



Newsletter 11 - 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. On Monday 3rd February, we conducted another lockdown practice to enhance the safety of our school environment. It is vital that our children are fully prepared for any situation, and these practices help reinforce that readiness.

Last week, our students were fortunate to participate in musical drumming workshops with the talented Jim Bernadin. It was a joy to hear their lively performances echoing throughout the day, showcasing their enthusiasm and creativity.

As a gentle reminder, we kindly ask that parents say their goodbyes to their children in the morning at the entrance gate at the front of the school or at the gate within the car park, by the side of the Year 3 classrooms. This is an important safeguarding measure to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Should you need to speak with a class teacher, you must visit the school office or email us at office@new-haw.surrey.sch.uk, and we will ensure your query reaches the appropriate member of staff.

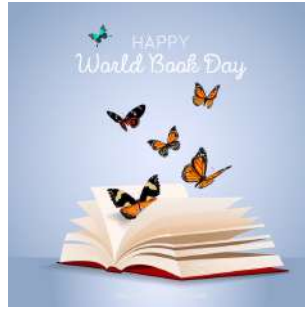
Finally, please note that we will break for half term on Friday 14th February. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Marie Cahill

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Executive Headteacher





World Book Day Celebration

Back by popular demand and following our 'Parents in Partnership' discussions, we are excited to invite all children to celebrate World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book character on **Friday, 7th March**. This activity is optional and if children prefer to come to school in their uniform, they are welcome to do so.

While we will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the week, we have chosen Friday for the dress-up day to avoid clashing with our Year 4 swimming sessions.

We encourage everyone to get creative and have fun with their costumes!

Happy reading!



RE Workshop Highlights - Year 3

Last week, Year 3 had the pleasure of hosting volunteers from Heathervale Church for an enriching RE workshop. The students immersed themselves in the Jewish festival of Passover, gaining valuable insights into its significance.

During the workshop, the children created their own Seder plates, practised a traditional Jewish song, and sampled some delicious Passover foods. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with different cultural practices and enhance their understanding of the world around them. We thank Heathervale Church for their support and involvement in this enriching experience!



Drumming Workshops with Jim Bernadin





Last week, all classes had the fantastic opportunity to participate in drumming workshops led by the talented Jim Bernadin. Students explored a variety of music styles from around the globe, learning not only the rhythms but also the cultural significance behind each genre. The excitement culminated in a vibrant performance where every student showcased their newfound skills. It was an excellent experience filled with fun and creativity, leaving everyone eager for more musical adventures!



Spare Clothes

If your child is sent home in spare clothes belonging to New Haw, please return the borrowed items washed and dried to the school office as soon as possible, so they can be available to other children in moments of need. All clothes will be signed-out and signed back in again.



Year 4 Swimming Update

We're thrilled to share that Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at Eastwood Leisure Centre this half term. The children have already made significant progress and are having a fantastic time in the pool!

They have been practising various strokes, including breaststroke, front crawl, backstroke, as well as essential skills like treading water and sculling. We can't wait to see what new techniques they will master in the coming half term.

Keep up the great work, Year 4!



Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition

Last week, a group of Year 5 and 6 children attended an Athletics competition at Guildford Spectrum, where they had the opportunity to showcase their talent and ability. The students competed in a variety of different track and field events against nine other schools, representing New Haw Junior School with great pride. Throughout the morning, they displayed impressive determination, sportsmanship and teamwork. It was a fantastic event and the students should be very proud of their efforts and achievements!



HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE DOUGHNUTS?

NOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION!

FIND US IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
DOUGHNUT AND PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE!



Thank you to everyone who sent clothes donations to us in January. We raised a total of £154.35 after all bags were weighed and this will go back into our PTA funds.



School Diary

Please see below for key diary dates for this term:

Tuesday 11th February	Performing Arts Evening
Thursday 13th February	Performing Arts Evening
Friday 14th February	End of term - school finishes at 3:25pm

Monday 24th February	School Resumes
Thursday 27th February	Sound Dome - Year 4 6D Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 6th March	6M Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Friday 7th March	World Book Day - Optional dress-up NEW DATE
W/C Monday 10th March	Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2
Tuesday 11th March	Year 4 Buddhist Temple Trip (1.5 classes) NEW DATE
Wednesday 12th March	Year 4 Buddhist Temple Trip (1.5 classes) NEW DATE
W/C Monday 17th March	Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2
Tuesday 18th March	Year 4 Viking Workshop (in school)
Wednesday 19th March	4R Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Wednesday 26th March	Year 4 Theatre Trip
Friday 28th March	4D Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 3rd April	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9:15am - 10:15am)
Friday 4th April	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9:15am - 10:15am) End of term - school closes 1:30pm

Tuesday 22nd April	School resumes
W/C 28th April	Year 4 Bikeability - Level 1
Tuesday 29th April	Year 5 - Thames Explorer (Classes 5C & 5J)
Thursday 1st May	Year 5 - Thames Explorer (Class 5S) 3Q Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
W/C Tuesday 6th May	SATs Practise Week
Thursday 8th May	3G Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
W/C Monday 12th May	SATs Week
W/C Monday 19th May	Year 6 - PGL to Osmington Bay
Thursday 22nd May	3V Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Friday 23rd May	End of Term - School Closes 3:25pm