



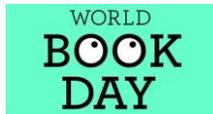
THE OWL

February 2019 Spring Term



World Book Day

This is on Thursday 7th March. This year will be slightly different as we are not asking for children to dress up.



Between now and 7th March we would like parents/grandparents to take a photo, or photos, of children 'caught in the act of reading' in an unusual place. This will not be a competition but we will be putting the photos together as a display to celebrate reading. If you are unable to print your photos, they can be emailed to the school office using this email address below and we will print them, photo@reed.herts.sch.uk

On March 7th, children should wear school uniform and bring a favourite book to school to talk about. We are also providing a themed school lunch on that day of Horrid Henry's BBQ Chicken Burger with baked potato wedges and Perfect Peter's Chocolate Orange Cookie.

Red Nose Day

On 15th March, for a donation to Comic Relief, children may come to school wearing something red.



Youth Makes Music

This is an annual event for our year 4 pupils and for this year, as our numbers are small, we have been allowed to take year 3s as well. Please note that the venue has changed this year to Saffron Hall and that the booking of tickets is purely online at www.saffronhall.com and it is on a first come first served basis. The information letters were sent home on Friday 8th February.

Wear a hat day – 29th March

This is the UK's biggest brain tumour research fundraising event. Since 2010, wear a hat day has raised over £1 million – money that helps fund four UK Research Centres of Excellence, raise awareness of this devastating disease and influence the government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally in research for brain tumours.

This charity was a suggestion from one of our pupils to the school council who then decided to support this day. Your child(ren) can wear a hat to school along with their school uniform, for a donation to the Brain Tumour Research charity.



Mothers Day Activities

This will also be held in the morning of Friday 29th March, an invitation will be sent home after half term.

FoRS Update

Bake Sale: A huge thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes at our Bake Sale. The children have done a fabulous job of raising money for St John's Church that tragically caught fire at the beginning of December. With your help we've raised a fantastic £163.53 to help towards reinstating a much loved Royston institution.

Quiz Night: It's that time of year when we offer you the chance to dust off your thinking caps and join us for the Friends of Reed School Quiz.

The quiz will take place at Reed Village Hall on Saturday 16th March 2019, 7:30pm start.

Tickets are £8 which include a ploughman's supper. There will be a fully licensed bar.

We have teams that people can join or you can come with a team of up to 8 people.

We would also like to ask for donations to our raffle that will take place on the evening. If you have something please drop this into the school office or pass it on to Shelley (Frankie's Mum) or Char (Harry, Sophie and Jack's Mum) on the playground.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there competing for the Quiz Winners Trophy!

Swimming

Swimming will resume straight after half term and will finish on **Wednesday 27th March** for children in Years 1-4.



February HAND SEND News

HAND SEND News is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with additional needs and disabilities. The newsletter has information and advice for parents and carers, as well as courses, inclusive activities for children, support groups for parents, carers and young people and much more. You can access the newsletter at:

<https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Adverse Weather

Closure of the school is always a last resort and any decision will be taken after an assessment of risk and any guidance given by the local authority. If it is possible to give advance warning, you will be contacted by ParentMail or letter. Out of school hours, parents will be notified via the new notification system, please see below. Alternatively, parents can check the HCC website



(<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>) and listen for updates on local radio. Please do not telephone the radio stations directly as they cannot manage a large volume of calls from parents.

School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire County Council have introduced a new school closure notification system, if parents have not yet signed up for this new system, please do so as soon as possible, at member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

Another win for Hertfordshire Schools for recycling their e-waste

Since 2011 Hertfordshire's schools have enjoyed regular recycling collections of their waste electricals organised by WasteAware. Last October 182 schools took part in the electrical collections with a massive 30 tonnes being recycled. Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Waste, Terry Hone said, "Children really like to get involved and this type of collection gives them a really useful insight into recycling. We each throw away an average of 23Kg of electronic waste a year – heavier than an average seven-year-old boy! The [WasteAware website](#) gives practical hints on how to reduce your electrical waste and where to recycle it."

This year, in partnership with waste management company and charity, Recycling Lives, Schools opting to invite parents to bring in unwanted electrical equipment for the collection were entered into a prize draw. Plenty of old equipment is tucked away at home and WasteAware was encouraging parents to declutter and recycle their electricals responsibly.



And finally..

Thank you for all your ongoing support. Have a happy half term.

Diary Dates

Please look at our school website for up to date information and dates.

February 2019

18th – 22nd HALF TERM

March 2019

- 1st FoRS Meeting in school hall (9am)
- 1st School Library (3.30pm)
- 2nd Community Library (10-12noon)
- 7th World Book Day
- 14th Youth Makes Music Rehearsal (Junior class)
- 15th Red Nose Day
- 15th School Library (3.30pm)
- 16th Community Library (10-12noon)
- 16th FoRS Quiz Night (Reed Village Hall)
- 22nd Youth Makes Music (Junior Class)
- 26th Last Recorder & PE Club
- 27th Last swimming lesson & Choir
- 28th Last Athletics & Bowls Club
- 29th Wear a Hat Day
- 29th Mothers Day activities (9-11.30am)
- 29th Kingswood Meeting (2pm Junior Class)
- 29th School Library (3.30pm)
- 30th Community Library (10-12noon)
- 31st Mothering Sunday & British Summer Time begins

April 2019

- 1st Parent Consultations (1.30- 6.30pm)
- 5th Easter Tea (1.15pm)
- 5th End of Term (2pm)
- 7th FoRS Easter Tombola (Royston Tesco)

23rd INSET Day – School closed

- 24th Pupils return to school