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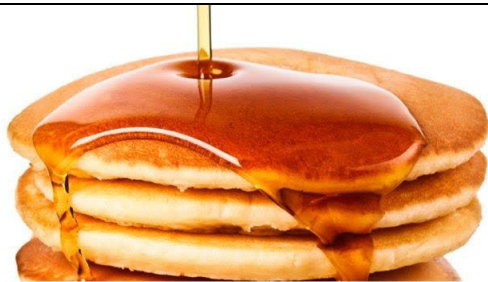
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How do you like your
PANCAKES?

with maple syrup, strawberry jam, lemon juice and sugar... or just plain...
Whichever you prefer...

Come and celebrate
PANCAKE DAY
with us

Tuesday 28th February
3:30 to 5:30 pm
at Wormley Free Church, Slipe Lane

Lots of Pancakes & Games

Everyone welcome – no Charge!!!

SCIENCE INVESTIGATION



What is the colour of light?

Year 6 had an amazing time
experimenting to find out
more about light.



They discovered that light
travels in straight lines and that
images appear upside down on
the retina of the eye and that
light is made up of 7 colours.

They found that Science is great fun!

THE DRAGON'S APPRENTICE

The Dragon's Apprentice teams presented their projects to the Super Dragons in the boardroom
before half term.

Once again, the Super Dragons were really impressed by the confidence and entrepreneurial skills of all
the children. One of the teams, **The Diamond Dragons** were chosen as overall winners of the
competition and the another team, **The Golden Dragons**, earned the award for 'Most Innovative
Idea' for their 'dress in blue day'.

The Award Ceremony is **27th March** at the Spotlight Theatre.

We are immensely proud of the children for not only doing so well in the competition but for inspiring
so many others.

They will make their presentations in one of our assemblies this term.

WELL DONE TO OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS!

READING CHALLENGE TERM

Don't forget the Reading Challenge at Wormley School this term.

The government expectation is that children in **Year 2** can read **90** words a minute and children in **Year 6** can read **150** words per minute. They need to read this fluency to cope with the tasks/tests

Therefore, daily practice is the only way to improve fluency.

In some year groups *only half of the children* are reading every day at home with their families.

We know this because their reading records are checked.

Children can collect raffle tickets as rewards for reading at home and in school - in fact anywhere!

There is a prize draw each week on a Friday and a Grand Prize Draw at the end of term for

three sets of family vouchers for a trip to the cinema!



Don't make reading a chore - make sure it's an enjoyable experience. Save a 10 minute time slot each day to snuggle up with your child and share a book, poem or magazine. Take it in turn to read to each other. Choose books they enjoy. Praise them for their reading.

Please encourage and read *with* your child as much as possible, at least every day, whatever their age. This *will* make a difference and will support your child to achieve their potential.

Thank you

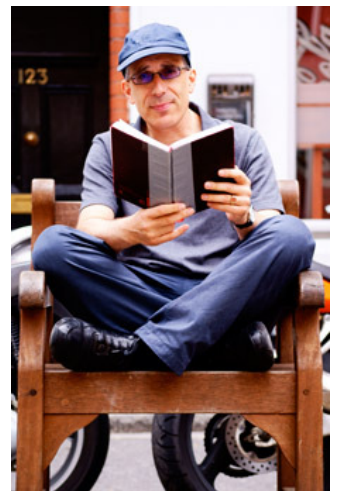
POETRY WEEK - 6th - 13th March

We have planned a **Poetry Week** to promote the importance of reading broadly, from a range of texts, and to encourage an enjoyment of poetry.

There are lots of planned activities:

- Children's poetry recital for parents
(Reception **Tuesday 7th** 9:15 in KS1 hall, Y5/6 **Wednesday 8th** 9:15 in KS2 hall, Y1/2 on **Thursday 9th** 9:15 in KS1 hall and Y3/4 **Friday 10th** 9:15 in KS2 hall)
- Class paired reading
- Book Swop Shop

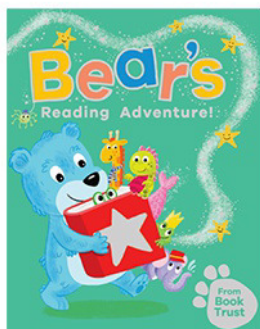
On **Monday 13th March** we have a visiting author, Neal Zetter, who will give a presentation to KS1 and KS2 and lead workshops with Y2 and Y6. Neal is a London based comedy performance poet, author and entertainer. He uses his poetry to develop literacy, confidence, self-expression, creativity, performance and presentation skills.



He likes to make language fun and accessible for those who think they don't like it and streeeeeeetch those who already do. He has appeared in West End comedy and poetry clubs and theatres and much of his work is very interactive. We look forward to his visit!

PUFFIN AND PELICAN CLASS VISIT

Puffin and Pelican Class went to visit Hoddesdon Library this week.



They were each given a Bear's Reading Adventure sticker book from the Book Trust. There are 10 stickers to collect in the book and one can be collected on each visit.

Any child can join in this activity, parents just need to take their child along for a visit.

Hoddesdon Library 98A High Street Hoddesdon
Hertfordshire EN11 8HD 9am-6pm



OUR VALUES FOR THE MONTH IS FRIENDSHIP

Caring for our friends, giving them our trust and support.



ASH WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday 1st March** is our Ash Wednesday Service in school.

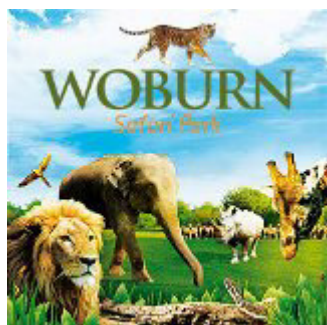
Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," as it is a tradition to rub ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it always falls on a Wednesday.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2017

ANIMAL KINGDOMS

13th - 17th March

This year's science week - *Animal Kingdoms* - has a focus on animals.



Pupils will be working scientifically by: identifying and grouping animals with and without skeletons and observing and comparing their movement; grouping animals according to their habitats and considering how they have adapted over time to the habitat in which they live; comparing and contrasting the diets of different animals and deciding ways of grouping them according to what they eat; comparing gestation periods of animals and comparing this to their size.

Since the best way to learn is through first-hand experience, we have arranged a **YR-Y5** trip to *Paradise Park* on **Tuesday 14th March** and a **Y6** trip to *Woburn Safari Park* on **Wednesday 15th March**.

Throughout the week we will follow up specific learning linked to each year group's unit of learning from the Science National Curriculum. The children will watch some of the amazing wildlife documentaries

Please see the follow up letter for more details.

BOOSTER CLASS

Booster Club has started for some of our Y6 pupils.

If your child gets an invitation to come to the club, don't forget.

A special time for extra revision and help in areas you find tricky!

Be prepared for Secondary School!

SMOKING/VAPING

A reminder - it is unlawful to smoke or vape on school grounds or just outside the gates.

It is unhealthy for children to walk through smoke whilst coming and going to school.

YEAR 4 OPERA PROJECT - LA TRAVIATA

Our Y4 children will once again have the opportunity to be involved in an opera project with three local schools.

This is an opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi set to an Italian libretto by Francesco Maria Piave.

La Traviata is a moving tale of society and morality, combining characters with powerful melodies the children should easily recognise.



The story is about Violetta who is a high-flying but fragile courtesan forced into surrendering all hope of personal happiness to protect her partner's reputation.

The children will learn about the opera in detail and then watch a children's performance.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is back up to **96%** and we must aim for 97%.

We have had to issue fines to a few families when attendance falls below acceptable levels. Obviously unless children are sick, they need to be in school to learn.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Dates are: **Tuesday 21st March, 3:30-5:30pm**
and

Wednesday 22nd March, 5-8pm

Lists will be put up the week before so you can book appointments.



ART BUS

Miss Davies and her team of helpers have been working very hard to prepare our bus to become our **Art Bus**. The chairs are all gone and the bus has been cleaned. We had it towed into position on the field. Unfortunately, it was broken into at the weekend. Please could all local people keep an eye out for intruders over the weekends. We now need to get electrics - light and heat to the bus and equip it as an art studio.

Louise Landman, member of Pro Action and Youth Connections, read the article in the Mercury about Wormley's **Art Bus** and has promised to crowd fund for us. They are aiming to raise £350 for us to buy the units and stools inside the bus.

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PRO-A
The Skills & Thrills

TESCO
Every little helps

Tesco store at the Brookfield Centre also allowed a group of children to pack bags for customers to raise funds for the bus and the local Parochial Society has also donated money for art supplies once the bus is up and running.

We would like to offer our thanks for their generosity and support.

If you are able to help with sponsorship or by donating some time, please let Miss Davies know. The children are desperate to use it.



HOME LEARNING

We have had lots of amazing home learning this term. Rhia made this amazing scene from Harry Potter! It took her 2 weeks, persevering with the tricky bits. She was able to talk about how she made it and what she had learned.

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

26th March
at
St Lawrence Church
Wormley

Wormley Primary School's Choir will be singing at the service.

All families welcome.



Believe in
children
Barnardo's
Hoddesdon Children's Centres

Let's get
cooking

Spring Suppers Now let's get cooking

Balanced Diet

Budgeting



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Where: Three Parks Children's Centre, C/O Rye Park Nursery School, Walton Road, Hoddesdon, EN11 OLN

When: Monday 6th March, 13th March & 20th March 2017 (Please attend all three)

Time: 9.15am - 11.15am

Price: £5.00 Booking Fee (non-refundable)

To book your place on the course or to reserve a crèche place contact:
Angela Street on 01992 904442 OR Andrew Davies on 01992 904405

THE CONFIDENT FATHERS PROGRAMME
FOR ANY MAN LOOKING AFTER A CHILD IN A CARING ROLE

A FREE 6 week course for fathers or male carers of children aged under 16 years living in Borough of Broxbourne. This course is funded by Childhood Support Services Hertfordshire County Council and hosted by Broxbourne West CC Group.

Topics covered include:

- The importance of a father figure
- Tools for handling conflict
- Understanding the physical and emotional development of your child and meeting needs
- Improving communication and relationships
- Dealing with challenging behaviour and setting boundaries

Venue:

**Longfield Childrens Centre, Flamstead End Primary
& Nursery Sch, Longfield Lane, Waltham Cross,
Hertfordshire, EN7 6AG**

Contact:

**The Bookings Team 01992 446051 email
bookings@natural-flair.co.uk**

Places are limited - Please call NOW to secure your place.

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capas...
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