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Dear Parents and Carers,

Two weeks have whizzed by since the half term break and we've packed lots of exciting things in since returning to school. Firstly, we were visited by Ofsted. The provisional outcome of the inspection is good and I look forward to sharing the letter we will receive from the inspector once it has arrived. Mr Avenell has organised a wonderful book week which has been great fun with a huge range of activities on offer for the children every day. Mrs Booker led an information workshop about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities on Wednesday morning which was well attended and we have had some lovely feedback. Miss Jenner and I enjoyed leading a workshop for parents on Wednesday night with a focus on learning (growth mindset and our shared language for learning) which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks in particular to the POBS who came along and provided refreshments. Lastly, I have been enjoying walking to school every morning this week (3km) which has made me feel energetic and ready for the day ahead by the time I have made it to school. We live in such a beautiful town and I would like to strongly encourage you, when possible, to walk to school as it is really wonderful to stroll through Haslemere in the mornings and a healthy way to start the day.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

This year we decided to celebrate books for a whole week with a series of reading and writing activities. Each day the children enjoyed a different activity but running throughout the week was a story relay. Classes took it in turns to write a little bit of a story called 'The Teacher's Day Out'. By the end of the week the story was complete and we had some fantastic and funny results. The children have wonderful imaginations! On Monday, the children enjoyed a reading safari. Each class shared a book they are reading with another class around the school. The children listened to each other read. On Tuesday, the children got to choose their own English lesson. All the teachers created a special English lesson and the children chose which type of English lesson they wanted to take part in. On Wednesday, the children had a mystery story teller come to visit their classroom. Each class teacher told a story to another class in the school. On Thursday (World Book Day), all the children from each key stage came together to take part in a book day quiz. Congratulations to York house who won both KS1/ Early years and KS2 quizzes. On Friday, the children celebrated the end of World Book Week with their parents and carers. Every child brought a shoe box story scene, that they had worked really hard on for homework, to guess the shoe box story scene. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support with such a busy week and we hope your children enjoyed themselves.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Next week there will be a travelling book fair coming to visit our school. After school from Monday to Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:00pm, the book fair will be open outside the school library. If you would like to support your child's reading further and invest in some new books for home, pop along and see what the travelling book fair has to offer. You can pay by cash, cheque or it is possible to pay by card too. We look forward to see you there.

EYFS

World Book Week has been our topic this week which has been super for the children exploring, talking about and retelling their favourite books and stories. We encourage the children to retell stories as much as possible at school, as a foundation for being able to write them using interesting and appropriate story language, so we do appreciate you supporting this at home with story telling and sharing books. The children's costumes on Thursday were very imaginative and they had great fun acting out being their character. They have very much enjoyed the whole-school Book Week activities, including having a 'mystery' story-teller (Mrs Coiley), and sharing their reading books with children from Madagascar Class. The shoe boxes they have made are wonderful and we have had great fun working out which story they are.

KS1

Our 'Famous People' topic has started with Christopher Columbus this week. The children have been learning all about what an explorer is and Year 1 have been learning a poem all about him to perform to an audience. Book Week activities have inspired the children to immerse themselves in reading and writing during the week. They have very much enjoyed reading with older children from other classes, as well as listening to the wonderful stories they have written. The children had the choice of an English lesson to visit on Wednesday; on offer was riddles, drama and acrostic poetry and we were delighted with the enthusiasm and interest it encouraged.



LKS2



The bulbs in the LKS2 garden plots are in bloom, marking the start of Spring at last. The children have started a new writing unit in this second half of the Spring Term. Year 3 is writing humorous diaries, using 'The Killer Cat' by Anne Fine as inspiration. Year 4 have been using poetry as their inspiration, inferring the motives of the characters in the poem 'What has Happened to Lulu?' (by Charles Causley), before starting diary writing based around the character of Lulu. This week we have also been enjoying Book Week, sharing reading with other classes and sampling English lessons with other teachers, including writing our own riddles. Try this one: *The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?* Let Mrs Eden know the answer.

UKS2

Over the last fortnight Upper Key Stage 2 have been deepening their understanding of the Vikings. As part of our writing we have explored the features of balanced arguments and Year 6 have posed the question: 'Do the Vikings deserve their fierce reputation in history?' Our research through books and the internet has suggested that they only partly justify such a vicious association. In science Year 6 have investigated how the different food groups help our bodies grow and stay strong and in Year 5 we have completed our unit on the planets and have done our own research on what makes the planets unique. The children across the phase have really enjoyed the World Book Day activities, including reading to each other, writing the beginning and build-up to whole school stories, choosing our own English lessons, dressing up and creating some fantastic story boxes. Thanks for all your help at home with these.



DT AND COOKERY

Year 3 Cookery Club enjoyed learning to make short crust pastry recently for apple pie and jam tarts.

Year 2 are learning to program in computing lessons using ipad minis.



Year 1 are beginning to use Microsoft Office WORD with exciting results.

Year 4 have recently cooked toad in the hole and chocolate mousse.



TRIP PAYMENTS DUE

The following payments are due for upcoming trips:

Visit to Butser yr 5&6	£19.00 (due 16.01.17)
Fishbourne yr 3&4	£15.00 (due 24.02.17)
Swimming Assessment yr 5	£ 7.50 (due 24.02.17)
CYE 4 th payment yr 4	£40.00 (due 24.02.17)
PGL 3 rd payment yr 5	£60.00 (due 24.02.17)

NO LOLLIPOP LADY

Please be advised that there will be no crossing patrol on the afternoon of **Wednesday 8th March**.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Please see the attached flier regarding conversational English lessons that will be taking place for adults at Shottermill Junior School.

SAFER CHILDREN CROSSING

Some of our local residents have expressed their concern regarding our children when they are approaching and leaving school. In particular some of our more elderly neighbours are concerned about the children as they approach driveways and minor side roads, particularly if they are on scooters or bikes. We would kindly ask that you remind your children about the importance of road safety and ensure they are monitored on your route to and from school. Please may we also remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school site, including our 'Pen' area. Thank you.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support to Haslemere Food Bank. We have a collection box in reception for any donations that you may wish to give. This month's requests are as follows:- **URGENTLY NEEDED PREFERABLY SMALL ITEMS. NOT FAMILY PACKS & NON-PERISHABLES ONLY PLEASE.** Tinned Fruit, Tinned stew, Tinned potatoes, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned pasta (ravioli etc.), Jars of Jam, Marmalade, Pasta Sauce, Small tins drinking chocolate, Long life milk, Sugar. Thanks to the previous donations we DON'T NEED at the moment: Biscuits, sweets, crisps, dried pasta, tin soup.

GRAYSHOTT CC - FREE CRICKET TASTER SESSION - SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

The cricket season is fast approaching and if you have a child between the ages of 8 and 13 who would like to join a popular cricket club, then come along to one of our FREE taster sessions on the afternoon of Saturday 18th March at Amesbury School Sports Hall. For more details and to book your space please call Youth Manager Graham Sampson on 07826 523227.

BOOST OUR SCHOOL FUNDING

Part of the schools funding is based on the number of pupils who are eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible for free meals for your child, please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible. All forms are checked through a safe and secure website. To qualify for free meals, a parent should be in receipt of one of the following:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working tax credit 'run-on' paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit
- Either or both parents members of HM Armed Forces or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence
- Has your child been adopted (e.g. from Local Authority Care) or is your child under special guardianship, child arrangement or a residence order?
- Has your child been looked after by Social Care for at least 1 day?

LUNCH MONEY

This terms payments are now due, please ensure payments are made as soon as possible. School lunches now cost £2.20 per day, or £11.00 per week. If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. If your child brings a packed lunch when they normally have a school lunch, please also let the office know: the kitchen cooks the number of meals advised to them each morning, and therefore you will be charged if we do not know that a lunch was not required. School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash.

First half term - £ 61.60

Second half term - £ 63.80

Total for Spring term - £125.40

(Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal, pupil lunches from year 3 onwards should be paid for unless you qualify for free school meals).

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Beckerson

Charles Beckerson
HEADTEACHER

Staff dressed up for World Book Day

