



Dunster First School

Headteacher: Peter Hoyland

Newsletter No 10



Book and Story Week

Monday February 27th

to

Friday March 3rd

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the outcomes of the Headship interviews on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th January.

Following the 2-day process whereby candidates completed a number of tasks, I am delighted to say that we have appointed Mrs Naomi Philp to be the new Headteacher of Dunster First School from September 2017.

Along with other candidates, Mrs Philp was observed teaching a lesson to a mix of Year 3 & Year 4 pupils, and being interviewed by members of the school council. She also completed a data task and an additional written task and had two formal interviews with our selection panel.

Throughout each of the activities, Mrs Philp demonstrated strong teaching and leadership skills and a warm, energetic personality. Currently Headteacher of St Cuthbert's Infant School in Wells, Somerset, Mrs Philp brings with her an excellent track record and qualifications to include a Masters in Educational Leadership. I have every confidence that she will be highly effective in her new role and will build on the success of Dunster First School.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I'd like to thank everyone who served on the selection panel and the school staff for their support with the recruitment process.

Mrs Philp will be spending some time in school, alongside Mr Hoyland, next term and we hope to arrange a social occasion before the end of the academic year, whereby our new Headteacher can be introduced to the whole school community.

Yours Faithfully,

Sarah Stanbury
Chair of Governors

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking Sarah Stanbury, the school's governors and the staff for their work over the past five months in preparing for the successful Headship interviews that took place on January 18th and 19th.

Many congratulations to Mrs Philp on her success. I am sure that everyone in our school community will join me in wishing her all the best for her future at Dunster First School. I will be working very closely with her over the coming months to help her prepare to take on the Headship in September and to do my best to make sure that the Changing of the Guard is as smooth as possible for the children, parents, staff and governors.

Diary Dates

Thursday February 2nd

Pinkery Information Meeting for Year 4 Parents and Carers - 7.00pm

Friday February 3rd

**West Somerset Sports Association's Football at Knights Templar First School - 3.45pm to 5.30pm
Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday February 7th

Friday February 10th to

Sunday February 19th

Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday February 27th to

Friday March 3rd

Monday March 6th

**Book and Story Week (more details to follow)
Parent and Carers Meetings with Teachers - 6.00pm to 9.00pm**

Tuesday March 7th

Parents and Carers Meetings with Teachers - 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Monday March 20th

Friday March 31st

**Meeting of the Board of Governors - 7.00pm
Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade
Easter Service in St George's Church - 2.00pm**

Saturday April 1st to

Sunday April 16th

Easter Holiday

Monday April 17th

Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday April 18th

First Day of Summer Term

Wednesday April 19th to

Friday April 21st

Year 4 Residential Trip to Pinkery

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Mr Daly's Retirement

Mr Daly has informed the school that he will be retiring at the end of April. I would like to thank him on behalf of the children, parents, staff, governors and myself for the great job he has done in looking after the school, the grounds and the swimming pool over the last sixteen years and wish him well for his retirement.

An advert for the position of Site Manager is included in this newsletter.

Exmoor Coast Federation Musical - Wednesday March 8th

The children in Year 4 will be taking part in this year's Exmoor Coast Federation's musical extravaganza on Wednesday March 8th. Following on from last year's, "Shrek", this year's musical will feature songs from the film Jungle Book. Further details about the musical will be sent home in due course.



Internet Safety Day - Tuesday February 7th

Tuesday February 7th is Internet Safety Day and in school the children will attend a special assembly where they will find out about ways in which they can keep themselves safe when they are using the internet or playing on line games. In this newsletter we have also included some guidance on online safety for pre-school aged children.



Governor Profile - Louise Collins

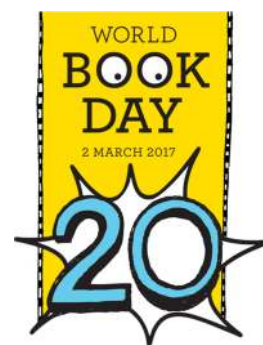
I am Reception Teacher at Dunster First School and am Teacher Governor here too. I have lived in Somerset for 15 years.

Originally I come from Cornwall, where my family still live. I like to go back to visit as often as I can!

I really enjoy being a governor at our school. It's great to be part of such a hardworking and positive group of people who care a lot about our school. It's interesting to be able to see how the school is organised 'behind the scenes'- although I am involved in some decisions because I work at the school, there is always lots happening and many plans being made by the governors too.

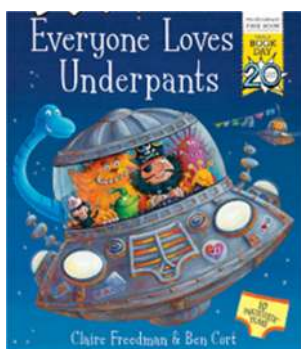
World Book Day

This year World Book Day will fall on Wednesday March 2nd 2017. As with previous years, children will receive a free £1 book token that can be exchanged in any participating book shops for one of the specially published £1 books. Your child's World Book Day Token is attached to this newsletter.



The free £1 books this year include:

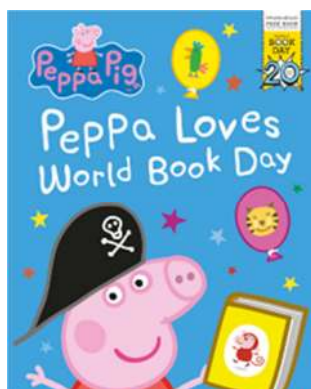
Books for Younger Children



Everyone Loves Underpants By Claire Freedman

This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!

In this PANTSTASTIC story, join old friends to celebrate the wonder of underpants!

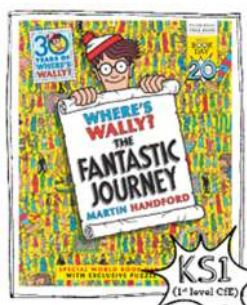


Peppa Loves World Book Day

It's World Book Day, but Peppa has so many favourite books, she can't decide which character to dress up as! Who will she be? Find out in this Peppa Pig story!

Peppa is a loveable, cheeky little piggy who lives with her little brother George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig. Peppa's favourite things include playing games, dressing up, days out and jumping in muddy puddles. Her adventures always end happily with loud snorts of laughter.

Books for children in Key Stage 1



Where's Wally - The Fantastic Journey by Martin Handford

Join Wally on his quest through magical and bizarre fantasy lands. Hidden in every intricately-detailed scene are Wally and his friends - so let the hunt begin! Full of eye-boggling extras and hours of fun, this third classic Wally adventure comes in a fiendish mini edition and extra puzzling and magical puzzles to play.



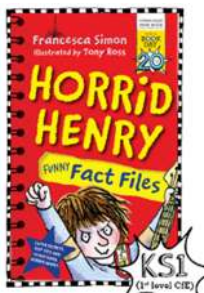
The Famous Five - Good Old Timmy and Other Stories

By Enid Blyton

Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog find excitement and adventure wherever they go in Enid Blyton's most popular series.

This special illustrated World Book Day book contains three of Enid Blyton's page-turning short stories about the Famous Five, with fantastic new cover illustrations from Laura Ellen Anderson. In *Good Old Timmy*, the five see a boy being kidnapped at the beach and set out to rescue him. But where have the kidnappers hidden the boy? Could Timmy lead them to the answer?

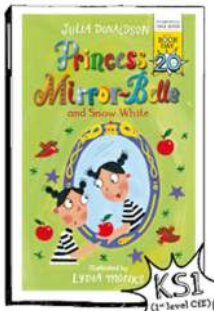
Join the adventure and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Famous Five in 2017.



Horrid Henry - Funny Fact Files

By Francesca Simon

Horrid Henry is the no.1 expert in pulling pranks, running a cool club and making as much mayhem as possible. And now you can be just like him. This hilarious book is full of fiendish facts about Horrid Henry, plus top-secret diary entries, club passwords and tips for dealing with annoying siblings.



Princess Mirror-Belle

By Julia Donaldson

Ellen gets a big shock when her double appears out of the bathroom mirror. But Mirror-Belle is a double with a difference! She is a princess, and a very mischievous one at that. In this story Mirror-Belle comes popping out of Ellen's mirror to help out with the local pantomime taking the story off script a hilarious way.

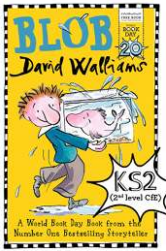
Books for Children in Key Stage 2



Butterfly Beach

by Jacqueline Wilson

A brand-new story starring the unlikely best friends of *The Butterfly Club*, published specially for World Book Day 2017, from much-loved and bestselling author Jacqueline Wilson. Selma can't wait to go on holiday with her best friend forever, Tina. But a holiday with Tina means a holiday with her triplet sisters, too - and it's not long before Selma feels like the odd one out. Can their shared love of butterflies bring Selma and Tina together again?



Blob

By David Walliams

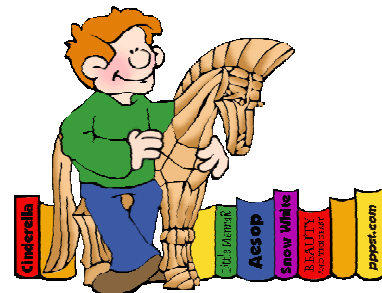
A side-splittingly funny and brilliantly imaginative story, specially created for World Book Day by the No. 1 bestselling children's author

World Book Day Tokens can also be used as part payment for other books including those that we will be selling at or Scholastic Book Fair during the week February 27th to March 3rd. To find out more about World Book Day please visit the website at www.worldbookday.com

Book and Story Week - February 27th to March 3rd 2017

Our annual Book and Story week will be taking place between February 27th and March 3rd. Our theme this year is Traditional Tales and Legends.

During the week story teller Steve Manning will be visiting the school to tell stories. As in previous years we will also be inviting a number of people from the local community to come into school to read a story.



During the week we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall. At the fair we will be selling a wide range of books including picture books, young fiction and junior novels as well as reference and non-fiction titles. A leaflet showing some of the titles accompanies this newsletter.

The Book Fair will be open at the following times:

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| Monday February 27 th | Closed | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Tuesday February 28 th | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Wednesday March 1 st | 8.40am to 9.15am | Closed |
| Thursday March 2 nd | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Friday March 3 rd | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |

Volunteers are needed to help run the book fair, so if you are able to help please contact the school office or complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school.

Your support through buying books at the fair would be greatly appreciated because for every book sold, the school earns commission which will enable us to buy books for

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our school. Last year we sold £829 worth of books which meant that we were able to choose £100 worth of new books for each class in the school.

To finish the week on Friday March 3rd we will be holding a Book Character day when children and adults are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Weather permitting we will hold a book character parade in the school playground.



Nearly New Uniform Sale - Monday February 27th to Friday March 3rd.

Throughout Book and Story Week the Friends of Dunster First School will be selling items of nearly new uniform in the school hall. Items including sweatshirts, polo shirts, skirts, trousers and daps will be on sale at very reasonable prices.

The Friends of Dunster First School always welcomes donations of good quality uniform.

Sainsbury Active Kids 2017

This year we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers on behalf of Monstas After School Club.

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from 25th January at Sainsbury's. You will receive one voucher for every £5 spent in Sainsbury's Local and one for every £10 spent in Sainsbury's supermarkets. If you buy from Sainsbury's online you will receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend but they will all be printed on one piece of paper so keep them safe.



A collection box will be kept in the front lobby for the duration of the promotion and will be exchanged for resources for the benefit of children using Monstas Club. Spread the word and ask your friends and family to donate their vouchers too.

School Hall Redecoration

Following last summer's installation of a new heating system in the school hall we have arranged for the room to be repainted From the Floorboards Up during the Spring Half Term holiday.



School Clubs

Football Club and Film Club finish at the end of this half term. Thank you to Mr James and Mrs Vickery for running these clubs.

All of the other school clubs will resume during the first week back after the half term holiday. Catchball Club for the children in Year 3 and Year 4 will start on Thursdays from March 9th. Information about Catchball Club will be sent home after the Spring Half Term holiday.



Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher

2017 Book and Story Week
February 27th to March 3rd

I am able to help at the Book Fair at the following times (please indicate with a tick the times that you are available to help)

| | 8.40am to 9.30am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
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| Monday | Closed | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | Closed |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | |

Name

Telephone Number.....

Please return to the School Office

