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Newsletter

Term3

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Learning about Judaism

This term's RE celebration day was about Judaism. Some of the many activities taking place around the school included our Reception classes making Stars of David and Menorahs, Chester class looking at symbols of the Jewish faith and Y5 classes making flatbread (Matzo); Emily from Leeds class said, *'We had a really fun day and made flatbreads. This is because, according to tradition, the Hebrews had to flee Egypt so quickly that there was no time for their bread to rise.'*

More photos can be found on our Facebook Page.

The Great Fire of London – A Baker's Tale

Our Year 2 classes have had a very exciting week finishing their topic on the Great Fire of London. This week, not only did they design and build Tudor houses which they burnt so they could see how the fire spread, children also took part in a drama workshop where they 'met' Thomas Farriner, the King's baker, from Pudding Lane, who survived the fire to tell the story of what happened during those three fateful days. Children learnt from him and later Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist of the time, what it was like to live in London before and after the fire. During this workshop the children created 'freeze frames' acting out scenes from the fire, showing emotions through voice and facial expressions. They also learnt the song, 'London's burning'



More photographs can be found on our Facebook page.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Have you booked your Parent/Teacher Meeting?

If not, you can [book an appointment here!](#)

INSET DAY tomorrow – Friday 14th February



Saturday Cinema: Saturday 7th March

Our PSA are holding a Saturday morning screening of Toy Story 4 on 7th March. **Places should be pre-booked** via ParentPay – *other items – PSA Saturday Cinema* by 9am Thursday 5th March but **monies should be paid on the day**. Tickets are £2 and include a drink and biscuit. Sweets will also be on sale. Children should arrive at 9:45 for a 10 am start.



Lewes Library will be hosting **Vashti Hardy (Brightstorm and Wildspark)** on Saturday 28th March at 11.00 am for a free author event. Anyone attending will need to book a space through <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/activities-and-events/> Happy holiday reading!



Entries are still open for the **Hastings Literacy Trust's dragon drawing competition**. They would love to see as many entries as possible and they have some great illustrated editions of Harry Potter books together with signed prints by illustrator Jim Kay to give away as prizes. The competition closes on 2nd April so this might make a good activity for the February holiday. [This link](#) will take you straight to the competition entry;

additional entry forms can be downloaded there too. [Further information](#) about the competition can be found here.



Staff reward good behaviour in the dinner hall with a place on the 'Golden Table' each Monday. Children who have displayed good manners and good eating are allowed to sit on a specially decorated table in the dinner hall. Take a look at this week's guests!


Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	95
		Y3 Brunel	97.5
YR Surrey	97.9	Y4 Cardiff	97.1
YR Canterbury	97.5	Y4 Chichester	100
Y1 Goldsmiths	94.3	Y5 Aston	95
Y1Sussex	97.4	Y5 Leeds	98.3
Y2 Bath	95	Y6 Oxford	91.6
Y2 Exeter	92.9	Y6 Cambridge	97.5
		Chester (SLC)	92.5



Diary dates

 Fri 14th Feb - INSET day February Holiday: Mon 17th -Fri 21st Feb		
Tues 25 th Feb	Y3 Swimming class 2 (4 sessions: 25 th Feb, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th March)	Information
	Y4 visiting Bexhill Museum (class 1)	Information
Wed 26 th Feb	Y4 visiting Bexhill Museum (class 2)	Information
	YR Heights and Weights	Information leaflet Letter to parents
	Y6 Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire	Health and Wellbeing letter to Y6 parents
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Wed 4 th March	Y1 second visit to Hastings Contemporary Gallery	Information
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day – children invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!	
Sat 7 th March	PSA Saturday Cinema: Toy Story 4 Book places via ParentPay and pay monies on the day	10 am
Mon 9 th March	Phonics and Reading meeting for Years 1+2 parents	Information to follow
	R/1/2 parent/teacher meetings 1 of 2	Information
Tues 10 th March	Years 3/4/5 + 6 parent/teacher meetings 1 of 2	
Wed 11 th March	EYFS Phonics and Reading meeting - info to follow	
	Years R/1/2 parent/teacher meetings 2 of 2	
Thurs 12 th March	Years 3/4/5 + 6 parent/teacher meetings 2 of 2	
	Y4 Musical Festival entry	Information
Wed 18 th March	YR Vision Screenings	Letter to parents

Fri 20 th March	MUFTI for Easter Fayre/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Mon 23 rd March	Y6 Safety in Action at Hastings Fire Station	Information
Sat 28 th March	PSA Easter Fair/Egg Hunt	Information to follow
Tues 31 st March	Y2 visiting Bodiam Castle	Information to follow
Fri 3rd April - INSET day		
Easter Holiday: Mon 6th – Fri 17th April		
Wed 20 th May	YR classes visiting Rare Breeds Centre	Information to follow
Fri 5 th – Mon 8 th June 2020	Y6 PGL 2020	Updated information
Sat 27 th June	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow
Wed 8 th July	Y5 visiting Kent and East Sussex Railway	Information to follow



Does your child prefer packed lunches?
Here are some [Healthy Lunchbox Ideas!](#)



Governors wanted

Ever thought of being a Governor at this school, or know someone who might be suitable? If so, please check the Governance page of the school's website or contact Charles Shaw, Regional Governance Officer (Charles.shaw@arkonline.org) for further information.

~ Enjoy the February break ~

Children return to school on Monday 24th February