

# Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 23 September 2022



The Queen's funeral on Monday marked the end of the national period of mourning and I'm sure many of the children took the opportunity to watch the pageantry of the state funeral and history in the making. School returned to 'normal' on Tuesday and we've had a good week.

This week, Year 3 had their first dance session with the Royal Ballet School. They enjoyed their lesson and are looking forward to next week.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jean for Genes charity today and thanks to your kind generosity we raised £158.50 for this very worthy charity.

Just a few things to mention...

## **BoomReader – digital reading record**

As you are aware we have replaced our paper reading record books with a new digital record called, Go Read. The overwhelming majority of parents have now signed up and are recording their child's reading at home using the app, but there are still a few parents who have not yet activated their accounts. If this applies to you, could you please set up your account this weekend, by following the instructions Mrs Cowling sent everyone via ClassDojo. If you are having any difficulty, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Cowling and they will be able to assist you. Thank you.

## **Learning to Read - Phonics Session**

To assist you in supporting your child to read, we are holding a phonics session for the parents/carers of children in Rabbit Class (EYFS) on **Thursday 29 September, starting at 2:30pm**. This will be an opportunity to learn the basics of early reading and how phonics plays a vital role in children learning to read. If you are able to attend, please report to the school office on arrival. Thank you.

## **Head lice and Nits**

Just to let you know, we have a number of cases of headlice in school, which is quite common. Could you please check your child's hair and if there are eggs or live lice, please treat your child's hair. On the reverse of the newsletter is advice from the NHS on treating headlice or visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you

## **FOHPS AGM Reminder**

The Friends of Hardwick Primary School (PTA) are holding their AGM on **Monday 26 September at 9:15am in school**. This is open to all parents/carers and it would be great if we can get as many people as possible to attend.

## **King Edward VI School Parent/Carer Meeting**

For those who have children in Year 6, applications for secondary school places must be made to the local authority admissions team by **31 October**. To assist you in your decision making, the local secondary schools tend to make a visit to speak to the Year 6 children and hold parent/carers meetings at our school.

Mr Herbet, Assistant Headteacher at King Edward VI secondary school, is coming to speak to Year 6 on **Tuesday 27 September**. This will be followed by a parent/carers meeting at **5:30pm** at school, with the new Headteacher, Mr O'Regan. If you are attending, please come through the top gates and use the doors into Kestrel/Eagle class. Please note your children can attend the 5:30pm meeting. Thank you.

## **Head lice and nits**

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

### **IMPORTANT**

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP

### **How to get rid of head lice**

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

### **Wet combing**

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

### **Medicated lotions and sprays**

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

### **You cannot prevent head lice**

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.