

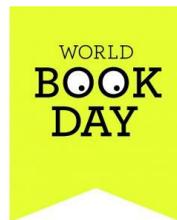


PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! We hope that you all had lovely and restful half terms.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Just a reminder that it is World Book Day next week. To launch the event, we will be having a visit from the illustrator, Steven Lenton, on Monday. His illustrated books are available through the World Book Day vouchers, and he is happy to sign any books for the children if they bring them in on the day. We are very, very excited!

Then on the **Thursday 7th March**, we are having an immersive book experience! We would like the children to either come dressed as a book character, or in their favourite bedtime reading onesie on that day, and you are welcome to join us from 2.30pm for some reading and hot chocolate!

If you have any questions at all – please ask your child's class teacher or any of the team.

SCIENCE WEEK



Science week begins on 11th March, and on the Monday we will be basing the day's learning around Science and doing lots of fabulous Science experiments! Our Year 6s will be having a special visit from Dr Nick Henwood who will be doing some experiments with them. The afternoon curriculum all that week will be Science based to ensure our children really make the most of Science week!



VALUES



We now have a values nomination box in the front of the school, where children from Years 3-6 can nominate themselves for a values badge. If your child has done anything out of school that might earn them a badge, please encourage them to nominate themselves in a letter explaining what they have done.

Mrs Rees, our Values Leader, gives out the badges to the children who have earned them every 3rd Thursday.

RED NOSE DAY



It is Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. The children can come in mufti on that day, for a family donation to comic relief.

We have plans to have a charity week towards the end of May where the whole school will raise money for 3 charities that are close to our heart. More information will follow on this next term.



PTA

Our fantastic PTA are working hard to raise funds for the school, and have lots of fabulous activities planned for the children. The next event is a Spring Disco on Thursday 14th March.

We would like to boost our fundraising even further and know that some businesses offer schemes that match the funds raised by schools. If you have a contact in a company that could match our fundraising, please would let Susy Wilkins know via the school office. Many thanks.

PARKING

We were contacted by a disabled resident from Keadale Road this week as someone had parked their car in front of her driveway stopping them from getting to a hospital appointment on time. Please could we ask you to park carefully to avoid any situations such as these. Thank you.

Just to remind you all that our school car park is only available to staff and parents who have a need to use the car park which has been agreed with the school. Over the past few days, there has been a couple of near misses involving children and adults, therefore Mr Franklin will now be closing the gates to the car park from 8.45 – 9.20am and will only open to those who have the prior agreement with the school. Apologies – but it is really important that our children and parents are safe on our school site.

MOMO

Lots of you have contacted me by email, or stopped me in the playground to talk about the recent media reports on disturbing pop ups targeting children. Yesterday, I spoke to the children in assembly and the class teachers also spoke to the children, and we have reassured them that if anything ever pops up when they are online, no matter what it might say or show, they should tell an adult.

Simon Aston, an online safety officer, has been in touch to let us know that at this moment in time, it is thought that to be a hoax exacerbated by a media frenzy; however he acknowledges that the image of the distorted girl is in itself quite frightening for younger children. His advice to parents is:

- Make sure YouTube at home is being used near an adult with a time limit
- Bedrooms should be digital free zones
- Calmly speak to your children about what sites they are using online



- This is a wonderful time to promote family internet use agreements at home, the agreements can be found on [Childnet International](#)
- Stress to your children that **not everything you see online is real.**

E-Safety sessions are run each small term in the school, and we will continue to work with your children to make sure that they know how to stay safe online.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th March – Y2 SATs Meeting – 7pm (giving information for parents on the statutory assessments)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Thursday 14th March – PTA Spring Disco: KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm/ KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Mufti Day

Friday 5th April -End of Spring Term Reports Out and school closes for Easter break

Wednesday 24th April – Children return to school

Thursday 25th April – Parents Evening

Tuesday 30th April – Parents Evening

Have a wonderful weekend!

Some images from the week :



Year 1 Picnic with Paddington



Y3 Campfire in our nature area:





Fearsome pirates in Reception:

