

News on the Nineteenth



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February 2024

EASTER BREAK

Thursday 28th March
1.20pm

HOLIDAYS

29th March - 15th April
Children return on
Tuesday 16th April

HALF TERM

Spring break
27th May - 31st May
Children return 3rd June

Y3 AND Y4 TRIPS TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

As part of our history studies, Y3 and Y4 visited the **British Museum** to see the **Ancient Egyptian** and **Ancient Greek** exhibits.



It was a wonderful experience and there is still so much more for them to see there. Families can visit the British Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum for free.



SCIENCE WEEK

We are looking forward to our **Science Week 2024 - Science Investigation** 4th-8th March



Y6 will be focussing on **Evolution and Inheritance**. There is a trip planned to the **Natural History Museum** on **Wednesday 6th March** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

Y5 will be focusing on **Earth and Space**. They will be visiting the **Science Museum** on **Monday 4th March** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7jvf82>



Nursery-Y4 will be focussing on **Animals including Humans** and **Living Things and their Habitats**. They will have a workshop **Safari Pete** on **Wednesday 6th March**, who will be bringing in a range of animals including spiders, snakes, a ferret, hedgehog and a chameleon .

Safari Pete will be teaching the children about animal groups (mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and insects), their diets and their habitats.

We encourage the children to dress as scientists for the week

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**.

As it is our Science Week, children will continue to dress as scientists (not PJs or fiction characters). We will focus this year on NON-FICTION books and encourage children to share their favourite non-fiction books. They can bring books from home or choose one from the school library.

There will be a 20 min session in the day when classes from different year groups will meet to share their favourite non-fiction books with one another

World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading and we hope you find activities and advice here to help you enjoy sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

Our Approach is based on research which tells us that there are 6 elements to supporting a child to read for pleasure: All of our work is designed to support one of these areas.



Please follow this link to the World Book Day hub for families

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

For little ones and early readers, head over to **Share A Story Corner** where you can find video stories and activities to enjoy together.

Fluent and independent readers can join our **World Book Day Book Club** with different books to inspire you every month and everyone can enjoy the *free audiobooks* in our **World of Stories**.

Why not also try our fun **Look for the Book game** where you get to spy all your favourite book characters?

We're also here to help with reading recommendations and book lists for everyone to enjoy from reluctant readers to avid bookworms.



There are still opportunities to win a **Reader Bear** or many other prizes for regular reading in this Reading Challenge Term!

3 lucky families will win cinema tickets for their efforts to develop independent, successful and engaged readers.

Don't forget to record reading together in the children's reading records as these are vital as evidence in assessing children's reading to see if they read widely and with commitment to a book.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN 2024

KEY STAGE 1

The Y1 Phonic Screening will take place in the week commencing **10th - 14th June**

KEYSTAGE 2

The Y4 multiplication tables check will take place in the 3 weeks commencing **10th - 14th June**

The KS2 SATS is timetabled from **13th - 16th May**



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have seen some improvement with attendance this year, particularly with numbers of children who are persistently absent: 15.6% down to 11.8% and better than the national average.

However, any child who is persistently absent is missing 10% of time expected in school ... or more.

This equates to 1 in 10 days of learning missed so far this year.



Learning is linear. Each day learning is built on what has been learnt the day before. When children are absent, they have gaps in their learning which can cause them to have misunderstandings and misconceptions. This can then lead to anxiety about learning.

If a child is going to be absent from school, parents and carers are expected to contact the school and explain their absence as children are required by law to attend school. If we have no explanation for absence, or if a child has been taken out of school for a holiday, this is recorded as unauthorised absence. This can lead to a fine. We know that there have been a lot of childhood diseases circulating over the winter. Children should be at home if they have a temperature, are contagious or have had sickness and diarrhoea but if a child has a 'sniffle' or 'feels a little under the weather' or is 'feeling tired', they should be in school. We will contact you to collect them if they worsen.

Lateness is also recorded as an absence as the child is not in school learning with their peers. Please make sure children arrive on time, within their 10 minute window.

As soon as the gate/door closes, learning begins!

A late start can be very difficult for children.



The school has very little control over attendance. Please ensure your child is in school unless they are very poorly. Thank you.

SPRING CREATIVE ARTS

As part of their studies about the Aztecs - a Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican people of central Mexico in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries - Y5 learnt about The Day of the Dead - a holiday traditionally celebrated in Mexico.

Day of the Dead combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s. During Day of the Dead, life-size papier-mâché skeletons and miniature plastic or clay skeletons are everywhere. Why?

Mexicans honor their ancestors on Day of the Dead, but they're also reminding themselves that death is just a part of life. Hanging out with skeletons reminds people that one day they will be skeletons—but not for a very long time!

Here are some amazing clay skulls created by the children.





Year 2 have been learning about Dragons in English. They read a wonderful picture book called *Tell me a Dragon*.

Their art was inspired by their reading and their own story telling as they created their own dragons.



SENSORY GARDEN

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped develop our Sensory Garden. Numerous parents and carers volunteered their time in addition to our children, staff and @carebylilly.



Paul Seeby, Broxbourne's Mayor and Karen Trew, Deputy Lieutenant came yesterday to see everyone's hard work and open the garden officially.

Here is a list of all the benefactors who donated to our project:

- Matthews Garden Centre
- East Side Garden Centre
- Norse LTD
- Meristem Design
- Black Box signs
- Mooresteachers
- Thompsons in Enfield
- Evergreen- Waltham Abbey Landscapes
- Waste Not Want Not Community Nursery - Kings Award Centre

Monetary bids were received from the 'Feeling Good Week' initiative in Herts and a Local Grant from Councillor Paul Mason



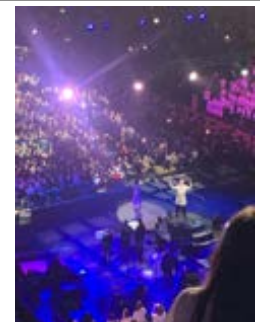
TT ROCKSTARS

Please support your children to keep up with multiplication tables practice using **TT Rockstars**. This will help them with maths fluency.

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT THE O2 ARENA

Our school choir attended the Young Voices Concert at the London O2 Arena on 19th January. We sang, danced, rapped and clapped with 150,000 children!

It was an amazing experience for everyone - the choir, staff and families.



OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS PEACE

This term we will be thinking about what peace means to us and to the world. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way."

2 Thelossians 3:16



CONSIDERATE PARKING

There have been many complaints from our neighbours at the back gate about their driveways being blocked by cars. Our Community Police will be making spot checks over the coming months. Please respect our neighbours.

EASTER EGG HUNT



The Dragon's Apprentices are organising an Easter Egg Hunt. Look out for more details.

AGENT CONSIDERATE AND AGENT CURIOUS

We will be asking children to deploy their Agent Considerate and Agent Curious this term



Agent Considerate - the power of thoughtfulness. Agent Considerate is very **thoughtful** and thinks deeply. This agent enjoys **collaborating** with others and shows **courtesy** towards others' ideas, opinions and beliefs. Agent Considerate has **empathy** for people, shows **compassion** and can **forgive** them when things go wrong. Agent Considerate is a good **listener** and tries hard to be **friendly** and **inclusive** of everyone which makes for a very popular agent. (Thought bubble)

Agent Curious - the power of wonder. **Wondering** about the world and **asking questions** is what Agent Curious does best. When faced with new and challenging tasks, this agent has an **open-mind** and **explores** solutions **inquisitively**. Agent Curious has a **thirst for knowledge** and enjoys **engaging** with other people's ideas and activities. (Magnifying glass)



LEARNING CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Thank you to parents and carers who attended their child's learning consultation. Home school partnerships are so important. Some people did not turn up for their appointment. Please make contact with your child's class teacher asap.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

Children should not be wearing earrings to school, particularly on a PE day. If you cannot remove earrings, they must be taped for a PE lesson or you may be called to come to school and take out your child's earrings.

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Children in Y1-4 enjoyed watching a production of Rudyard Kipling's **Jungle Book**. Joseph Rudyard Kipling was an English journalist, writer, poet, and novelist of short stories. He is one of the best-known of the late Victorian poets and story-tellers. He was raised in India, a place that inspired much of his work. The children loved the characters, especially *Mowgli* the boy, *Baloo* the bear, *Bagheera* the panther and *Shere Khan* the tiger.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS



Admissions to nursery classes in schools are managed directly by the schools and not by Herts County Council. If you wish your child to attend the nursery classes at Wormley, you need to fill in an application form and submit to the school (available on the website).

All applications should be handed in by **8th March**. Morning places will be offered first to families who qualify for 30 hours provision in conjunction with our Preschool.

A virtual tour of the Wormley Church of England Primary School is available on our school website.

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE FAMILY CENTRE UPDATE

Please use the link below to find out what is on at our local Family Centre. There are so many courses and activities

What's On Guide - Broxbourne Spring 2024



<https://mailchi.mp/eb8362bca83c/ikozfhx4tb>



Is it time to change?

– We can help you!

Recognise, acknowledge and change abusive, coercive, and controlling behaviours

- **Learn** what healthy relationships look like and how best to achieve it
- **Respond** to your emotions without causing harm or distress to others
- Know how to **communicate** effectively respecting another's emotional and physical boundaries
- **Understand** the impact of harmful relationships on children
- **Develop** positive habits and improve your mental health

...but you need to take the first step!



Scan this QR code for more information or to self-refer

You will work with a professional to understand your thoughts, feelings, and behaviours in a safe, non judgemental and supportive space. We will support you every step of the way.



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Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 5-18 with a special educational need or disability?

Are you free on Monday 11th March 2024, 10am to 2.30pm?



If the answer is yes to both, please come along to **Roe Hill Hall, Hatfield**, to chat with services about how they can help you and/or the young person you care for.

We will have representatives from Hertfordshire County Council, the NHS, local charities, support groups and more organisations!

A light lunch will be served at 1pm.

For more details or to book a place:

Call: 01992 58 69 69.

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Book online at www.carersinherts.org.uk/parent-carer-info-event-March-2024