



24th February 2017

The Great Forncett Poetry-Recital Challenge

We've held a 'Great Forncett Bake-Off', now it's the turn of poetry to have its day! This half-term we are challenging everyone to learn some poetry by heart so that they can recite it from memory. We plan to involve as many of you as possible and there will be a competition and prizes too.

1. All four classes will learn a poem by heart to perform in a recital as a class and this will be done in school time. There will be a prize for the class who performs their poem the best.
2. Any child from any class may also choose to learn by heart and perform a poem. The performance will be in school time but the learning will be in their own time.
3. Any adult, family group or friendship group may also learn a poem by heart to perform in school.

We will hold our poetry performance day on **Tuesday 21st March** which is when the the class and individual recitals will take place. If you can't make that day but would like to come in and recite a poem to your child's class or to the school, just liaise with their teacher to make a date and time to suit.

We would love as many children, adults and combinations of friends and family to take part. Many staff are taking part too. If you compose your own poetry, you can recite that if you wish.

To get you started...

- borrow a poetry book from school or the local library and dive in
- go online to <http://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-for-children/> where you will find 60 poems to choose from and you can download and print off
- go to the BBC site which has 15 poems to choose from at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/teachers/offbyheart/poems.shtml>
- or try this article by Tony Mitton with links to performed poetry at <https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/oct/02/top-10-poems-to-remember-and-recite-tony-mitton-poetry-day>

We really hope you will take part with us and amaze yourself at what you can achieve!

Parent Carer Consultations

Just a reminder that consultations are happening next week on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March.

FOFS Family Quiz – Thursday 23rd March

A letter went home earlier this week inviting you to the FOFS first family quiz. The questions will be for families including rounds for the young as well as the adults so everyone will feel involved. It will be great fun and a buzzy atmosphere so please do come along and have a great social evening out. There may even be some staff secrets revealed! It's just £10.00 for up to 5 in a team and there will be food so nobody will be hungry! Please fill out your reply slip or see Mrs Burrows in the office.

World Book Day (WBD) – Thursday 2nd March

March 2nd is the 20th anniversary of World Book Day. Children are invited to come dressed as a book character if they wish to. Children who don't want to dress up may want to bring some props along instead to help their peers guess the book they like. All children may bring in their favourite book(s) too. There will be a special assembly and storytime with staff as well as a variety of other activities through the day. Children will bring their £1.00 token home which they can exchange for a whole WBD book at participating stores or use as a discount off a book purchase.

School Value

Our school value this half-term is respect. A home-school values activity sheet will be coming home to all families.

School Lunch Menu Change

On Tuesday 28th, the dessert will be swapped with Thursday's dessert so that the children may have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day.

DIARY DATES

March

Weds 1st – Y6 Club starts after school

Thurs 23rd FOFS Family Quiz evening – lots of fun for every age! Details to follow.

Tues 28th – Easter service 2pm in St. Peter's church

Weds 29th – Fri 31st - Horstead KS2 residential visit

Fri 31st – Break up for Easter holiday.

April

Tues 18th – Return to school after Easter break

May

Mon 1st – School closed for Mayday Bank Holiday

Mon 8th – Y6 SATS Week

Half-term week Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

June

Monday 5th June – school opens for new half-term

Thurs 8th – Class photos

Sat 24th – Forncett Summer Fete

July

Fri 14th – FOFs & School Family Fun afternoon

Mon 17th – School disco party with James D & Fri 21st – Leavers' Service - Break up for summer hols