



# Newsletter

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## Holiday Dates

### Half term:

17 – 21 Feb 2020

### Easter Holiday

Last day: 27/3/20

School open: 14/4/20

**Bank Holiday: 8/5/20**

### Summer half term:

25/5/20 – 29/5/20

Last day: 17/7/20

### First day back:

Monday 7/9/20

## Event Dates

Parents evening 12/2/20

## PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on a daily basis.

This is an important part of the curriculum, helping to promote healthy lifestyles, and it is important that all children participate.

### Author visiting

Local author David Lawrence - Jones has been into school this week and shared his story of how he became a writer. In his younger school days, David told the children that he didn't really enjoy reading until his mother bought him the 'right' book - then he was hooked. From this, he started to write his own creative stories and now publishes books for adults and children to enjoy. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and lots of children have bought books and had them signed. Happy reading.



### Reading Certificates

Well done to all the children who have been awarded a reading certificate in today's assembly. This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and progress that the children are making in their reading and they are very proud to be awarded the certificates.

### E safety awareness

Hotel Hideaway is a free 3D virtual world app where users can create their own avatar and hotel room. Users can then chat with others worldwide using this avatar in public or private chat rooms.



Users are able to lock their private rooms to prevent anyone else from entering, users are also able to mute or report unwanted chat from others however this is limited to three reports a day. The chat function of this app puts young children at risk of being exposed to mature language and grooming behaviour.

The main app website states that it should be used by those aged 17+ however the use of cartoon avatars makes this appealing to younger audiences.

### Staffing

Mrs. Bailey is having her baby! This is a little earlier than expected so Mrs. Tremlett will be starting to cover the class from next week.



### Crisp packets

Many thanks to everyone who has been sending in crisp packets and a huge thanks to Mrs. Looker who has been counting them! We have made an amazing £170 which will go into buying books for the library so all the children will benefit. Please keep collecting and sending them into school.

### Reading Snippet

Reading will help children develop their writing. For example:

- He could see the wood.
- He stood silently, gazing at the edge of the deep dark forest.

**Which sentence do you think was written by the child who reads regularly?** The reading of narrative stories is so important. Stories are written differently to how we talk and it is important for children to become aware of these structures. Listening to and reading stories is vital.

### Inspirational music

A big thank you to the lovely Laura and Lyndon who entertained and mesmerised the whole school with their beautiful music last week. The children were totally absorbed listening to hand pans, a Cajon, the guitar accompanied by beautiful singing. A magical experience for everyone.

