

# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

25th February 2025

*Learning to bring out the best in everyone.*



## WORLD BOOK DAY

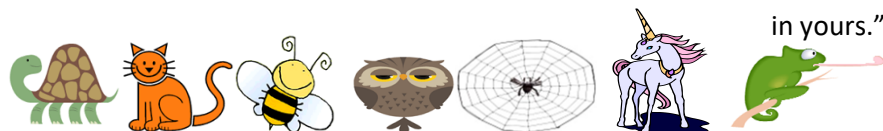
We're really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. We would like to invite the children to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. We know the children love to dress up on this special day, but don't worry too much about costumes: there are plenty of book characters who just wear normal clothes such as Percy Jackson, Lyra Belacqua and Danny the Champion of the World. The children have all been sent home with a £1 book voucher, which can be exchanged in our local bookshops for a book or can be put towards a more expensive book. There will be lots of special activities on the day and the children will learn in mixed up teaching groups.

The librarians would also like to invite all the children to bring in a loo roll decorated to look like their favourite character. You can be as creative as you like and there will be prizes for the best character in each class.



## HORRIBLE HISTORIES— THE AWFUL EGYPTIANS

The children in Key Stage 2 are really looking forward to a trip to the Theatre Royal in Norwich on 27th February to see the stage show of Horrible Histories: The Awful Egyptians. The show couldn't be better timed as our theme this term is Ancient Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs. The tickets have been paid for by FOFSA, so we would like to say thank you to them for all their efforts and support.



Our school community was saddened by the death of Garry Deeks, our former Chair of Governors, whose funeral was held on Monday 17th February. Garry was full of passion and selfless energy. He seemed to live his life for others and to be involved in every aspect of our community, including acting as a school governor at Fressingfield Primary School for many years. He was driven by a sense of social justice and fairness and, at school, a love of teaching. I remember him, as will many of our ex-students, as the man who taught us how to dance the maypole – how he managed to play the harmonica and give instructions at the same time was a minor miracle! He taught my class how to make wheeled land-sails and came again to help them design a polytunnel for the kitchen garden, which was eventually built (in true Garry Deeks style) using fencing posts and plastic piping. He also taught – as a volunteer - our 'Aiming High' group once a week, every week, for a number of years; he loved working with the children, and the children loved working with him because he was always interesting, passionate and fun. As a governor, he knew how to be a critical friend – providing support and challenge in equal measure - and he brought a lifetime of experience to the role. I know that I and everyone at Fressingfield Primary School will miss him.

## A TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOL



Through this week, all members of staff at Fressingfield Primary will be participating in whole-staff training delivered by Trauma Informed Schools UK. The aim of the training is to support our school to implement trauma-informed and mentally-healthy practices. TISUK report that 'on average children wait 10 years to get help with a mental health problem' but that, 'many teachers feel de-skilled at working with a child with mental health issues.' It is certainly clear that mental-health issues amongst children are rising and that these can provide a barrier to successful learning and positive outcomes at school. The sessions will ensure our staff have the knowledge, skills and understanding to optimise the well-being of both the children and adults in our community. We are really pleased to be able to participate in this training, which sits so well alongside the THRIVE training all staff completed a little while ago. Ensuring our children feel valued, supported, ready to learn and happy is fundamental for all of us at Fressingfield Primary School.

## HANNAH BRAILSFORD— STORYTELLER

Key Stage 1 and the EYFS are really excited to welcome back Hannah Brailsford on 20th March. Her session last year was so magical, we were determined to ask her to visit us once again. On her website (which you can find here: <https://www.hannahbrailsfordstoryteller.com>), she describes herself as a "story-teller, word-weaver, teller-of-tales; catching, crafting stories in my imagination so they can live in yours." We can't wait!



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## RED NOSE DAY—21st March

Along with the rest of the country, we will be celebrating Comic Relief's 40th Birthday this year on 21st March. We will have a small number of Red Noses (30) available to buy in school from Monday 3rd March for £2 each. Children are welcome to bring a contribution on the day and to get dressed up. Feel free to come dressed in your best 1980s gear: leg-warmers, deely-boppers and all.

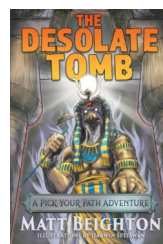
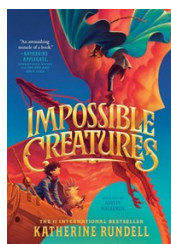
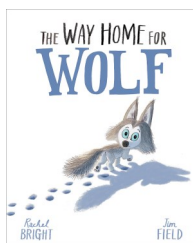
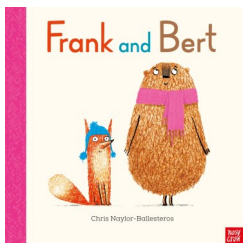


## CONGRATULATIONS COLUMBA

Columba (the Yellow House) won the House Point Challenge at the end of last term. It was a closely run race, with all four houses in contention until the very end. Their reward will be a non-uniform day on Friday 7th March.

## EASTER CELEBRATION—3rd April

We hope you can join us for an Easter Service and a celebration of the term on 3rd April. The service will start at St Peter's and St Paul's Church at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you there.



## RECOMMENDED READS FOR MARCH

Does your child seem to be stuck reading the same type of book over and over again? Well, our School Librarians, supported by Mrs Hare, would like to recommend the following books for March. These titles have been chosen either because they fit nicely with the class theme, or because they are just super reads. The librarians are sure your child(ren) will love them! The books will be available to borrow from the library from March onwards. EYFS: *Frank and Bert* by Chris Naylor-Ballestros. Years 1 & 2: *The Way Home for Wolf* by Rachel Bright and *Wigglesbottom Primary: The Shark in the Pool* by Pamela Butchart. Years 3&4: *Marcy and the Riddle of The Sphinx* by Joe-Todd Stanton and *Zombieella: Fairy Tales Gone Bad* by Joseph Coelho. Year 5&6: *Desolate Tomb* by Matt Beighton and *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell. We hope you're sitting comfortably!

DATE	EVENT
Thur 27th Feb	KS2 Trip to Theatre Royal: Horrible Histories
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 14th March	HSSSP Orienteering 12.30pm—2.45pm at Hartismere
Thurs 20th March	Thames and Rhine Classes: Hannah Brailsford Storyteller
Thurs 20th March	HSSSP Bee Netball at Brandeston School 12pm-2.45pm KS2
Fri 21st March	Zambezi—Wilder Schools Day
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Day
Fri 28th March	Forest School Taster Day for new pupils for YN and YR
Fri 28th March	HSSSP Quicksticks Hockey at Harleston Magpies 12pm-2.45pm
Tue 1st April	Swimming Gala at Framlingham College 10am—12.30pm
Thurs 3rd April	Easter Service St Peter's and St Pauls Church 9.30am

## THE MAGICAL UNICORN

The Magical Unicorn represents Creativity. The unicorn is great at letting its ideas bubble out. It takes risks, tries new things and explores its imagination. It is fearless and bold and is never more happy than when it is creating and inventing and sharing its ideas. Creativity is about the confidence to take a risk and just try something to see if it works and it is a skill we need across all subjects from art to maths. The opposite pole of creativity is being 'rule bound.' We try to notice the children sharing the magic inside them and being creative.



## LIBRARY DONATION FROM JON HUNT

We are really pleased to announce that John Hunt from Heveningham Hall has donated £1200 to support the school library project. The children in Year 5 and Year 6 wrote persuasive letters to our local business leaders at the end of the summer term and we are delighted that their letters were so well received and so convincing. We would like to thank Mr Hunt and team behind the Heveningham Hall events for their support.