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### Attendance Update – Terms 1, 2 and 3

As you will know from my regular updates in the newsletter, we are very keen that every child attends school regularly and frequently. There is clear evidence that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well.

The table below shows the attendance for each year group, and for the whole school, from the start of the year until the end of Term 3.

**Our school target is at least 96% attendance:**

Nursery ( <i>Caterpillars</i> )	93.2%
Reception ( <i>Butterflies</i> )	94.3%
Year 1 ( <i>Foxes, Rabbits and Squirrels</i> )	93.6%
Year 2 ( <i>Badgers and Hedgehogs</i> )	94.4%
Year 3 ( <i>Kangaroos and Koalas</i> )	96.1%
Year 4 ( <i>Giraffes and Zebras</i> )	94.8%
Year 5 ( <i>Leopards and Panthers</i> )	96.2%
Year 6 ( <i>Eagles and Hawks</i> )	95.8%
<b>Overall:</b>	<b>94.9%</b>

Congratulations to years 3 and 5, as both have beaten the school's target.

### House Points

<b>Gryphon</b>	125	points
Unicorn	124	points
Phoenix	105	points
Minotaur	104	points
Centaur	93	points
Dragon	85	points

Well done **Gryphon!**

### Bourne Maths Challenge

The children really enjoy the Maths Challenge, which helps them to learn their basic number bonds and multiplication tables. They have to know their bonds and tables backwards, forwards and inside out in order to pass each stage of the challenge. This knowledge will support many areas of Maths.

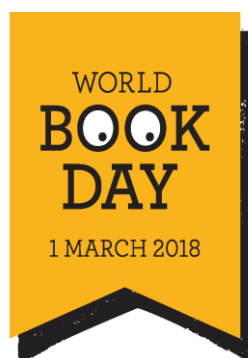
We would encourage every family to spend about ten minutes every night learning tables with the children. This could have a huge impact on their maths learning.

On our website, there are some ideas and resources to help you support your child with learning their tables. Please visit [www.bourne.e-sussex.sch.uk/support.html](http://www.bourne.e-sussex.sch.uk/support.html) for more information.

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**MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

### World Book Day Reminder



Remember that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day 2018. We are inviting all the children to dress as a character from a book by the author their year group is studying.

The authors for each year group are:

- Year 6: *David Walliams*
- Year 5: *Enid Blyton*
- Year 4: *Roald Dahl*
- Year 3: *J. K. Rowling*
- Year 2: *Claire Freedman* (“*Aliens Love...*” series, etc)
- Year 1: *Julia Donaldson*
- Nursery and Reception are looking at *Traditional Tales*

### More Courses for Parents

Mrs Keen has arranged some courses for parents, which will be running over the next few weeks.

You can book places by speaking to Mrs Keen, who is in the playground before school on Thursdays and Fridays, or you can sign up at the school office:



- **English for Beginners** – starts on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from either 9.00 to 11.30am or from 12.30 to 3.00pm. This will run in the Community Meeting Room.
- **Healthy Eating on a Budget** – starts on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, and continues on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, all from 1.00 – 3.00pm in the Cookery Room. Participants must be able to attend all sessions. There is a maximum of 10 places for this course.
- **Mindfulness** – Four Thursdays from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This course will run from 10.15am to 12.15pm in the Woodlands Room (upstairs in the Gym block). This course requires a minimum of 10 participants and there is a maximum of 12 places, and participants must attend every week.

We get very good feedback on these courses, and warmly invite you to think about signing up! They are also a great way to meet other parents.

### Diary Dates

- FOBSA Cake Sale  
*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the end of the day*
- **WORLD BOOK DAY**  
*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March*
- Giraffes Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9am*
- Koalas Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am*
- Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6  
*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March*
- Zebras Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am*
- Kangaroos Class Assembly  
*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am*
- End of Term 4  
*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – school ends at the usual time*
- First Day of Term 5  
*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – school starts at 8.45am*

### Consultation on Term Dates for 2019/20

The Local Authority is currently responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. In the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies, Governing Bodies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term dates for the academic year 2019-2020. The Council would like to hear the views of schools, parents and carers and other interested parties before the dates are finalised and published.

The consultation will be open until **Sunday 18 March 2018** and comments should be submitted by that date. Your views are important, so please make time to take part.

The consultation can be found by visiting:  
<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

# FOBSA

A reminder that we will be holding a Cake Sale this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February

All donations gratefully received!



We have some other exciting FOBSA events planned for the rest of the year:

- Non-uniform day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – (£1 donation to FOBSA from every child who comes in in 'mufti')
- School Discos – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer Fair – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July