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 Newsletter 5

### Dates

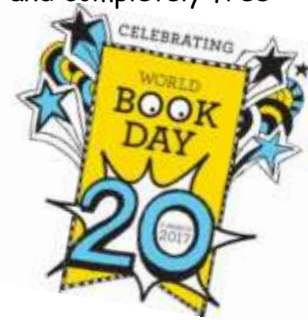
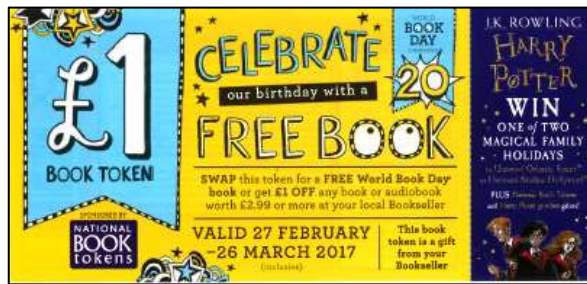
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs resume this week
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First swimming session of term 4 - then every Wednesday until 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from a book. Mufti is an alternative although not so exciting! Bring a favourite book into school to share.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Audiologist visiting to screen Reception pupils' hearing
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for Year 4 pupils and their parents about the residential visit - <b>AT HAYESDOWN FIRST SCHOOL</b> 5.00 - 5.45 pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day - donations collected. Children are welcome to wear Red Nose Day paraphernalia to school.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Children to bring their Easter Bonnets in today - details below
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parents/carers invited into school from 2.00 pm to look at their child's work with them and enjoy the Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.30 pm <b>Last day of term 4</b>
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day of term 5</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4 residential visit to PGL Liddington
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	PE but NO SWIMMING
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (1 of 2) 2.30 - 4.30 pm After school clubs resume this week
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 leavers and class photographs - am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (2 of 2) 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting - 7.00 pm in the Staffroom
<b>May</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils

### **Come To School This Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) Dressed As A Character From A Favourite Book (Mufti Is Also Acceptable)**

This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On this day we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Mufti is also acceptable. The day will include a book related assembly and an opportunity for everyone to share their costumes. There will also be lots of book related activities taking place in school. **Your child is invited to bring a favourite book from home into school to share.**

## World Book Day Book Tokens

This week your child will bring home an envelope containing a book token, which can be exchanged in participating bookshops for one of ten exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books!



Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/> to see the choice of £1 books. The voucher can also be used to redeem £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more. Please note the policy of only one token per transaction. In cases where there is more than one child from a family at the school, vouchers for siblings will be in a single envelope, sent home with the oldest child.

Vouchers are valid from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. An early visit to a participating bookstore such as WH Smith or Hunting Raven Books in Cheap Street is advisable if you wish to exchange the voucher for one of the ten specially selected £1 books.

The World Book Day website is designed for children and includes some fabulous games and interactive resources. You might like to look at the site with your child.

## £678 Donated To Jamie Mines' Fundraising Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our fundraising for Jamie Mines and his family following Jamie's involvement in an accident in which he sustained life-changing injuries. Working in partnership with Wanstrow Skittles Team and Hayesdown First School our fundraising topped all expectations. It has been paid into the crowdfunding platform, GoFundMe. The total raised to date is £103,618 which exceeds the original goal of £100,000.

## School And Nunney Community Association Easter Bonnets Parades

We kindly ask you to work with your child to make an Easter/Spring bonnet or headdress for them to wear at our school Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, which is the last day of term 3. Children really enjoy making things and this is your family's chance to showcase its creative skills! Children are asked to bring their Easter/Spring themed head attire into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March in preparation for the parade. This could be a bonnet, decorated headband or decorations that are attached to the hair.



There will be a second opportunity for children to share their bonnets at the NCA Easter Bonnet Parade that will take place in the village on Easter Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> April). A poster will be sent home later this term, containing more details.

### **Nunney Community Association's Donation Of Books For The School Library**

The NCA has kindly donated a selection of beautiful new books for our school library. These will be catalogued and available for children to choose in the not too distant future. Our thanks are extended to the NCA for this lovely and very much appreciated gift.

Just before the February holiday we invited a librarian in to audit our library. Books that were dated or life expired were removed from the shelves and a list given to the school of subjects where there were few books. Suzy Dinning, The Partnership Trust's Director of Business and Finance, has sourced a charity that awards grants for books for school libraries and library furniture. Mrs McCormack is currently writing bids for two grants in preparation for an exciting library makeover planned for the summer term.

### **Attendance Meetings**

There was a steady improvement in overall school attendance across term 3 and I thank you for making a commitment to this.

In cases where individual pupils' attendance remains very low, parents/carers will be invited to a meeting with Sue Heal, Executive Headteacher and Maria Jenkins, an Education Attendance Officer employed by the school. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that parents/carers are aware of the importance of regular school attendance and to discuss the reason/s for their child's high absence rate and what might be done about this.

As a school our intention is to work constructively with parents/carers to ensure that each pupil's attendance is as good as it can be, and to work in partnership with parents/carers to manage needs that are impacting on school attendance.

### **Hearing Screening Checks - Reception Pupils**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March an audiologist will visit the school to screen Reception pupils' hearing. This basic screening is a quick and painless process. If hearing difficulties are suspected, the Audiology Team will contact you to arrange a more detailed assessment of your child's hearing. If your child's hearing appears to be within the 'normal' range, parents usually receive a slip saying that the screening has taken place and no problems were noted.

### **Residential Visit - Year 4 Pupils**

Mrs Andrews and Miss Heal will be accompanying Year 4 pupils on the residential visit to PGL Liddington whilst Miss Murtagh remains at school to teach the Year 3 pupils. Year 4 parents/carers are encouraged to attend the information sharing event, which takes place at Hayesdown First School from 5.00 - 5.45 pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please speak to Mrs Andrews if you need a lift to Hayesdown.