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Spring Term

Tuesday January 5th

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Thursday April 1st

Easter Holiday

Friday April 2nd

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Friday April 16th

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

[https://
reports.ofsted.gov.uk/
provider/25/113638](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638)

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE

[https://
www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/
news-events/news/](https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to having all pupils back in school on March 8th following the latest government guidance. As you are aware the advice for special schools has been different during this period and we have tried to support as many pupils with face to face teaching as possible, whilst maintaining a safe environment for all. I'd like to thank all of you and all of the school staff for their support during this very challenging time.

I appreciate that this will be anxious time for some of you as children return and I would like to reassure you that all the measures to keep everyone safe remain in place. This includes enhanced cleaning and personal hygiene regimes, use of PPE, face coverings and face visors. Class bubbles will also remain small with extremely limited contact to anyone outside of their group. All staff have been offered the first of their Covid vaccinations with very good take up and this should help to limit any potential spread within school. Twice weekly Covid testing is undertaken by staff to pick up on any asymptomatic individuals. As yet we do not have any plans to test pupils in school as we feel this may be counterproductive when moving towards full attendance and detrimental to pupil's mental health. However, we will keep this under review and home testing kits are available for secondary aged pupils. If you would like one of these kits for your child, please let us know and we can arrange for one to be sent home.

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Transport is resuming as normal on the 8th March, our pupils are exempt from wearing face masks but can wear one if they wish. The whole of the transport route is considered one bubble for the close contact tracing and if a child or adult tests positive on that route then that bubble would need to self-isolate.

If you still have concerns about sending your child into school, please raise these with their class teacher next week. This will enable us to put a supportive plan in place and hopefully reduce the anxiety.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our remote learning questionnaire. The results showed that the vast majority of families were happy with the support they were receiving with their child's education. A few of you raised issues around not having access to a laptop or poor internet connection. We can help with both of these issues by loaning laptops and arranging for additional data either through broadband or 4G.

With so many children accessing remote education and online content it's really important that we keep up to date with online safety both in school and at home. The government have just updated their advice and guidance for parents and it can be viewed [here](#).

Please keep in touch with school and do share any concerns about our full reopening.

Thanks for your support,

Stuart

Psychological First Aid training

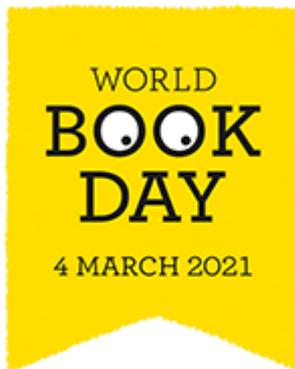
Public Health England (PHE) has launched a new free training course on how to provide practical and emotional support to children and young people affected by coronavirus, or other emergencies or crisis situations.

The course aims to help people to better identify children that are in distress and provide support to help them feel safe, connected and able to take steps to help themselves.

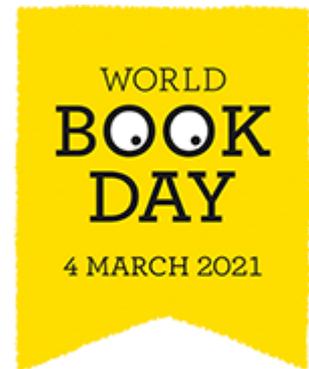
The course is free and available for all frontline workers such as teachers, health and social workers, charity and community volunteers and anyone who cares for or is regularly in contact with children and young people aged up to 25, including parents and caregivers.

[You can sign up via the Future Learn website.](#)





World Book Day
Thursday - March 4th
+ fancy dress day



It's World Book Day next week!

We are going to use **The Colour Monster** book as the theme for our World Book Day at Pathfield School. This story is all about emotions and how different colours can represent emotions (link to YouTube version below). We thought this would be quite fitting, discussing feelings and emotions particularly at this time. It also links with the rainbow symbol that has come to be used as a symbol of hope during the pandemic.

We have several activities planned around the story. Starting with rainbow-themed craft and cooking activities, dramatizing the story with our older students and creating rainbow and colourful artwork with all pupils.

We are also planning a **Fancy dress day on the 4th (Thursday)**, either in just one colour to represent how you feel or multi-coloured!

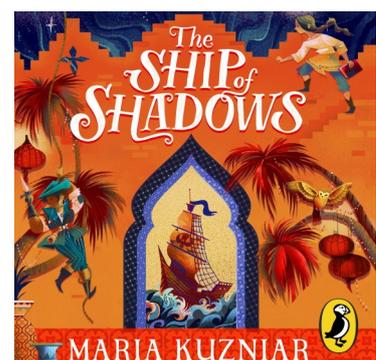
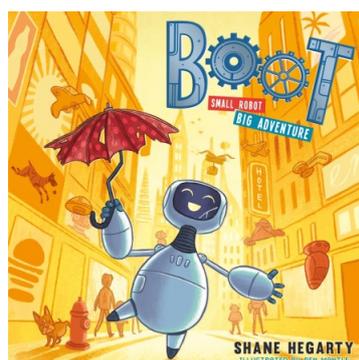
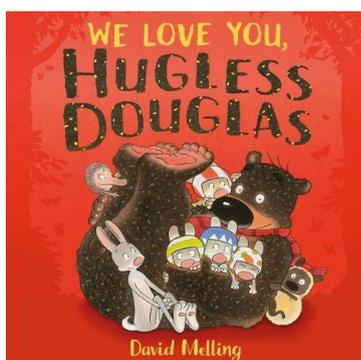
[YouTube - The Colour Monster](#)



WORLD OF STORIES AUDIOBOOKS

'The World Book Day' website (link below) offers free audiobooks. The books are replaced after some time, so keep checking back!

[World of stories - 'World Book Day' website](#)



Lunch Menu w/c 01/03

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-lunches/>

Week 1 11/01, 01/02, 01/03, 22/03	
Mon	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato and Cheese Peas Shortbread Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Bowl
Tues	Turkey, Leek and Mushroom Pie Cauliflower Cheese, New Potatoes with Parsley Green Beans Flapjack Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Bowl
Wed	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce Vegetable Plaited Loaf Roast Potatoes, Cabbage and Carrots Rice Pudding Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Bowl
Thurs	Chicken Casserole and Rice Margherita Pizza Mixed Vegetables Abbey Crunch Biscuit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Bowl
Fri	Fish Fingers Tomato Pasta Bake Fries, Peas, Tomato Sauce Treacle Sponge Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Bowl



Pyjarama is back!

Friday 14th May

Want a fun way to get children excited about reading, while raising money for a great cause!

Pyjarama is returning for a third time.

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story.

The Book Trust is asking that children around the country, in schools and nurseries, and at home, spend a day reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas, and donate £1 to BookTrust to help all children have access to stories and to reading.

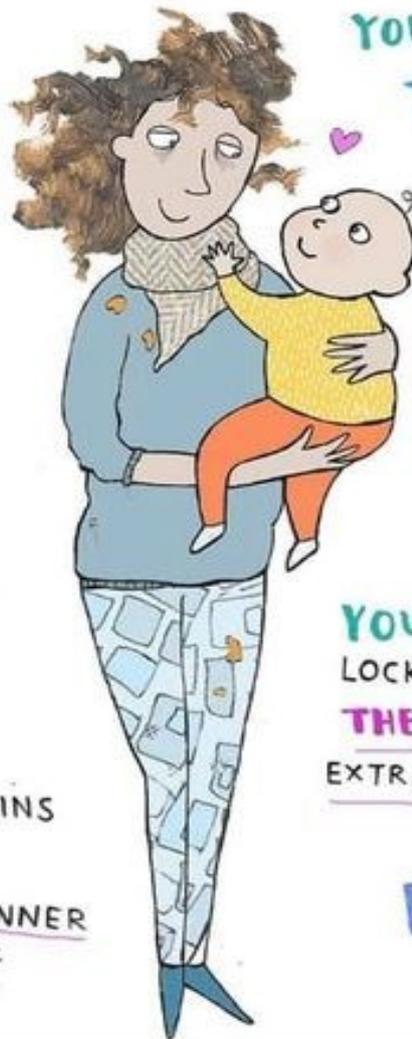
Get your FREE fundraising and activity pack on the [BookTrust website](#).



YOU SEE:
NO MAKE-UP
THEY SEE:
BEAUTIFUL
MUMMY

YOU SEE:
BEDRAGGLED
HAIR
THEY SEE:
THE TICKLE
FIGHT 😊

YOU SEE: STAINS
THEY SEE:
DELICIOUS DINNER
MUMMY MADE



YOU SEE: TIRED EYES
THEY SEE
LOVE

YOU SEE:
OLD UNSHAPELY
CLOTHES
THEY SEE:
PLAYTIME!

YOU SEE:
LOCKDOWN FLAB
THEY SEE:
EXTRA COMFY CUDDLES

**BE KIND TO
YOURSELF** ✕

Covid-19 Roadmap - Spring 2021

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STEP ONE A

- Schools re-open, childcare allowed
- One plus one social meetings outdoors
- One visitor to care home residents
- Stay at home stays in place

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STEP ONE B

- Rule of Six
- Outdoor sports
- Stay Local
- Work from home where possible
- Still no overseas travel

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STEP TWO

- Non-essential retail, personal care premises, hairdressers and nail salons, libraries, gyms, zoos and theme parks can reopen
- Pubs and restaurants can reopen outdoors. No need for substantial meal, no curfews
- Wider social distancing rules continue
- One household can stay at a cottage or holiday let

MAY

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STEP THREE

- Rule of Six will be dropped outdoors
- Two households can meet indoors
- Hotels, cinemas, soft play areas re-open
- 1,000 people or half full permitted at indoor sports venues. Outdoor venues 4,000 people or half full. 10,000 allowed at Wembley
- International travel possible
- Review of social distancing
- Review of certificates for jobs, tests

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STEP FOUR

- All legal limits on social contact to go
- Remaining hospitality re-open
- Restrictions on large events lifted
- Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect