

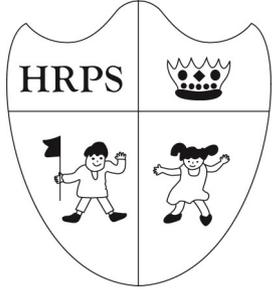
## WORLD BOOK DAY

We all enjoyed a day of World Book Day themed activities on Thursday 3 March. The school was full of excited children admiring and discussing their costumes with their friends. The day gave us an opportunity to build on the work we have been doing this year. We focused on developing reading for pleasure and encouraging children to read more widely. They were able to discuss their reading habits and favourite books, characters and authors. Children across the school were involved in:

- making book related products
- designing book covers
- making bunting to decorate book corners
- reading extracts of their favourite books to their class
- joining in with singing the official World Book Day song

We would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting their children with costumes and continuing to support with sharing and encouraging positive reading behaviours to make our children 'Readers for Life'.





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## Word of the Week!

# Immediately

**It means:** Straight away, without delay,  
at once, that instant



**Can you use this word in a sentence?**

## This week's Attendance Awards

KS1 - Purple - 95.13%

KS2 - Red - 95.29%



## COVID UPDATE

We are aware that the Government has revised the guidelines for the use of PPE however, we are governed by Central Bedfordshire Council who has requested that face coverings still be worn when visiting schools. A copy of the most recent update is on our website under the COVID tab.

To summarise the key points, Central Bedfordshire Council requests the following:

- families/young people to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, and to wear face masks in crowded, public, indoor areas.
- Face masks should continue to be worn in communal areas and on school and public transport to and from education settings.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

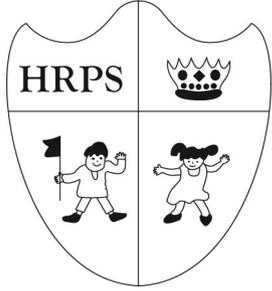
Following World Book Day, and aiming to maximise the enthusiasm for reading we hope it created, we have developed our own 'Reading Spines'. This is a core of books that create a living library inside our children's minds.

Teachers have carefully chosen a selection of books that sit at the very core of the curriculum for their own year group.

The Reading Spines can be found on our website under the Curriculum, English, Reading Spines tabs.

You will also find an overview of the Curriculum being taught this half term under Classes, your child's stage and class.

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## SCHOOL MONEY

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help.

Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

### How to apply for free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on **0300 300 8306**. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.

## SCHOOL GRID

The lunchtime menus are on school grid and can be booked several weeks in advance. This gives you the opportunity to log into your account to make your child's lunch selections.

Please come into the school office should you experience difficulties accessing your account.

## SCHOOL FORMS

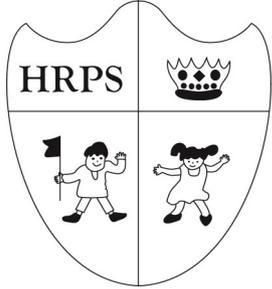
We are in the process of modernising our processes to maximise efficiency and decrease our carbon footprint. With this in mind, we will be creating electronic versions of forms that will be available on our website. We will notify you when these are available.

In the meantime, paper forms are available for collection from the school reception area, for your convenience.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

*May we kindly request that school shoes are worn, not boots. There are a number of girls across the school with laced boots that regularly come undone.*

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**Danny DETERMINATION**  
says, "DON'T GIVE UP."

George T  
Noah E  
Jessica G  
Daniella C  
Frankie S  
Alexandra E

Alfie G  
George G  
Alfie G  
Shani H  
Ishina G

George F  
Kurt G  
Joshua F

**Colin CURIOSITY** says,  
"THINK FOR YOURSELF."



**Chloe COMMUNICATION**  
says, "RESPECT OTHERS."

Isla C  
Elliott S  
Nicholas P

Theo C  
Jaela G

Freya R  
Isobel B  
David T  
Denas A

Paige F  
Izzy T  
Maksym G

**Izzy INDEPENDENCE**  
says, "DO YOUR BEST."



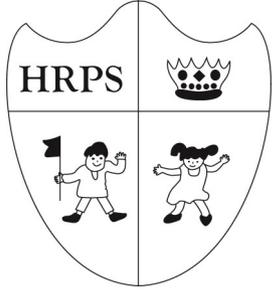
## COLLECTION & DROP OFF OF CHILDREN

Please be considerate of our neighbours and mindful of safety when dropping and collecting your children at school.

## New Parent Governor Appointment

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Samantha O'Connell has been appointed as our new Parent Governor.

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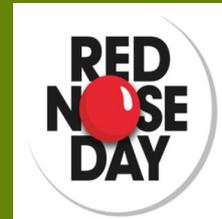


'Eat them to defeat them' is a campaign to encourage kids to eat more vegetables. It is award-winning and proven to make eating vegetables more fun. It is all here to help you on your mission to raise healthy, happy children.

The campaign is advertised on TV, schools are participating by having veg themed activities and parents are encouraged to support with veg themed activities at home.

If you would like some more information on how to support the campaign, take a look at the Eat Them to Defeat Them website.

## RED NOSE DAY



Friday 18 March 2022

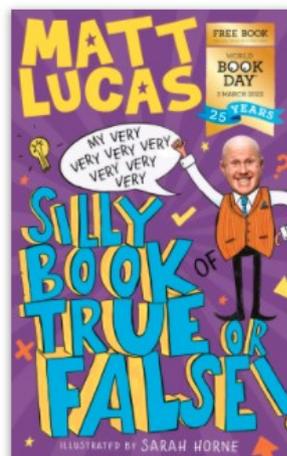
For a suggestion of a shiny coin (such as a 50p or £1) your child(ren) can wear something red or something colourful should you not have anything red.

Red Nose Day is coming. Whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. You have the power to change lives.

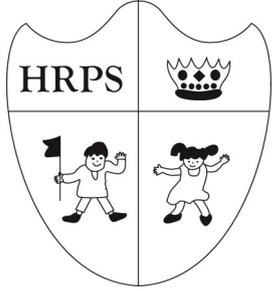
## WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS

The children should all have a £1 book voucher. If you visit the WBD website, there are some suggestions of books and local book shops where the vouchers can be redeemed.

The vouchers are valid until 27 March 2022.



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## Helping your child achieve their best

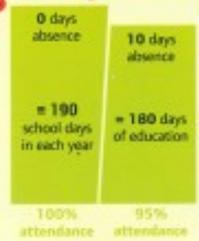
### Happy children and happy adults!

Discussing life plans and ambitions with your child can be fun. You can open their minds to endless possibilities and opportunities; the world is their oyster and they can reach for the stars! Whether they want to be an astronaut, doctor, TV journalist, or teacher... what you do with your child now can really help them on the first steps of this journey.

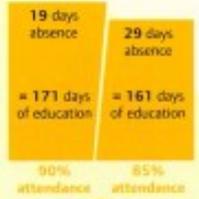
Research has shown that if your child is absent for just **seventeen days a year this could mean they are far less likely to be able to read or write when they leave primary or lower school.** If your child's annual attendance is **85%, they have missed 29 days schooling, which approximately is half a term.** Similar statistics relate to arriving to school late; arriving at school **regularly 15 minutes late, can result in up to 10 days lost.**



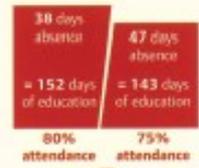
**Every minute counts and attendance matters!**  
Good attendance means...  
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days.



Best chance of success  
Well done!



Poor attendance – less chance of success  
You should be concerned



Very poor attendance – serious impact on education and reduces life chances  
You should be seriously worried

There are 175 non school days a year  
...all this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

### Getting your child into a good routine now will help them later.

- Be prepared – Make sure the uniform and bag is ready.
- Tiredness – Make sure your child goes to bed at a sensible time.
- Set an alarm – Be up and out of bed on time.
- Food – Eat a good breakfast.
- Time – Talk to your child about what they have been doing at school.
- Illness – Avoid illnesses by teaching your child to use a tissue and wash their hands.

Getting it right when your child starts school means:  
mornings are easier | children learn more | everyone is healthier  
**Happy children and happy adults!**

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