



# Newsletter

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2016/17

24th February 2017

## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

*We are very pleased to share with you this letter from Nick Gibbs, Minister of State for School Standards, commending the school on the progress the children make. It is our vision at Henry Fawcett that with the right opportunities and the best education possible every child can succeed and fulfil their potential. Our committed staff team work very hard to ensure all pupils have the best possible future.*



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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17 February 2017

Dear Mrs Eckford,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making.

Your school's results, as published on 15 December, show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2 in English reading, writing and mathematics.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

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# Year 1

Term 4 2016/17

Welcome back to another exciting half term. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support, including on school trips and in school workshops. We look forward to celebrating all of the children's work since September at the next parents evening.

## Learning for this term

### Numeracy

In addition to calculating, we will be exploring money as well as measuring weight and length.

### Literacy

We will be writing letters to our pen pals in Gambia using the book, 'The Jolly Postman' as a stimulus.

We will also write a travelling fact book about Gambia and Kenya.

### Science

We will be finding out about different types of animals, including birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

### Foundation

ICT—The children will be creating and interpreting graphs.

D and T— We are excited to design, make and evaluate African masks.

Geography— We will be using 'Dora the Explorer' to find out about the weather and learn more about the culture in Gambia and Kenya.

## Learning at home

### Homework

Homework needs to be returned to school for your class teacher to collect in on Tuesdays.

### Reading

Please continue to make sure that you read with your child and write a comment in your child's diary every day. Reading with your child every day for 10-20 minutes makes a huge difference to your child's reading ability.

### Phonics

The phonics screening check will take place in June. Don't forget to encourage your child to go on to [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) to develop their phonic skills in a fun and interactive way.

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## Important Dates

Parents evenings - 28th February 2017 and 1st March 2016

### Trip to the Horniman Museum

William Turner class - 27th February

Van Gogh class - 28th February

### Trip to London Zoo

William Turner class - 13th March

Van Gogh class - 16th March

World Book Day  
2nd March 2017

Year 1 will be dressing up as characters from books written by **Julia Donaldson.**

## Our topic

Our topic for this half term is places.

## Absence and lateness

Please make sure that your child is in school by 8.50 so that they are ready to start learning. Every day children are taught a 30 minute phonics session which starts promptly at 9am. Phonics is vital to your child's reading, spelling and writing development so please make sure that they are in school to access this learning.

## Reminders

It is very important that your child is dressed in school uniform, including appropriate school shoes. **Please ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit into school every Monday and it stays at school all week.** The P.E uniform includes, a navy blue Henry Fawcett T-shirt and navy/black shorts or trousers. **It is very important that your child's raincoat is kept in school at all times.**

**All uniform must be clearly labelled.**



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