



Walk Like an Egyptian

As part of their history learning, Year 3 have been studying the ancient Egyptians. This week they had a special Egyptian day and we have to say they all looked amazing in their costumes. The children made some Egyptian scrolls and learned all about hieroglyphics which are distinct signs which represent objects, sounds and ideas. They discovered all about the art of Egyptian mummification and even mummified a tomato to see what would happen. Result was a shrivelled tomato!



Safer Internet Day

SAFER Internet Day is a global campaign celebrated annually in February to promote a safer and more responsible use of digital technology, particularly among children and young people. The theme for this year was "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI". All of the children participated in lots of different activities designed to make them think and feel safe when using their devices.



Dates for the diary

- 16th—20th February **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM**
- 23rd February—Children return to school
- 26th February—Parent/Teacher Consultations 2-7.30pm **SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY—NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- 2nd March—Wellbeing Week. **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- 12th March—Battle of the Books at Laleham CE Primary School
- 24th March—Open afternoon Infants 2.30pm
- 24th March—Primary Schools Music Festival Dorking Halls
- 26th March—Open afternoon Juniors—2.30pm
- 27th March—**END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY**

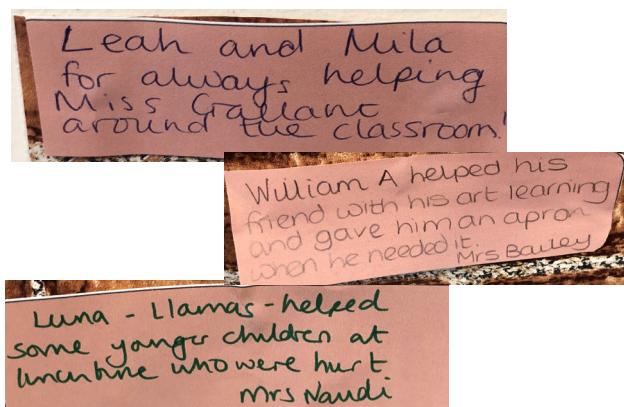
Jolly Hockey Sticks!

YESTERDAY, a group of 15 children spent the afternoon at Ashford Hockey Club completing a carousel of fun hockey skills and games. Coached by young leaders from Thamesmead and Thomas Knyvett secondary schools, the aim was to encourage new players to take up the sport. Judging by the smiles on everyone's faces, we'd say there's a few new hockey fans at ACE!



An Act of Kindness

OUR value for this half term has been compassion and as part of that we have been adding bricks to our Acts of Kindness wall for children who have shown kindness to others. We are so super proud of all of our children and no matter how small you may think it is, showing kindness to others also can make you feel good about yourself. Try it yourself—it's good to be kind!



Reminders

Parent/Teacher Consultations

You can now book an appointment to see your child's teacher at the parent/teacher consultations on 26th February. Go to your Tucasi account, then to menu and select parents evening. The portal will close at 4pm on Friday 20th February. Please make sure you book your slot so the teaching staff have time to plan the evening. Don't forget school finishes at 1.30pm on this day.

School Lunch

Remember to book your child's lunch 1 week in advance. This means you must book next Monday for the week after half term. If you need a school lunch for your child and have forgotten please either let the office know or send them in with a packed lunch. Please do not leave it to chance.

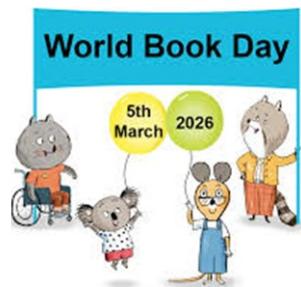
World Book Day

WE are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year. As this is such an important event in the school year, we have chosen to spend the whole week celebrating books and reading. During this week, the children will be completing different reading related activities every day.

The paper plate challenge will be back again this year! All children will be bringing home a paper plate to decorate. The plate needs to represent their favourite book. Perhaps over half term you could visit the library or book shop to get some ideas for your plate. More information to follow after half term.

Who is the Masked Reader?

Every day the children will be shown a video of a different member of staff who will be reading a book wearing a disguise. The children will have to guess who they think is doing the reading!



Drop and Read

Every day at 1pm everyone who is in school, children and adults will be stopping what they are doing to read.

Footy and Booky Quiz

Children will be taking part in The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz, a fun and interactive quiz which introduces pupils to a range of ways to enjoy reading!

Pupils participate in the quiz before having a go at becoming Ultimate Quiz Masters! With something to engage both football fans and book worms alike.

Come and Read to your Child's Class

We will be asking for parent volunteers to come and read to the class at the end of the day during our book week. Sign up sheets will be put outside all Classrooms from Reception to Year 4. Year 5 and 6 parents, if you would like to volunteer, please send an email through to the school office.

We are looking forward to a fun filled week celebrating the magic of books!

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

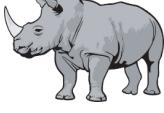
THIS year we will not be asking children to dress up for World Book Day. However, we will be participating in Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March when we will be inviting children to wear something red. We will be collecting your donations so that we can help people get what they need to be able to eat, sleep and feel safe.

More details of what we will be doing to get involved will be coming soon!



Value Award Winners—Value: Compassion

A BIG congratulations to winners of this half terms value awards. Our value has been compassion and these children have impressed their teachers by showing this value. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

	Theo B Johnny A		Hayden D Emmy KM		Bryan A Milina K
	Louis S Lorely MC		David-George Millie W Perrie J		Paris K Lucas K
	Henry M Ahana K		Prabhkirat S Zoey K		Mitchell B Violett S
	Melissa P Dylan S		William W Joshua T		Poppy S Jonathan G
	Michael B Faliha H		Tia W Kilby B		

