

# Howard Headlines:



## Happy New Year!



All the staff at Howard Primary would like to wish our parents and pupils a very happy new year and thank you for your ongoing support. The children have come back ready to learn and we are looking forward to a great start to the Spring Term.

### Parents evening dates



Year 6 - **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Reception to Year 5 - **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.** Your child's class teacher will provide you with an appropriate booking form closer to the date.

### Wear a hat day



This year, in memory of one of our pupils, the school will be raising money for the charity Brain Tumour Research. On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** we will be asking all pupils and staff to wear a hat to school and donate £1 which will go to the charity. Thank you in advance for your help in supporting and promoting this important cause.

### Site Security



We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and co-operation with our recent changes to school gate opening times. Could we remind any parents that are collecting children from after school clubs that they should be met at the main entrance to the school. The teacher responsible for the club will bring them down to the school office area.

We are always happy to discuss any matters of concern with parents or carers and pride ourselves on our open door policy. We would like to remind parents however that meetings with teachers to discuss any issues **must be made in advance by appointment** (either directly with the class teacher or via the school office). This is in the interests of safety, confidentiality and ensuring that discussions are not had in front of other children or parents.

### World Book Day 2019



World book day is always a fantastic opportunity to celebrate authors, illustrators and the magic of books. The school will be asking children to dress up as their favourite story book characters on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** Children will also receive a token to buy a book for just £1. We look forward to seeing some creative costumes!

### Social Media and Online Gaming



As a school, we understand the importance of technology and how it can benefit children, however safety and well-being are also equally important. Our priority is to keep your children safe and happy. Social media and online gaming can cause problems that can only be prevented if we work together.

We are noticing an alarming rise in the amount of conflicts / issues with friendships beginning at home on social media and then being continued in school the next day. We would like all parents to help us by being vigilant and ensuring that you are aware of **everything** that your child is doing online. **Children under 13 should not have their own social media or gaming accounts** however if you are allowing them to do so, please check their message streams and ensure that you can hear everything they are saying when online. **We advise parents to never allow their child to access the internet unsupervised.** There are several resources that we would recommend parents and carers to read in order to help children to stay safe online. The pages can be accessed by following these links which are also available on our school website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>