

HARTSBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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16th February 2024

As we head to the end of another busy half term, it is lovely to reflect back on all of the exciting things that the children have been getting on with. We started off with our careers day, which was an opportunity for the children to try their hand at different skills. We have had a variety of sporting events, visitors, trips and even a bit of Year 5 star gazing! We hope that your children have enjoyed it as much as we have. A big thank you to the Friends of Hartsbourne for organising the Valentines Disco to end our half term with a boogie!

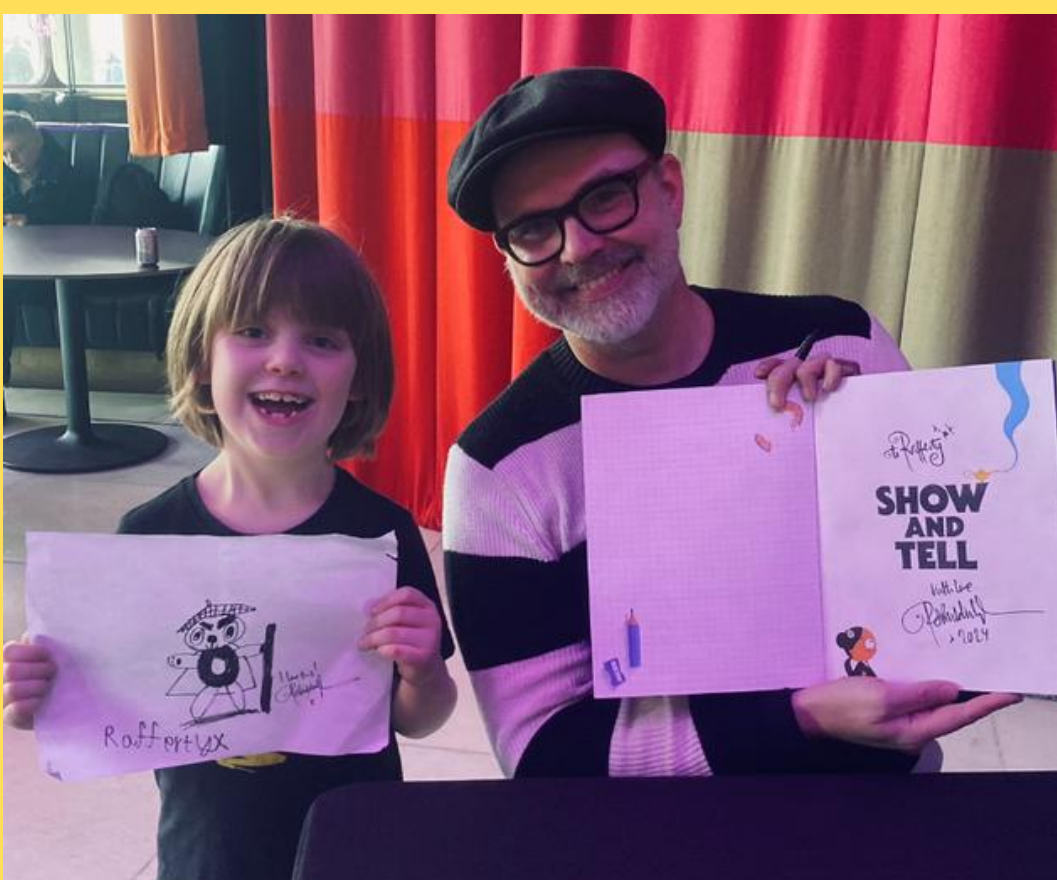
World Book Day is just around the corner! This exciting event will take place on Thursday 7th March. As in previous years we do not want children to feel pressured to come in costume if they do not want to so they are welcome to attend dressed up as a character from their favourite book or in their pyjamas to share a story. We are aware of the financial pressures for families at the moment so would like to facilitate a World Book Day Costume swap. If you have any costumes at home that your children have outgrown, please bring them into school and drop them with your class teacher on Monday and Tuesday of the first week back. If we have enough donated costumes, we will lay them out in the hall on Wednesday to Friday for parents to come and have a look through. Don't forget to take part in our half term reading challenge, details are in this notice.

Following on from parental feedback, we have changed our procedures so that KS2 now eat their snack in the classrooms either before or directly after break. We kindly request that you continue to support us by ensuring your child comes to school with healthy snacks. The NHS website has some good suggestions for healthy snacks - <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

The new website for our local area send hub is now live. This platform provides a wealth of information about the services and support available to children and families in Hertfordshire. You can find all of the information at <https://www.dspl9.uk/>

I wish you all a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 26th February. Mrs Harte and the team at Hartsbourne

We Are Very Proud Of.....



Rafferty who met his favourite author Rob Biddulph. Well don Rafferty for showing Mr Biddulph what a superstar you are!



Reading Maps

Well done to Mia and Kiaran who completed their reading maps this half term. Keep reading over the holiday and hopefully we will be giving out some more badges!

Vending Machine

A big well done to Gabriella, Leon and Taylor in Year 4 for earning vending machine tokens for their brilliant work!

Headteacher Bands

Alex, Ivy-Rose, Jose-Carlos and Lily in Year 2 all earned headteacher bands for their fabulous poetry. Gabriella and Ruby in Year 4 earned theirs for some excellent writing about the Suffragettes.

Spring and Summer Term Key Dates

Date	Event
W/C Monday 19th February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 27th February	Parents Evening - Late
Wednesday 28th February	PGL - Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 29th February	Parents Evening - Early
Friday 1st March	Year 5 & 6 KNEX Challenge
Friday 1st March	Year 3 & 5 - BSJT Dance Showcase
Tuesday 5th March	Year 2 - St Peter's Church
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March	Year 5 to Bushey Synagogue
W/C Monday 11th March	Year 6 PGL
Wednesday 27th March	Puppet Project Performance
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term - 2.00pm finish
9th, 10th and 11th April	Year 6 Easter Booster Sessions
Monday 15th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16th April	First day of term
Wednesday 17th April	Reception place allocation day
Wednesday 24th April	Year 2 - Scooter Skills Workshop

School Notices

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EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

What do I have to do?

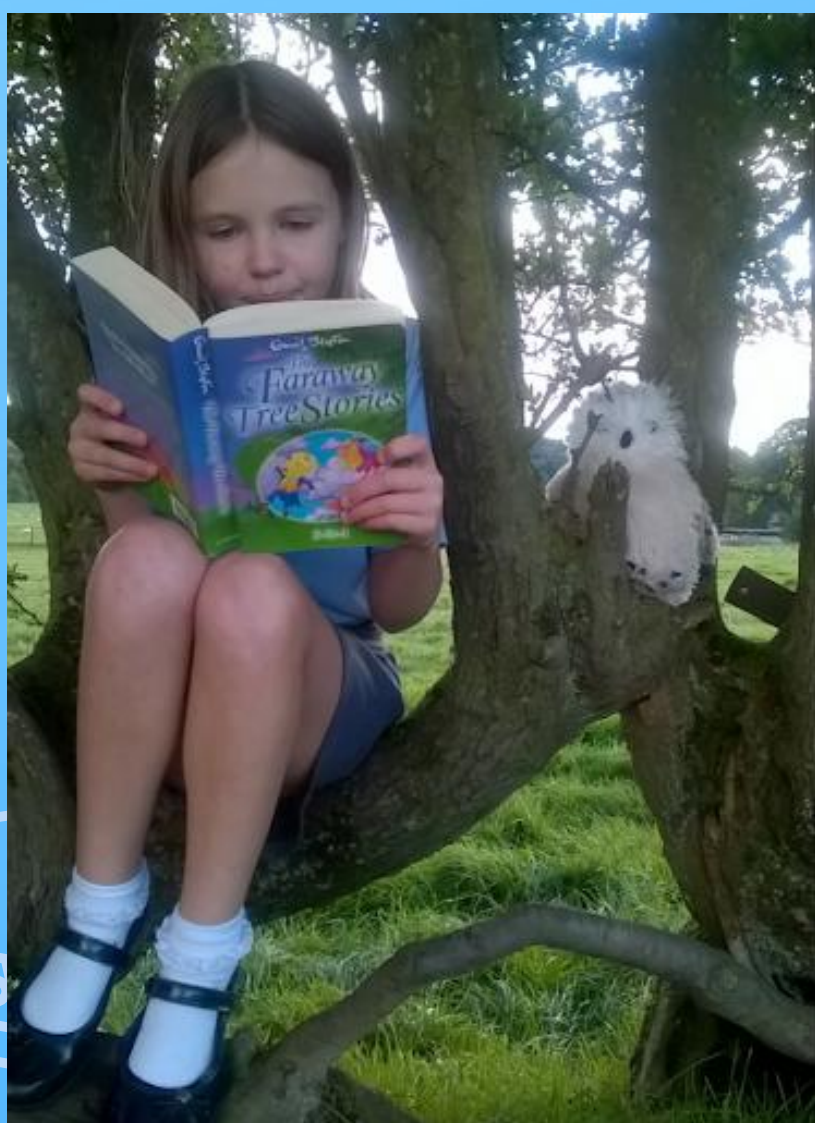
Get someone to take a photo of you reading in an unusual location or situation!

Anything Else?

It would be great if you could write a short review of your book – what it's about, main characters and events.

Top Tips!

Think of an unusual place to read! You could dress up in a fun costume and create an unusual scene in your living room if you don't want to take your book out with you.



Where should I send my photo?

Please upload your photo and any reviews into the extreme reading assignment on Google classroom. We will be printing them off to create a display in our library.



Multi Trust Dance Company Show - Friday 1st March 2024 Years 3 and 5



A quick reminder of the key information:

The show will start at **2pm and finish at roughly 2:45/3pm**. Tickets to watch your child perform are available via Ticketsource:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/busheymeats/t-dvxgngz>

Please note the following:

- The children will be taken to Bushey Meads School via school minibus at 11:00am for rehearsal on Friday 1st March and will remain on site until the completion of the show.
- They will need to be collected from **Bushey Meads, not Hartsbourne**, and will be available for collection from **3:00pm**. School staff from Years 3 and 5 will chaperone and remain with the children until they have been collected, so **if you need to collect siblings from Hartsbourne first, we can wait with the children at Bushey Meads until you arrive**.
- If you need your children to be collected by a different parent, please ensure that the children are made aware of this plan ahead of time. We aren't able to send children with other parents if neither they or we are aware of this arrangement.
- Children will need to wear a **plain black top, black leggings/joggers and black trainers/plimsolls**, or as close to this as possible.
- Children will also need to bring a **packed lunch in a named, reusable bag as they will be eating at Bushey Meads**.



After School Club - September 2024

Having an after school club at Hartsbourne has been at the top of our wish list for a number of years now. We didn't want to sacrifice any of the great clubs that are already here, so space was an issue, as was finding a company who would work with us to build it.

We are delighted to have teamed up with Topkidz who are keen to set up an after school provision at Hartsbourne, and we have also looked at how we use the rooms within the school to fit their needs so that our other clubs can continue to run.

Of course this will all only happen if there are enough people who will use it.

To help them offer a suitable service at Hartsbourne, kindly take a few moments to fill out their questionnaire.

[Online Form - Topkidz Questionnaire: Hartsbourne Primary School, Bushey - February/March 2024](#)



Class Specific Messages



Year 2 - St Peter's Church

On the **5th March**, Year 2 will be visiting St Peter's Church to explore the different features of a church as part of their R.E. lessons on Christianity. They will only be out in the morning and so will have their usual lunches. As they will be walking we would welcome a couple of parent volunteers to support with this trip. If you would like to join year 2 then please complete the form <https://forms.gle/b2MntZ6rzVbEieUw9>

As always names will be drawn out of the hat with priority given to parents who have not yet worked with the class in the current school year.

Year 6 - PGL Meeting and Information Form

After half-term, on **28th February**, there will be an information meeting regarding PGL for Year 6 parents at school in the main hall at 5.30pm. Mr Willimott will add the packing list to the google classroom.

Please could you all also complete this [Information Form](#) for your child.

Year 6 - Easter Holiday Booster Sessions

Mr Willimott will hold three morning Easter booster sessions to help the children prepare for SATs. The sessions will begin at 9.00am and finish at 12.00pm with regular breaks in between.

Session dates: 9th, 10th and 11th April

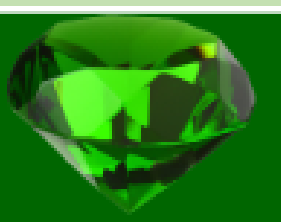
Please complete this form to book your child onto any or all of the sessions.

Booster Booking Form

Year 5 - Bushey Synagogue

On the **11th March**, Year 5 will be visiting Bushey Synagogue to explore the different features of a synagogue and what is found there as part of their R.E. lessons on Judaism. They will only be out in the morning and so will have their usual lunches. As they will be walking we would welcome a couple of parent volunteers to support with this trip. If you would like to join year 5 then please click [here](#) and complete the form. As always names will be drawn out of the hat roughly two weeks before the trip, with priority given to parents who have not yet worked with the class in the current school year.

Friday 16th February 2024 – Emerald: worked well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.



Year 1 –Philippa and Vinnie are always excellent learning partners, who listen and adapt ideas if needed.

Year 2 – Lily is an encouraging and helpful learning partner and Raffi is a great learning partner to a range of a different children.

Year 3 – A fond farewell to Oliver who is off on an Australian adventure! And well done to Thelma, who is always an excellent learning partner.

Year 4 – Kamile and Jessica have both been hugely supportive and encouraging learning partners in Maths this week.

Year 5 – Ayaan is a great learning partner by always listening to his partners to help them develop their ideas and Edson-William always works well with a range of different learning partners.

Year 6 – Vivienne worked with a range of partners to help them finish their artwork throughout the week and Daniel has worked extremely hard with a range of partners on a 1:1 basis showing great patience.

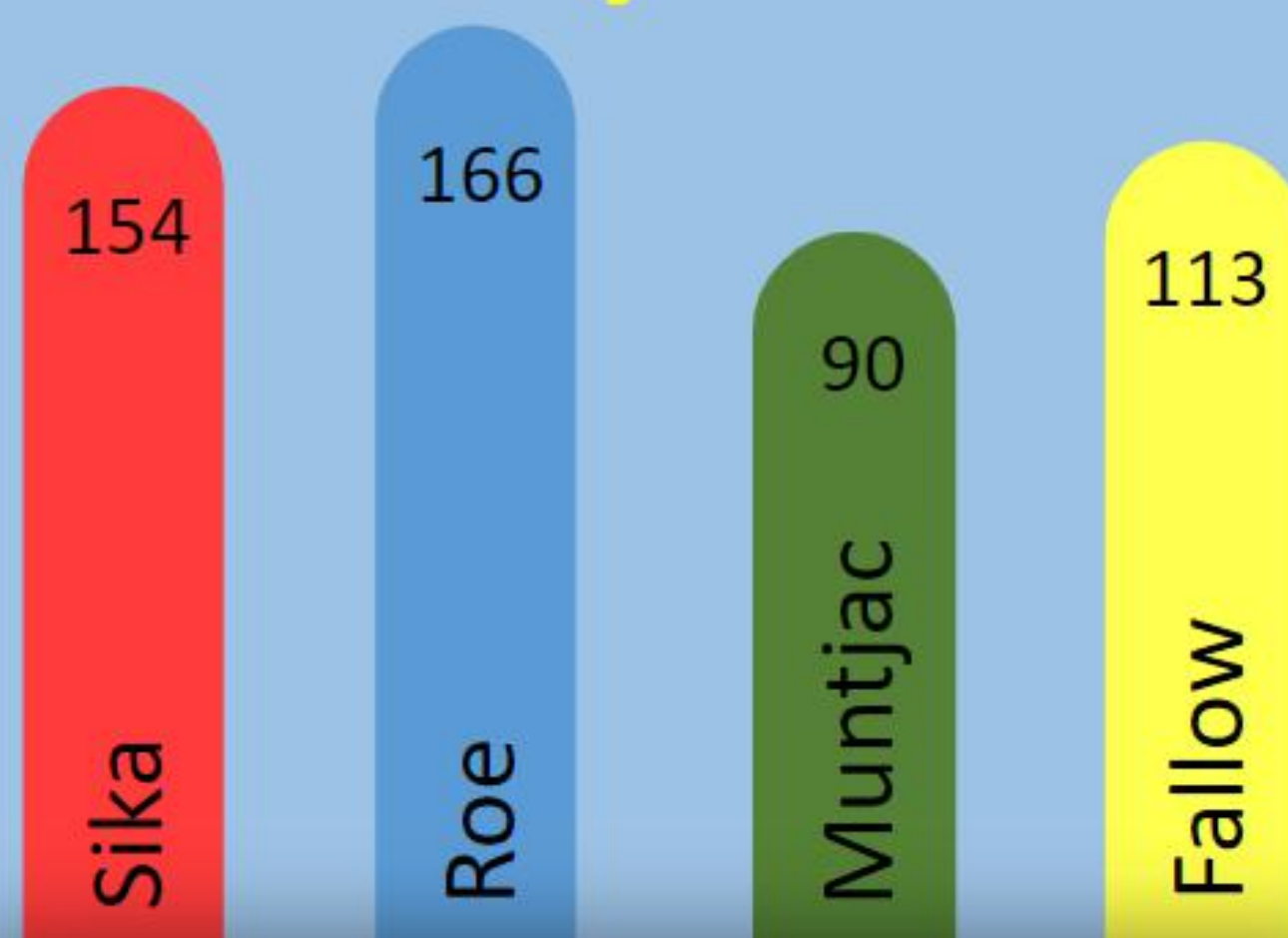
This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Year 5 again!



Housepoints – Friday 16th February 2024



Roe wins!