

# Hathern C of E Primary School

## Weekly Update

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### PM Announcement!

As anticipated, the Prime Minister announced the full re-opening of schools from Monday 8th March—thank goodness! I am confident that you are as delighted as we are by the news, as we have missed having all our children in school and I'm sure that, by now, you have had your fill of remote learning!

Plans are being put in place for the 8th March and as parents, you will unlikely notice any change from the protective measures in place from the start of the academic year. Start and finish times will be staggered— as they were in the Autumn Term, children will line up on their spots and be collected by their teachers and of course we ask that only one adult brings/collects your child/ren to and from school. Further information will be sent out next week. The most significant difference is that all of the staff at school are undertaking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week in a bid to reduce infection and transmission in school. We have been doing this for over a month now and have had no positive returns.

In order that staff can prepare fully for the return of the children, we will be doing less 'screen-work' next Thursday and Friday as we celebrate World Book Day. Staff have prepared a programme of fun book-related activities which should hopefully allow your children to demonstrate their more creative abilities rather than online work. During these two days, staff will be in school doing a deep clean of their classrooms, setting up to enable safe working environments and working to create a warm and welcoming return for the children.

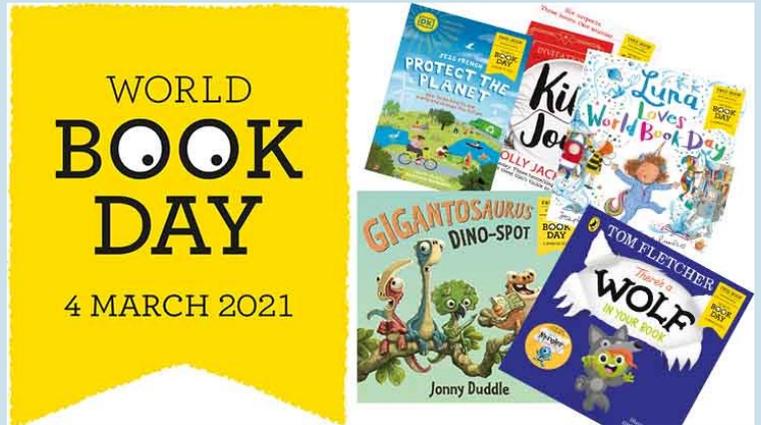
Have a good weekend and stay safe. Steve Dunn, Headteacher

## World Book Day 2021— Hathern BookFest

To celebrate World Book day next week, we are holding a special 2-day Virtual BookFest!

Staff will be setting up a series of activities, book readings, fun activities and competitions for the children to get involved with next

Thursday and Friday. As usual, each child will receive a £1 book token which can either be put towards a book of greater value or can be exchanged for one of the specially printed £1 World Book Day Books. Children will receive these vouchers when they return to school on Monday 8th March.



The events will kick off on Thursday morning, with staff hosting a live Fancy Dress Zoom session. The children love dressing up so they are invited to dress up as their favourite character if they'd like to. One of the highlights over the two days will be the **Masked Reader Competition**. This is a little



competition for the children and hopefully something that will make them (and you) laugh. There will be a video, accessed via Google Classroom, made up of clips of the teachers reading with a face filter. All the children have to do is guess which teacher is behind each clip. There will be a link for you to click on to give your answers with prizes

for the five children who score the most across the school.

In addition, there will be a series of activities uploaded for the children to take part in—each introduced by a different teacher. We would encourage the children to get involved in as many as possible as these will replace the usual lessons uploaded to Google Classrooms.

### Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Bookings for Breakfast Club (7.30/8.00am—8.45am) and Mr Hanford's After Schools Clubs (3.30pm-5.30pm) are now being taken. Book online using your [schoolmoney](#) account for Breakfast Club or to book onto Mr Hanford's After School Clubs or his upcoming Easter Camp, visit the [Hanford Sports](#) website. If you have any questions, please contact the school office for further information.