



It has been a soggy week. Everyone is waterlogged and muddy so apologies if your washing machine has been constantly on the go. Even the Egyptian geese are grumpy at the 'wet'. They have taken to sitting hunched shouldered on their raft outside my office window, shaking their heads and flapping their feathers all the while exclaiming loudly at the inconvenience of it all, so loudly in fact that it interrupted a zoom meeting of 28 Head Teachers from across the South West who had to pause while their complaint was being voiced. It cheered them up no end as the subject matter was dry. They could be seen trying not to laugh during the rest of the meeting about the proposed VAT that Labour is thinking of charging on school fees and the worry about boroughs cutting finances and support for students. Don't get them started on OFSTED and DfE inspection changes!

Elsewhere, we had a visit from the police to discuss the dangers of County Lines. There were mock exams and what appears to have been a very successful Junior Trip to the Flying Museum. I also hope that those of you who tuned into the parent training on raising children in the digital age found it useful.

Miss Victoria Smit  
Principal  
Hurst Lodge School

## Reminders

Tuesday 5 March  
Mother's Day Sale at  
lunchtime by  
Business Buds  
Please send £3.50 in with  
your child

Thursday 7 March  
World Book Day  
Senior School  
(and Juniors if they wish  
to join in).

Please see the special  
Book Day Menu  
at the end of the Notelet

Mock Exams are still  
taking place next week

Wednesday 13 March  
Junior Contact Evening  
More details to follow



Pirate  
Day!

Last Friday, Bart Lee visited us for our Pirate Workshop. Everyone worked on Drama Skills for building character and acting. The Village Hall was turned into a Pirate Island and the children all had lots of fun!





**Forest School**  
Mrs Todd cooked a duck egg on the fire on National Toast day with Redwood class whilst Kameron made the toast. Everyone had a fabulous time!

## House Pancake Competition



A huge thank you to all our students who sent in photos for this year's House Pancake Competition over half term. There were some wonderful and amazing photos but the winning pancakes were made by George in Charmander. George has won 10 House Points for Rashford House. Well done George!

For their workshop lessons with Paul, Teddy and Beau now their own very smart, PPE aprons and bags. The boys looked very happy modelling them.



## PSHE



Year 10 and Year 8 had a visit from James Bannon (PCSO Hampshire) this week for their PSHE lessons. James spent time talking about the role of the police within the community, County Lines and the law surrounding the sending of indecent images. The students were welcoming and focused and James spent time answering their questions. We look forward to welcoming him back to Hurst Lodge soon!



## The Army Flying Museum

The Juniors really enjoyed the trip on Tuesday. The photos show, Sophie, Lawrence and Freddie sitting in an outside toilet!

Lawrence, Freddie, Dara and Sophie are in a WW2 helicopter. All the children loved dressing up in WW2 clothing.





The Junior School had a fantastic trip to the Army Flying Museum on Tuesday. They learnt about the first form of aircraft and how war has advanced aviation technology.

Juniors took part in a variety of activities and they demonstrated excellent teamwork and manners to the museum staff.

Well done Juniors!

The activities they took part in were:

- Dressing up in army uniforms
- Sitting in real helicopters and moving pedals and joysticks that moved the propellers
- Walking through a 1940s house (Hurst Juniors)
- Building an Engine (Hurst Juniors)
- Mini Marshalling (Lodge Juniors)



Cookery

Star of the Week  
Congratulations  
Dolly!





# Menu

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## **Monday 4 March**

Jackets, Salads and Sandwiches  
(V)Goat's cheese, red onion chutney and  
tomato tart

## **Tuesday 5 March**

Chicken Curry  
Vegan Curry with rice and naan bread

## **Wednesday 6 March**

Sausages, new potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy  
VG Vegetarian Sausages

## **Thursday 7 March**

World Book Day Menu

## **Friday 8 March**

Brunch from 11 am

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### *Salad Bar*

Lettuce | Cucumber | Tomatoes | Potato Salad | Coleslaw  
Beetroot Tuna Pasta | Sweetcorn | 2 Composite Salads

### *Protein*

Sliced Gammon | Boiled Eggs | Mackerel | Tuna

### *Extras*

Yoghurts | Jellies | Fruit | Cheese & Crackers | Plain Pasta  
Jacket Potatoes (with cheese & beans) | Selection of Sandwich  
fillings are available (including Jam, Cheese, Ham)



**WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY**

*Thursday 7 March  
Menu*



**'Royal Beast of a Feast' Meatballs in  
Tomato Sauce**

Inspired by 'Beast of Buckingham Palace'  
by David Walliams

With

**'Blow Away Bows' Pasta Bows**

Inspired by 'Room on the Broom'  
by Julia Donaldson

or

**'Ratburger Beefburger' with Mouldy  
Cheese**

Inspired by 'Ratburger' by David Walliams

**Chocolate Crunch**

Inspired by 'McTavish takes the Biscuit'  
by Meg Roscoff

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