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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day Activities

Key Stage 2 Readathon

The children enjoyed reading in the relaxed atmosphere of the Readathon, snuggled in sleeping bags, blankets and pyjamas yesterday. It has been lovely visiting classes where extracts from books have been shared, inspiring children to explore new authors and revisit old favourites. The money raised by the Readathon is to enrich the reading books in school to support children's enjoyment of reading. Please can you help us to collect sponsor money promptly and return it to the school office. We are eager to increase the reading materials available to the children.

Dress Up as a Book Character

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in our 'Dress Up as a Book Character', although feedback from many of the older children is they liked the choice of Book Character or pyjamas.

The children in costumes have had the chance to share their outfits with their friends– thank-you for your support with this event.

Thank-you for our Book Week donations.

Book Tokens

Yesterday was World Book Day. This week, the children were given a £1 World Book Day Book Voucher.

Voucher can be spent at any book retailer by the end of March.

There are a collection of special World Book Day books which are sold at £1, therefore children can directly exchange their voucher for a book without needing any money.



Alternatively, you may spend your £1 against any book of your choice.

There are lots of excellent activities and book ideas on the World Book Day website.

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>

If you are not going to spend your £1 book voucher please return it to school and we can make use of it.

Staff changes

Mrs Lauren West has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher to cover the leadership aspect of Mrs Truman's maternity leave. Mrs West has already taken up this senior role, working alongside Mrs Truman. Her key area of responsibility across the school is Assessment. We recently appointed **Mrs Katie Freeman** as part-time Classteacher for Year 1 to cover Mrs Truman's maternity leave. Mrs Freeman will be leading the class each Thursday and Friday and job sharing with Miss Robertson.

Mrs Caroline Truman will be finishing her class responsibilities this week and is hoping to continue in school until Friday 16th March. Her baby is due in early April.

We will be welcoming **Mrs Sonya Jeff** back to Year 4 next week. She will be returning part-time initially, therefore there will be two teachers in class on some days.

PTA Volunteer Day

On Saturday 10th February and 17th February, members of the PTA and other volunteers spent time improving our outside environment. There were over 30 people helping and so much was achieved! Thank-you to all.

The rotting sleepers have been replaced with a bricked wall and lots of bark chippings have been laid to refresh the play area. Thank-you to Ian Shepherd and **DJT Surfacing Ltd** for providing all the materials and building the wall.

The Year 3 garden has been transformed. The willow dome on the field has been cut right back. The vegetable plots have been weeded and dug ready for new planting in the Spring. More bulbs were planted and the wildlife area/ forest club now has a new archway and entrance. Thank-you so much to all for giving up your time to support the school and improve the grounds.

Please look out for the next PTA Volunteer Day. I know they are keen to continue the good work of the group. Thank-you.

New Orchard of Fruit Trees

A new orchard of local fruit tree varieties has been planted on the field by our volunteers:

Wallis's Wonder - plum

Jolly Miller – cooking apple

Lady Hollendale – dessert apple

Huntingdon Codlin – dual purpose apple

Conference - pear

Laxton Harvester – pear

The trees were donated to the school by 'Orchards for Schools' a Heritage Lottery funded project.

Are you interested in trees and the history of different varieties?

We have asked Orchards for Schools for a little information about the tree varieties, however we may need some help to find out more. It would be great for the children to get to know the tree names but also some of the history of these local varieties.

Parking in the local area

We have received a complaint from a local resident due to inconsiderate parking particularly in Pope Road.

The vast majority of parents are respectful and considerate to other road users and pedestrians and our neighbours, however there have been a few incidents of inconsiderate or dangerous parking which has restricted visibility and access.

We have raised the issue with the local police again, therefore be prepared for police presence in the area again.

The reputation of the school is being put at risk by a few parents. We will always ensure your children are kept safe until your arrival, therefore please take the time to park with consideration for others.

Please be respectful to other road users. Please also leave driveways clear when parking in the local area.

REMINDER - Volunteers - Child Protection Training

We need to refresh all volunteers Child Protection Training in order to support our safeguarding. Please could all volunteers pop into the office to agree a convenient time to receive updated Child Protection training with me as soon as possible.



Tapestry across the school

ALL classes/ children are on Tapestry except where a parent has asked that their child is not included.

Have you logged in recently?

The purpose of the on-line learning journal is to share your child's learning with you.

If you are having difficulties logging in please contact the school office and Miss Ambrose will be able to help you.

We welcome your Tapestry posts too.

Bring a 'Mum' to School Day

Letters were sent out yesterday inviting 'mums' to Bring a 'Mum' to School Day. There are five sessions across 2 days:

Tuesday 13th March

Thursday 15th March

The invitation is for one female relative for each child. This can be mum, step-mum, grandmother, aunt or any other female friend. Due to the number of children involved we are unable to accommodate more than one relative per child. Please return your slips as soon as possible so that appointments can be allocated.

We look forward to welcoming in school.

Outdoor clothing

Please can all children bring a coat to school each day.