story book character, however, we fully appreciate that not all children want to do this or equally that parents can feel pressured to provide a costume. Therefore, we are suggesting that children can also come to school in non-school uniform on this day depending on your own personal circumstances; there is no pressure to dress up for the day.



Books Over Breakfast @ 8am

As we are celebrating stories, World Book Day is a perfect opportunity to hold our next Books Over Breakfast event. Therefore, we will be opening the school from 8am for you and your family to enjoy a selection of pastries, hot drinks and juices and your favourite story books.

Special Lunch Time Menu – 12pm

To celebrate World Book Day, our lovely kitchen staff have created a special reading themed menu (attached to the email). If you wish your child to have the meal, please book via your ParentPay account. A reminder that meals for children in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2 are funded by the Government and any children in Year 3 – Year 6 can have the hot meal for £2.50 (unless your child is eligible for free school meals).

Book Swap @ 3:15pm

I am sure at home, you have lots of books that are no longer read. Therefore, we will be holding our first ever book swap event. In the morning, please bring in any unwanted books (children or grown up) and give to your child's class teacher. After school, all books will be displayed in the school hall where all parents are invited to choose other books to take home free of charge. This is a perfect opportunity to share any wonderful books you have read and grab a new selection of books for you to enjoy!

ADDITIONAL NEWS

- Well done to the amazing Year 5 children who took part in the theatre event that took place on Wednesday evening this week. After weeks of rehearsing at school and an afternoon of rehearsals at the theatre, the children did a fantastic job of performing *The Tempest* at the Royal and Derngate theatre. I couldn't have been prouder of what the children achieved and they represented Holne Chase beautifully!
- Next week, the children will be having a session on Online Safety in their class to discuss how to keep themselves safe online. Please speak to your children about this and discuss ways in which you also keep them safe online. For further information and support about this, please visit the '[Online Safety](#)' page of our website.
- As well as this, the children will also be celebrating Mental Health Week with activities planned for the last day of term, in which your child will learn about different strategies to support their mental well-being as well as completing a range of fun activities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Time
Y2 Multi-Skills Tournament <i>Benham Sports Centre, Northampton</i>	Thursday 9 th February	<i>Details sent to children involved</i>
Children's Mental Health Day	Friday 10 th February	All day – Non-school uniform day
Last Day of Spring 1	Friday 10 th February	3pm / 3:10pm
HALF TERM - Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February		
First Day of Spring 2	Monday 20 th February	8:40am
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March	<i>All day events listed above</i>
Families in Partnership Event	Monday 6 th March	3:30pm
Mother's Day Event	Friday 17 th March	<i>Details to follow</i>
Last Day of Spring 2	Friday 31 st March	3:30pm