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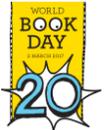


Wednesday 15th February 2017

Dear Parents and Families

World Book Day

The first week back is World Book Day Thursday 2nd March. We invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite character. Children can also bring in their favourite books to share with their class throughout the day.



To tie in with World Book Day, Cheshire West and Chester Libraries are running a borough wide quiz, ideal for children in Years 3 to 6. Quiz sheets will be available in all libraries from Saturday. All entries need to be handed in to a library by the end of Thursday 16th March.

In addition, Libraries are teaming up with Storyhouse over the Half Term to offer **free craft events** in our busiest libraries. Sessions will be from Monday 20th to 24th February 10.00am to 12.30pm at Chester, Northwich and Winsford Libraries. There will be different crafts on offer each day with extra staff laid on to help out. More details are available from the Wayword webpage. Find out more at: <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

Drumming Workshop

Years 4, 5 and 6 really enjoyed taking part in a drumming workshop on Monday. (You might have seen a few pictures on Twitter.) Gareth Evans, the drumming tutor was very impressed with both the behaviour and skill of our children. "Children and staff were so welcoming and cheery. I was really impressed with the children. We did some quite tricky stuff and they seemed to cope admirably. Thanks for a lovely day." The children thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact, the children's feedback was so positive we will be offering the same opportunity for Year 3 and KS1 on 22nd May.



Bug Club

Following the success of Bug Club in KS2 we have decided to purchase the online scheme for KS1. For those of you not familiar with the scheme, Bug club contains over 500 eBooks featuring popular characters' children know and love like Shrek, Doctor Who, Lego, and Timmy Time. It sparks enthusiasm with online quizzes, games and rewards to make reading even more fun. Bug Club doesn't replace the 'paper' books we currently use but enhances our current scheme. During the first week back after half term KS1 children will be shown how to access Bug Club so they can use it both in school and at home. Staff will add some books to each child's online library.

We will be holding a meeting for parents on 8th March at 2.40pm and again at 6.00pm to explain a little more about the scheme and how you can help support your child using Bug Club at home.

Taking Photographs in School

While we don't want to stop parents taking pictures in celebration assemblies etc, it is constant cause for concern as we do have some vulnerable children in school that are at risk should their picture, location or name be shared on social media. For these families, if this is not adhered to, there is a real possibility that the children will have to leave our school family and move out of the area.

In future, any parents wishing to take photographs at any events where photographs could be taken eg celebration assemblies and productions, we will be asking parents to sign a form to say they they **will not** share any images on any form of social media and any photos will be of their child for their own photo album. If this is not adhered to, we may have to consider banning photographs altogether. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

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Car Park Safety

We have had concerns raised about children using their scooters in the car park when they are waiting for the gate to open. Can you please make sure your children are aware of the dangers of using their scooters whilst on school premises? Thank you.

Parents Appointments - 22nd and 23rd March

Last time we trialled having both an evening and an afternoon for parents appointments. On the whole feedback from both parents and teachers was very positive and teachers didn't run quite so late. As a result, we will be running appointments in the same way this year.

We wanted to tell you well in advance which teacher was doing which afternoon or evening slot. The office will send out further details nearer the time.

Teacher	Afternoon of Wednesday 22 nd March Evening of Thursday 23 rd March	Evening of Wednesday 22 nd March Afternoon of Thursday 23 rd March
6LJ	✓	
6MW		✓
5MH		✓
5SH	✓	
4NS	✓	
4HR		✓
3LM	✓	
3AP		✓
2RB	✓	
2SG		✓
1SM		✓
1NC	✓	
EYJD	✓	
EYKH		✓ (Mrs Richardson afternoon, Mrs Heywood evening)

PTA Update

Thursday 16th February (Tomorrow) - Bingo Night and non-uniform day

It is the PTA Bingo Night tomorrow in school from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Please bring along your own nibbles and refreshments (alcohol is allowed if you wish to bring some) although the PTA is going to be selling tea, coffee and squash during the interval. [To support this event, please remember that it will be a non-uniform day for the children in exchange for wine/chocolate donations to be given as prizes on the night. Please send donations in tomorrow morning.](#) Thank you for your support.

Cake/Uniform Sales

Well done to Early Years for raising an impressive £132.35 at their cake sale last week! This money will be spent on the EY classes. The uniform stall also raised £17. [The next cake sale will be Year 5's on Friday 3rd March.](#)

Pamper Evening/Ladies Night - Friday 17th March

Please continue to spread the word about this upcoming event. Those wanting to have a stall/offer treatments on the night should get in touch via hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com as soon as possible. After half term, we will be sending out more information about the night and tickets will be available.

Desperate Plea!

We need parents to come forward and join the PTA. The PTA gives valuable extra financial support for the children and school, through events like Film Nights, cake sales, Summer and Christmas Fairs, and provides additional resources which everyone benefits from - we help by providing resources towards a variety of projects that otherwise wouldn't take place. We need parents to come forward and offer their help to ensure that future events can be undertaken and we can continue to support the children. Meetings are normally held once every half term and last around an hour. Please consider giving up a little of your time to help support the continuation of the PTA. Your school needs you!

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Pupil Parliament

We talked about playing safe, lesson objectives, progress, homework and Maths last week in Pupil Parliament. The children loved the fact that PE changes every half term. It was also lovely to hear them tell us that they knew they were getting better in subjects with the help of Nessy, BUG club and Sum Dog.

Maths was liked by the children and they felt homework was just about the right amount. Playing safely at break and lunch was also discussed as a group.

Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Annabelle D and William M	<u>1SM</u> Phoebe H and Evie-Lee E	<u>2RB</u> Jaydon C and Maisie C	<u>3AP</u> Joseph H and James P	<u>4NS</u> Tegan A and Nyah DK	<u>5MH</u> Donny C and Jasmine M-M	<u>6CL</u> Alicia G and William H
<u>EYKR</u> Noah R	<u>1NC</u> Sebastiao C and Poppy G	<u>2SG</u> Daniel O and Matthew K	<u>3LM</u> Liam A and Jason Y	<u>4HR</u> Freddie C and Lauren E	<u>5SH</u> Megan K and Imogen D	<u>6MW</u> Sam D and Sophie A

Celebration Assembly

This week, it's the turn of Year 6 to host their Celebration Assembly in the main hall. Miss Wheeler, Mrs Lewis and I look forward to seeing you at 2.45pm on Friday.

Happy half term, look forward to seeing you on Monday 27th February.

Kind regards

Mrs L Cade

Acting Headteacher

Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility and Pride

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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL RECORDS

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Teacher _____

Please amend details for my child as follows (e.g. phone number, address, contact details):
