



# Newsletter

17th January 2025

## School Rules

1. Be safe
2. Be kind and respectful
3. Be ready

## School Values

Kindness  
 Courage  
 Loyalty

Every week we want to celebrate some of the amazing achievements of our pupils.

Class	Star Writer	Star Problem Solver	Silver Cup
Turtles	Arabella	Esther	Zachary
Octopus	Hanna-Zoe	Jake	Harry
Seahorses	Lowen	Harley	Muaad
Starfish	Wyatt	Eliots	Abigail
Lobsters	Charlie	Demi	Esra
Sealions	Naziah	Rose	Matilda

	Star of the Week
3 Maple	Amelia
3 Oak	Yannis
4 Cherry	Seth
4 Willow	Harley H
5 Birch	Amayah
5 Rowan	Esme
6 Pine	Jacob
6 Ash	Alexander & Hattie

## Weekly Update

For all of us at Henry Hinde, this week we have been through a rollercoaster of emotions. We have had days where we have laughed and days when we have cried. Days when we have felt invincible and days when we have been at the very bottom of a mountain looking up. When you lose a member of our tight knit team, we all grieve and are hit hard by the huge sense of loss. To have that loss happen so suddenly, makes that pain seem even harder.

Mrs. Defty has been such an enormous part of Henry Hinde for well over 20 years. First on our Cornwallis Site and then on our Grenville site as one of our valued mid-day supervisors. She was incredibly reliable and very rarely ever had a day off. She loved working with the children at Henry Hinde and really looked forward to coming into work.

One of the boys on our Cornwallis Site, who had been in Mrs. Defty's group for three years, simply told me, 'I will really miss Mrs. Defty. She was really kind to me.'

We will be opening books of condolence on each site if you wish to contribute to them.

Mrs. Defty leaves a big hole in our Henry Hinde Family. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and close friends who will be feeling this loss so deeply.

Thank you Mrs. Defty.

*Equipping Children for a World of Possibilities*

## Memories

In assembly on Wednesday we shared the news of Mrs. Defty's death with the children. We discussed memories. Some of the children's memories were warm and cuddly like a favourite bear; some were normal in her everyday role; some felt heavy and hard like a heavy rock; whereas some children did not have any at all.

We discussed and named some of the feelings that we might be having now and that all of them are valid as no-one can tell you how you should be feeling.

The staff have very sensitively supported some children who have found the news upsetting whilst dealing with the grief of losing a member of the team themselves.

We are very mindful that a number of our school community are already dealing with the death of a loved one already over these past few months.

With this in mind please find some resources to help you if your child wants to talk to you over the weekend.

Many children will have questions and worries about death. The following links have helpful advice about supporting bereaved children:

Child Bereavement UK - 0800 0288840

Winston's Wish - 08088 020021

Cruse Bereavement Care - 08088 081677

Nelson's Journey - 01603 431788

It can be hard, sometimes, to start a conversation with children and young people about death. It can be helpful to use story books to give children, especially younger children, a way in to understanding death better. This may be the case for younger siblings of affected children. Some helpful titles include:

Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

Waterbugs and dragonflies by Doris Stickney

Grandad's Island by Benji Davies

Goodbye Mog by Judith Kerr

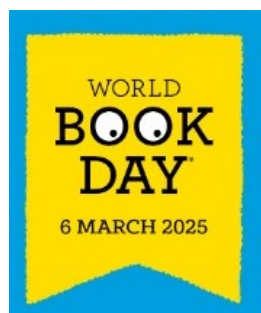
The Heart and the bottle by Oliver Jeffers

You may also wish to contact the Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service -  
01926 742921

Date	Grenville Site Infant	Cornwallis Site Junior	Both
Mon 3rd—9th February		Open events 9.30am 5.00pm	Mental Health Week
w/c 17th February			Half-term
Thursday 6th March			World Book Day
Friday 21st March			Red Nose Day
14th April—25th April			Easter Break
Monday 28th April			INSET DAY School Closed
Thursday 1st May	School Closed for Local Elections	School Open	

### World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is an opportunity to promote reading throughout the school.



Last year we ran a number of competitions within school.

This year we will be giving children the opportunity to dress up as a character from a book. Please do not go out and buy anything special. Over the next few weeks we will be giving you some simple ideas to create.

If your child does not want to participate, they are welcome to come to school in their own clothes.

### Danger

This morning we had a near miss on the crossing outside our Cornwallis Site.

Please can I remind you not to drop your children off on the crossing? This is an accident waiting to happen and this morning a child was very nearly run over.

Please also do not park in front of the gates at the Grenville site.

There is a lot of parking in the local area or even better please can you walk where possible.

The local police will be informed.

## Nut-Free

Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school. It is vital for the safety of an increasing number of our children that no nuts are present on the premises.

This includes products such as Nutella. Did you know that one standard jar of Nutella contains approximately 50 nuts!

If a child has nuts in their packed lunch, the nuts will be removed and given back to you at the end of the day.

Please help us to keep all of our children safe in school.



## Asthma

If your child has asthma and has an inhaler in school, you should have received updated paperwork to fill in. Please can you return this as soon as possible?

If you did not receive any paperwork, but know that your child has been diagnosed with asthma, please contact the school office.



# ROALD DAHL AND THE IMAGINATION SEEKERS

Sunday 16 February 2:30PM

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help...

Especially made for ages 6 and up, the show develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including *The BFG* and *The Twits* along the way.



Find out more and book now at [www.macreadytheatre.co.uk](http://www.macreadytheatre.co.uk)



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Lawrence Sheriff Street  
Rugby, CV22 5EJ



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**KA KITS ACADEMY**

**TIMES 8:30AM - 4:30PM**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
17TH FEBRUARY - 21ST FEBRUARY

**4 GREAT LOCATIONS**

 <b>Coventry</b> Hollyfast Primary School CV6 2AH	 <b>Nuneaton</b> Park Lane Primary School CV10 8NL	 <b>Rugby</b> Rugby College CV21 1AR	 <b>Warwick</b> Newburgh Primary School CV34 6LD
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**ACTIVITIES**

- LITTLE LACES
- MULTI-SPORTS
- AMERICAN FLAG FOOTBALL & TAG RUGBY
- FOOTBALL
- ARCHERY & FENCING
- TRAMPOLINING & GYMNASTICS
- DANCE

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