

# What's On

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## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope you all had a nice half term and looking forward to all that this half term will bring. It certainly is a busy one, so please make a note of all the amazing upcoming events. In November we asked parents to fill out a questionnaire. I will be sending out an update on matters raised shortly but one request was for as much communication as possible to come out on the Wednesday What On so that the amount of separate communication could be reduced. Staff will endeavour to this. This does mean that this particular issue is rather long, so do put your feet up and relax whilst ploughing through it!

## Happy Hamper

Our first Happy Hamper draw will be held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets will be 25p each and can be purchased Friday morning from the school Office. Good luck.

## Retirement Service for Rev. Anne Legg

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm there will be a service at Holy Cross Church for Rev Anne's retirement. Sadly Mrs. Rundle is unable to attend, but hopes there will be a contingent of Holbeton children able to attend to thank Anne for all she has done for Holbeton School and village over the years. All adults and pupils are invited to attend and uniform is not required.

## Open Garden

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Dear Friends,

John and Lily are opening the gardens at Mothecombe from 11am -4pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for community organisations in Holbeton including the school and preschool. The money will be pooled and divided up. There will also be one on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the National Gardens Scheme (mainly Macmillan Nurses) and 14 June for the Children's Hospice South West if these are causes you would like to support.

We would greatly appreciate offers of cakes and help with teas on those days. Please email me if you can help with either cakes or teas and I will do a rota when I have numbers. If you haven't been involved before, don't be put off, it's quite enjoyable and there's hardly any washing up as we use paper plates & cups.

Thank you so much for your support

Anne Mildmay-White

## Scheme Reading books

We will be re-organising the structure of our Reading Scheme. With this in mind, can we ask that all reading books be brought and left in school on Thursday and Friday? We should be ready to re issue them again on Monday.

## World Book Day

*Thursday, 5th March 2020*

Next week is World Book Day. Since we love reading so much, we are celebrating by having a whole World Book WEEK! Here are some of the exciting activities planned:

The theme for this World Book Day is 'Share a Million Stories' so we will be doing this throughout the week with as much fun and interactivity as possible because the joy of reading is a lifelong passion.

As always, on World Book Day, children (and adults) will be invited to come to school dressed as characters from their favourite book. Every year, the children astound us with their creativity so we can't wait to share pictures of their fantastic costumes!

On the day, children have the option to have a Marvellous Mary Poppins themed lunch which will be 'practically perfect in every way.' A letter has already been sent home with the options for this, but if you haven't received it, contact Mrs Nash in the office and she'll send a new one to you. Menu choices must be returned by **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## Keeping our Children Safe

Thank you everyone for your efforts in making sure that we know where our children are when they are not at school.

We are delighted to report that the number of unexplained absences is now 6 and our overall attendance is now **96.92%** That's great news.

Please remember to call the school Office before 9.30am on the first day and every day of your child's absence.

On Wednesday afternoon, the children in the Foundation unit will be entertained by Marita from the Devon EAL Team. Marita is a Latvian story teller who will telling us some traditional Latvian folk stories and leading the children through a range of linked activities.

On Thursday morning, Bigfoot Arts Education will be entertaining children from Reception to Year 6 with 'The Wolf on Trial' - Everybody thinks they know the story of the 3 Little Pigs but has anyone ever stopped to hear what the Wolf has to say for himself? Is he really as big and BAD as they say or is that all just porky pies? The children will be invited for jury service for the trial of Alexander T Wolf as we unpick the evidence. (With thanks to your contributions to the HSA who are helping fund this.)

Throughout the week:

### Book on a plate

Children will be challenged to represent a story using only pictures on a paper plate. We will then have a look at each other's drawings and see if we can guess the book. These plates will then be used to create a fantastic celebration of reading display in our library!

### Story Masterclasses

Children will watch creative, inspiring and interactive films to get to get them really inspired by books. There's a key focus on reading for empathy and there are creative challenges set by amazing authors and illustrators such as Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Steven Lenton.

### The Bumper Book Quiz

Children will form teams to take each other on in a literature-themed World Book Day quiz! There will be a quiz for KS1 and a quiz for KS2.

### Jackanory

World Book Day will see the launch of our new lunchtime club: Jackanory. Children will be invited to join a reader in the library to enjoy a short story or the start of an exciting book!

### Book Share

Children will be asked to bring in their favourite book and will spend time sharing what their favourite book is and why to other members of the school. This will then extend to a Reading Buddies session where they could explore the other children's books further.

Not only do we have a plethora of activities throughout the week to get children excited about reading, we're also planning future events to extend this excitement, such as:

### Book at Bed Time

As part of our excellent outdoor learning provision, Mrs Mitchell will lead separate reading events for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 around a campfire.

## H.S.A.

A new Facebook group for parents who would like to sell and buy pre-loved Holbeton School uniform has been created. The page is called **Holbeton School Pre-loved Uniform**

The idea is that parents create a post on the page and suggest a price depending on the condition of the clothing. Then the parties arrange the exchange between themselves and give any funds raised to Tom Davies, our treasurer (via the school Office if easier)

All proceeds from items sold through this group go to Holbeton School Association, which as you know raises funds for school equipment, resources, trips etc. that enhance our children's learning and fun at school.

## Blokes, Breakfast, Books

We'll be inviting members of the community in to share their favourite children's book with groups of children and inspire in them a love of reading. Watch out for more information on Facebook!

## Midge the Reading dog

We are delighted to announce that Midge the Spaniel will now be attending Holbeton on a weekly basis. Midge loves being read to and the children will all get a chance over the coming weeks to read a book of their choice to Midge.



And of course we will be carrying on with our normal daily Book Talk sessions and weekly Buddy Reading sessions. stores: 01752 830246 or [holbetonplayersboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:holbetonplayersboxoffice@gmail.com) good cause.

## Coronavirus

If you and/or your family travelled *or* have had contact with anyone who has been to any of the countries listed in categories A or B over half-term, please advise the school in strictest confidence.

Category 1 countries/areas	Category 2 countries/areas
Wuhan city and Hubei Province (China, <a href="#">see map</a> )	Cambodia
Iran	China*
Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea, <a href="#">see map</a> )	Hong Kong
Any Italian town under containment measures ( <a href="#">see map</a> )	Italy: north* ( <a href="#">see map</a> )
	Japan
	Laos
	Macau
	Malaysia
	Myanmar
	Republic of Korea*
	Singapore
	Taiwan
	Thailand
	Vietnam

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>.

## Lost Property

We have a large box of unclaimed clothing from Stoke class. The box will be in the dining room this afternoon so if you have lost any property please come and check the box.

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Date	Time	Event	Year
24/02/2020		Back to School	
24/02/2020	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Physics Master Class	Y5
25/02/2020	pm	Forest School	KS1 & 2
27/02/2020	1.30 pm	Rev. Joe/Matt Assembly	All
28/02/2020	9.15 - 11.00 am	Jonny Varcoe, Devon Cricket	KS1 & 2
29/02/2020	2.00 pm	Retirement Service for Rev. Anne Legg	All
03/03/2020		KS1 Trip - Becky Falls	KS1
04/03/2020		KS2 Trip - National Marine Aquarium	KS2
04/03/2020	1.00 pm	Latvian Bilingual Teacher visit	Found.
05/03/2020		World Book Day	All
09/03/2020		Sports Relief (9th - 13th March)	
09/03/2020	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Physics Master Class	Y5
10/03/2020	pm	Forest School	KS1 & 2
11/03/2020	9.00 am	Open the Book	All
13/03/2020		Weight & Measurement Programme	Reception & Y6
16/03/2020	2.00 - 2.45 pm	Jonny Varcoe, Devon Cricket	Found.
17/03/2020	pm	Forest School	KS1 & 2
19/03/2020	1.30 pm	Rev. Joe/Matt Assembly	All
23/03/2020	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Physics Master Class	Y5
23/03/2020	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parents Evening	All
24/03/2020		Wembury Marine Project	tbc
25/03/2020	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parents Evening	All
27/03/2020		Easter Eggstravagansa! End of Term	All
27/03/2020	6.00 pm	H.S.A. Easter Bingo	
29/03/2020		Mothcombe Open Garden	All
27/03/2020		Last Day of Term	All
14/04/2020		Start of Summer Term	All