

Hackwood News: 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone had a good two week break and that everyone has settled back into the routine. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support with attendance - children with good attendance do achieve better.

We hope everyone who celebrated Eid had a lovely time with friends and family.

Hackwood has already been off to a flying start with topics and we have been lucky enough to have a number of visitors into school. Please see below some information and photos of the exciting things we have already been up to.



As always if you have any questions or information to share please feel free to speak to Mrs. Beeston or Miss Morley on the gate, email schoolinfo@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org account or speak to your class adults on the door or through 'announcements' on Seesaw

Kingway Fire station Visit

On Wednesday morning this week we had some special visitors come into school to visit the squirrel and Rabbit Class to support our topic 'People who help us.'

A fire engine arrived at school with five fire officers. The highlight of the morning was when they showed the children how to attach and squirt the fire hose. All of the children had the opportunity to sit in the Fire Engine and try on the very heavy fire helmet.

The children had chance to ask the Fire Officers lots of questions about their job, they found some of the questions quite challenging.

'Why are fire engines red?'

The Rabbits also all wrote their own instruction for a fire practice and four of the children read them out. The fire Officers were very impressed with Hackwood children.

We all had an amazing morning and we now have many aspiring fire officers for the future. Thanks you very much to Derbyshire fire service for such a brilliant start to the topic.





Deaf Awareness Week

On Tuesday Mrs Jones, a parent at Hackwood, very kindly did an assembly to all our Hackwood children to promote deaf awareness. This was a fantastic assembly in which all the children learnt how a person in the deaf community could react to a fire alarm, an alarm clock and a doorbell. They also learnt how to finger spell the alphabet and watched a signed story of the Gruffalo- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NliT3p7GhQY> The children also came away with a BSL finger spelling card to take home, with the challenge of learning how to spell their name. Our aim is to learn a new BSL sign in assembly every week. Thank you again to Mrs Jones.

Wheels and road safety awareness

In assembly this week we spoke about how we keep safe on our wheels both in school and outside of school. The children came up with lots of different ideas and strategies. The main one being WEARING A HELMET! Please can we encourage all children whether biking or scootering on 2, 3 or 4 wheels to wear a helmet and promote safety on the roads as a life long lesson.



Walk to School Week- 16th - 20th May



Walk to School Week is a five-day walking challenge where children are encouraged to travel sustainably. This means walk, cycle or Park and Stride.

The main aims of Walk to School Week are:

- To increase physical activity - Children should have at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Walking to school helps you to contribute to this, even before you get to the school gates!
- Reduce air pollution
- Reduce the traffic congestion on the roads

The children will each get a loyalty card that week which will be stamped every day they travel sustainably to school that week. Everyday the children will take part in the 'daily mile' to gain an additional stamp. All children who take part will get a certificate and children who reach the full 10 stamps on the card will be awarded with a prize!

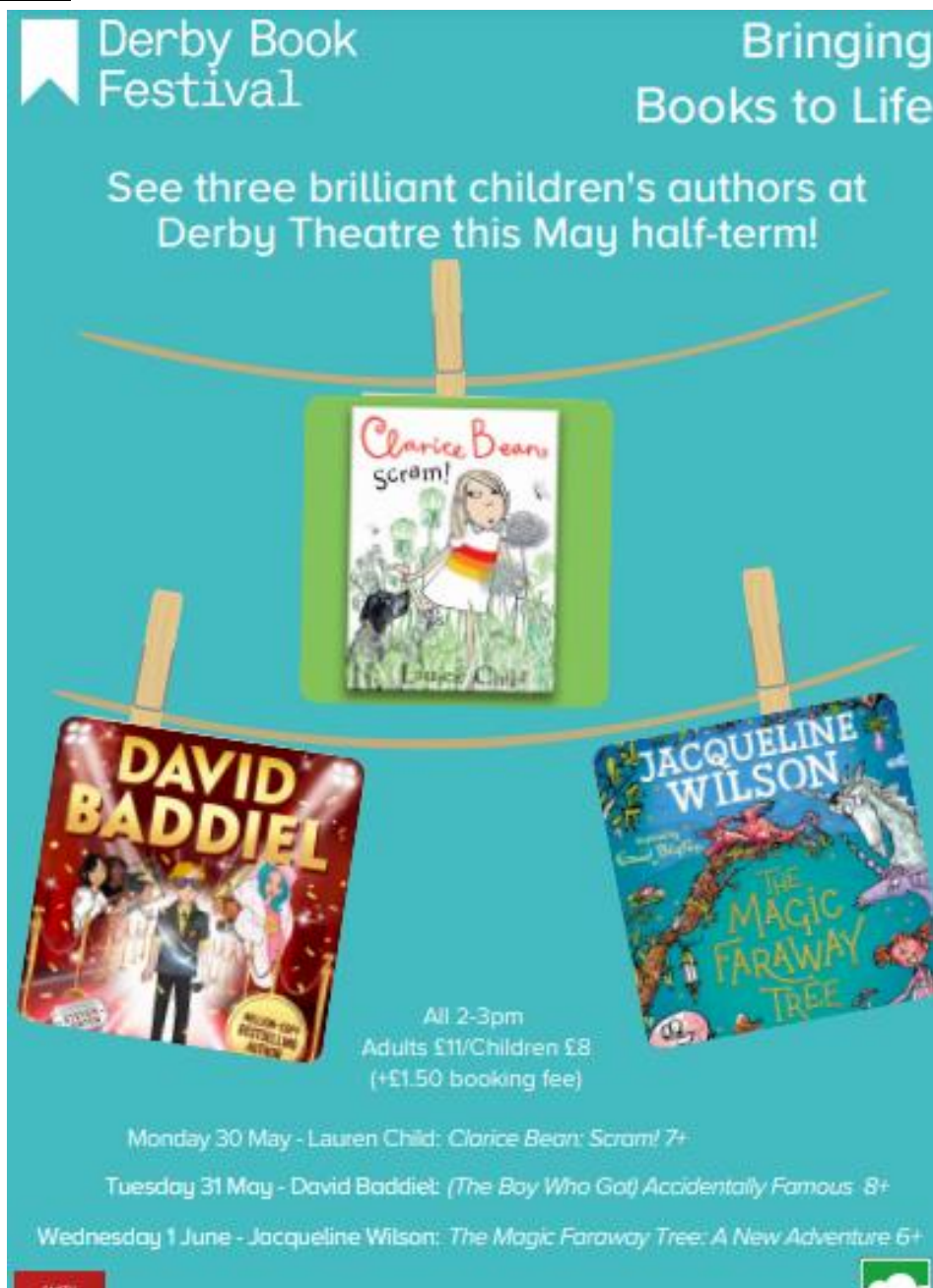


Parking

Thank you for your continued consideration when parking outside school. We do monitor this and thank parents who highlight any health and safety issues with parking, including respecting our local community and residence. Please ensure no driveways are blocked and take care with parking at the top of the street in particular to ensure we are not blocking or parking over dropped kerbs or too close to a junction as this is very dangerous and contravenes the highway code.

Swimming drop off is also running much smoother, so thank you for not parking near the carpark gates on Fridays.

Derby Book Festival:



Derby Book Festival Bringing Books to Life

See three brilliant children's authors at Derby Theatre this May half-term!

Clarice Bean: Scram! by Lauren Child

DAVID BADDIEL

JACQUELINE WILSON
THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE

All 2-3pm
Adults £11/Children £8
(+£1.50 booking fee)

Monday 30 May - Lauren Child: *Clarice Bean: Scram!* 7+

Tuesday 31 May - David Baddiel: *(The Boy Who Got) Accidentally Famous* 8+

Wednesday 1 June - Jacqueline Wilson: *The Magic Faraway Tree: A New Adventure* 6+

Dates for your diary:

Summer 1 term - Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May

Summer 2 term - Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July

Walk to school week - WC 16.5.22

No swimming (Yr4/5) - 13.5.22 & 20.5.22

INSET day - Monday 27th June

Sports Day- WC 27.6.22 - more details and dates to follow.

Bike ability - WC: 4th July

