

We hope everyone had a restful half term and was able to make the most of the unseasonably warm weather – such a treat for February half term!

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day and encourage a love of reading, we invite the children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character and donate £1.00 towards Book Aid International, a charity that donates books to African school libraries.

We would also be grateful if children are able to donate one book each that they have finished reading that is in good condition. We will add these to our class book corners, enabling many more children to enjoy a wide range of good books.

Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities. We will be holding a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 World Book Day assembly where we will talk about what world book day means.

Children who dress up, will receive a book token that allows them to get one of the World Book Day books for free, or £1 off any book at their local bookseller.

You can download character costume ideas for free from: www.bookaid.org

We look forward to seeing how creative and imaginative the children can be with their book character costumes.

Enrichment Activities

The week before we broke up we welcomed many visitors to school, enriching the childrens learning. Year 3 met STEM Ambassador Kerry Henderson, a geologist who showed them examples while talking about the rock cycle and her work as a geologist. Representatives from the NSPCC delivered assemblies on the campaign Speak Out, Stay Safe and ran workshops with Years 5 and 6. Rianna from Kicks Dance ran workshops for KS2 and Year 4 came to school dressed as Romans to take part in a Roman Workshop.



These enrichment activities help to expand the basic curriculum subjects in a fun and memorable way.

Road Safety

We have been contacted by members of the public concerned about childrens welfare with regards to road safety around the school. In particular crossing driveways ie – the dump, Brunton Centre, Hillcroft Court and the driveway beside Coffee and Creams. One person reported 'I am consistently seeing both parents with children and children alone, running across or passing the driveway without looking'.

Safety of our children is paramount – please be careful when crossing roads and driveways.

Whilst writing may we remind you once again to park with consideration to our neighbours. Do not park in the Doctors Surgery, Library Car Park, Douglas Brunton Centre or Hillcroft Court, we are fortunate to have a big public car park at Town End that offers free parking.

NSPCC

Thanks to your support we raised £326.00 for the NSPCC on the Lovelace Charity Day.

Science Fair

The Hillcroft Science Fair is on Thursday 14th March. To enter, children must carry out a scientific investigation and then produce a presentation board based on what they have learnt. The display must include:

- Their scientific question – i.e. how does a seed change as it germinates?
- A write up of what they found out
- Graphs/tables/photographs as supporting evidence

Alternatively they could research a scientist and produce a display about their life and work.

All entries must be handed in by Monday 11th March ready to be displayed at the Science Fair on Thursday 14th March. The winner and runners up will be invited to the GLF Science Fair Grand Final at the Royal Holloway University, London on Monday 1st April.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25 th February	Back to School
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Science Fair
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 4 – Prom Praise 4 Schools at the Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 26 th March	East Surrey Museum visiting Year 1
Monday 1 st April	GLF Science Fair Grand Final
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Back to school
Thursday 25 th April	Bags 2 School collection
Wednesday 8 th May	Class Photos
Saturday 18 th May	Summer Fair
Friday 24 th May	Last day before half term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term