



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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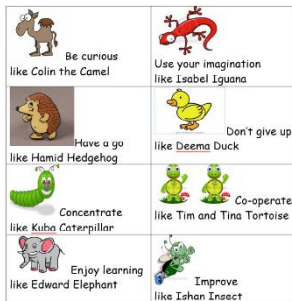
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Dear Parents

We have had another successful and enjoyable half term. I hope you have a restful break, and I look forward to seeing the children when they return on Monday 27 February.

Learning Characters



Evidence suggests the use of 'metacognitive strategies' - which get pupils to think about their own learning - can have a positive impact on children's progress. At school we have adopted learning characters which we use to encourage children to become self-regulated learners who can motivate themselves to engage in and improve their learning. I have attached our learning characters to this newsletter and would encourage parents to talk about these at home as regularly as you can.

Eat Them to Defeat Them

'Eat Them to Defeat Them' is a campaign created by Veg Power and ITV to encourage children to eat more vegetables. This year the campaign starts during half term and I have attached the information for parents to this newsletter. Next half term we will be offering children a new vegetable at lunch every week and encouraging them to try it. The first week will be carrots!

Keeping Safe Online

We are joining with Hursthead Junior School to host an evening to give advice to parents on keeping children safe online. This will be delivered by Tanya Cross, Schools Health & Wellbeing Adviser for Stockport authority. The evening will take place on Thursday 2 March at 6pm at the Junior School. A crèche will be available if parents are unable to find childcare in order to attend the event. Both Mrs Kendrick and I strongly advise parents and carers to attend this event, which should not last for more than an hour. Please can you follow the link below to let us know by Friday 24 February whether you are attending, and if you are planning to use the crèche at the Junior School. This is so we can plan the staffing we will need.

<https://forms.gle/RwxoL3DFFHW7deh97>

Simply Books

Simply Books in Bramhall has asked if I would let parents know about an event they are running during the half term holidays. Details below:

HARRIET MUNCASTER creator of The World of Isadora Moon will be at Simply Books on Wednesday 22nd February between 1PM- 3PM for the launch of Emerald and the Ocean Parade, a brand new series introducing Isadora's mermaid friend Emerald. Harriet will be signing her new books and if you'd like come along in your very best Isadora Moon fancy dress (fairies and vampires welcome) that would be lovely!

More details can be found here: <https://simplybooks.info/events/harriet-muncaster/>

Open Afternoon and Sharing Pupils' Learning

On Friday 24 March from 3:15-3:45pm we would like to invite parents and carers into school to have the opportunity to see your children's classroom, and chat to the teachers. Parents can come into school through the classroom at pick up - I'm sure your children will be very excited to show you around! On the same day Reception pupils' learning books and Year 1 & 2's topic books will be sent home. This is an opportunity for parents to share and talk to their child about their learning so far this academic year. The books are evidence of your child's learning, so please ensure they stay safe and are returned on Monday 27th. There is also a parental contribution form on which you can write a message to your child about their progress and learning.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Friday 17 February	Next Steps out PSA Tuck Shop after school Break up - half term
Monday 27 February	School re-opens
Thursday 2 March 6pm	Safer Internet Presentation at the Junior School World Book Day - dress as your favourite story book character
Friday 3 March 6-8pm	PSA family bingo night
W/c Monday 6 March	Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Evenings
Friday 17 March	Year 2 mountaineer talk & visit
Monday 20 March	Year 2 visit to Ford's Lane Church (details to follow)
Friday 24 March	Open Afternoon for parents Reception learning books sent home Year 1 & 2 topic books sent home Special visitor for Reception (details to follow)
Friday 31 March	Year 2 Climbing wall Break up - Easter

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