

# Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 136 Week Ending Friday 23rd February 2018



## Spring Term Dates:

*Please keep looking at the dates section as we will be adding information. Any amendments will be highlighted in red.*

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February ~ Parents' Evenings 16:00-19:00 with the last appointment being at 18:50.

*I am available on both evenings for a drop in. Monday 17:00-19:00 and Tuesday 15:30-18:00.*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March ~ Theatre company in to work with our KS2 pupils for respect and zero tolerance to bullying behaviours.

### **World Book Day 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March ~ Assembly for the drama club and parents. 15:00

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March ~ Robins' Class Assembly 15:00

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March ~ Celebration of Music at The Winter Gardens**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March ~ Last Choir Singing competition at the Marine Hall

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March ~ Interviews for a Deputy Headteacher.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March ~ Dance Festival at the Marine Hall**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March ~ Year 3&4 Performance at 18:00

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March ~ Year 3&4 Performances at 09:30 and 14:00

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Open afternoon for families from 13:30 with a finishing time of 14:30 for the Easter break.

## Summer Term Dates:

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April ~ School Reopens after Easter**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April ~ Parent Forum to be held at 15:45 – 17:45 in the school hall.** The aim of this after school session is for us to actively work together to share ideas to further improve what is currently taking place. I really hope that you will feel this to be a beneficial use of your time and join us. During this session you will be able to meet our new SENDCo Mrs Oddy.

So far school lunches are a topic some of our families would like to be discussed. Use the link below to register your interest along with any subject matter you would like to be covered.

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I hope the above link works and am so sorry that our club link was not functioning for you over the holidays which has delayed our start. Hopefully you have all now managed to get your children assigned to the clubs they want.

What a super week back we have all had with some amazing work taking place. Well done to all those that have been selected as the best Mathematicians and Writers of the Half term. The work of these children throughout school can be seen in the main corridor in school.

I am sorry that I was absent towards the end of the half term due to being struck down with the flu. Never before have I found myself bedridden and hope that we are all now clear of the nasty virus that was affecting so many of us. The last two newsletters have been somewhat sparse due to my illness and so be forewarned this may be a little lengthy!

## World Thinking Day

The children enjoyed coming into school yesterday wearing uniforms of Brownies and Cubs to recognise World Thinking Day.

### **Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been marking this special day since 1926.**

World Thinking Day is a celebration worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their friends all around the world.

### **How the celebrations began**

In 1926, delegates from Guide and Girl Scout organisations across the world met in the USA for the 4th World Conference. They decided to create a day for Guides and Girl Scouts to celebrate being part of an international movement. Delegates chose to hold the first celebration on the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide Movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. And so, 'Thinking Day' was born.

At the 7th World Conference in 1932, a Belgian delegate highlighted that birthdays typically involved gifts, and perhaps girls could show their thanks on Thinking Day by raising funds for the organisation. In response, Baden-Powell wrote a letter to all Guides and Girl Scouts asking them to donate just a penny - enough to buy a loaf of bread in those days - to help fund guiding around the world. This is now known as the [World Thinking Day Fund](#).

The name of the day was changed to 'World Thinking Day' at the 30th World Conference in Dublin in 1999 when delegates chose a new name to more clearly emphasise the global nature of the celebration.

### **How we celebrate today**

World Thinking Day remains one of the most important dates in the guiding calendar, and every year the theme of the event encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community. Previous World Thinking Days have tackled the subjects of poverty, gender inequality, environmental sustainability and access to education.

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The pupils in Hawks, Falcons and Eagles classes have enjoyed a fabulous trip to Tatton Park yesterday. I waved them off from a frosty path as they travelled in two coaches for a day of learning to link with their topic of Anglo Saxons. Days like this truly bring their learning to life! The children behaved wonderfully throughout where all the staff at Tatton Park commented. I am looking forward to seeing the impact of this experience in their work in school.

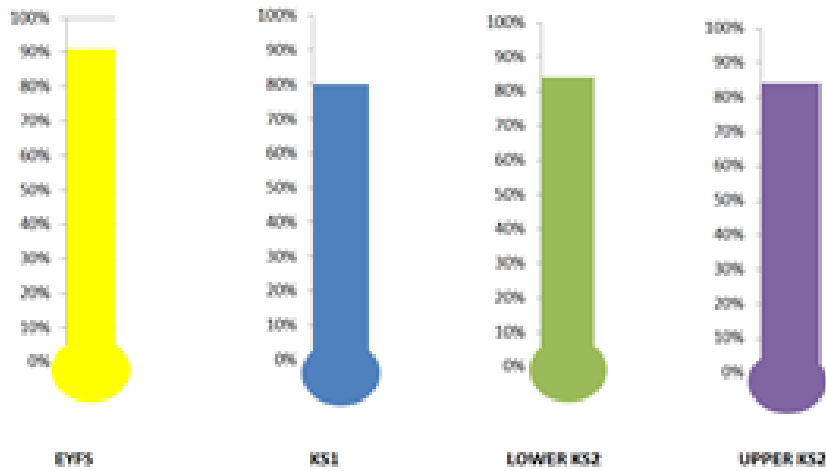


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This is the current picture of the financial support we have received towards planned enrichment activities:



Thank you so much to those that have supported these activities and events. All the year 5/6 pupils attended the above trip where school funded the missing contributions from eleven families from these classes.

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We are to acknowledge World Book Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and we would like all our children to support this world event in some way or another. Please do not panic about buying a fancy costume or about tying in with the current learning in the classes. Joining in and promoting the pleasure of reading is the priority of the day.

Little Chicks and Ducklings would like all their pupils to come dressed up as a character from a book. The children are currently learning about space and using the text 'Aliens love Underpants!' to support their work. It would be great to see some mini aliens or space people in school on Thursday.

Hérons, Parrots and Robins classes are looking at the fabulous books by Julie Donaldson to link with their topic of animals and so invite the children to come dressed up as with a character from either their favourite book, one of the Julia Donaldson books or as an animal of their choice. Through-out the day the children will be hot-seating to guess which book they are from (Eng), paint their character (art), vote for their favourite Julia Donaldson (democracy) and create a tally, bar and block graph (maths), write and learn a Julia Donaldson songs (music) and animal dance off (PE).

Owls, Doves, Kestrels, Hawks, Falcon and Eagles classes would like the children to bring in a prop related to their favourite book. They are invited to dress as a character also if they wish but it is not essential however if not uniform will need to be worn for school on this day.

As a school we are joining a new initiative organised by Lancashire schools called 'We are Reading'. Please see the pledge we have signed below and hope that you will support us on this challenge.



## School Lunches

As you all are aware we have a different cook in our school. She is still working under food standards and the guidelines set out by Lancashire County Council. It would be good to know what your findings are of our school lunch provision to assist us in making the best midday experience for the children.

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Thank you for all your continued support for all that takes place inside and beyond school. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday.  
Susan McGrath      Headteacher.

*A huge well done to the following children:*

*Jaxson Walsh, Anabelle Coughlan,  
Cohen Haworth, Emily Frith,  
Darcey Dowell, Olivia Popielarska,  
Alice Atherton, Freya Brownlie,  
Luke Errington, Esmee Randall,  
Gabrielle Howarth*