

# Newsletter

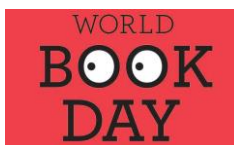


Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate this day, children will be undertaking a variety of activities relating to books and reading. In addition to these activities, children are being asked to come dressed as a book or Nursery Rhyme character on this day. Please make the costume as simple or complex as you like. Children might choose a character from their favourite book or from a story they have recently read. Children should come to school in their costume next Thursday and will wear it all day. I look forward to seeing costumes next week and I also look forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the day. Some members of staff might also choose to dress up! Who knows who you might meet?



Mrs Tandy will be running a readathon before school starting on 11<sup>th</sup> March and details have been sent home today. I wonder which year group will get the most 'reads'?



In addition, please note that the catering team will be putting on a themed menu on World Book Day with foods that celebrate famous books, including BFG's big cheesy pizza, Lady and The Tramp's meatballs and much more. It would be lovely if your child could join us for a hot school meal on this day! Please see menus displayed around school.

## Reading Mentors

We always endeavour to work in close partnership with families so that our pupils receive the best reading provision possible ensuring that their reading skills and confidence grow. As you will be aware, we also run our 'Reading Mentor' scheme with trained volunteer parents and carers hearing children read in school. If you are able to volunteer a little time for this purpose and are interested in finding out more about how children learn to read, please leave your contact details at the school office and I will arrange for the necessary training to be delivered. Thank you.



## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Menu week 2.**

- 5<sup>th</sup> March - KS1 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm  
(Parents of children in Year 2)
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Please ensure sponsor money is returned by today at the latest. *Thank you.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Closing date for Nursery registration – *September 2019*
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Shakespeare Workshops in school.
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Readathon takes place all week from 8.35am KS1 Library / KS2 Hall
- 12<sup>th</sup> March – Foundation Stage Assessment Information Meeting 7.00pm (Parents of children in Reception)
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Class and Team Photos – Tempest Photographers
- W/B 1<sup>st</sup> April - Parent/Teacher Consultations **Nursery to Year 5 only** (After School Appointments)
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 - Year 5 Parents' Evening Appointments 6.00pm – 8.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – PTFA Easter Bingo (Ticket holders only.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (Invited parents only.)
- Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.***

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### **Bad Weather Procedures**

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:  
<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

### **Five Ways Lottery**

We are pleased to announce that Niall Goggin won last weekend's lottery. Well done Niall! Tickets can be bought by following the link:  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

### **Nursery Application: Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

This is the final reminder that if your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, and you would like them to attend the Five Ways purpose built Nursery, then you need to register them by **8<sup>th</sup> March** to secure their place for September 2019. If you or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age and you have not had the opportunity to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, then please contact us through the school office to arrange a tour and to meet our dedicated team of staff.



### **Dangerous Driving**

It is with regret that I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the speed at which some parents drive onto the school site when dropping off or collecting pupils who attend our Breakfast Club and After School Club. Many children are crossing the carpark during these times and could be seriously injured. I would like to remind anyone who drives onto or off our site that the safety of pupils is paramount and should be considered at all times. Thank you for your continued support.



### **Athletics Competition**

On Thursday 13th February, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in an indoor athletics competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre. Miss Myatt wrote, 'A phenomenal performance was displayed from all of the children who took part. Everyone tried their very best and enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere. Our team came 4th and I was very proud of their efforts.' Well done to everyone who took part!



### **PTFA News!**

Thank you to all those parents who supported our non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, by donating Easter themed chocolate or making a monetary donation for the Easter Bingo event.

**Easter Chocolate Bingo** – 5<sup>th</sup> April. This popular event sells out quickly! Booking forms have been sent home already.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - 12<sup>th</sup> April – Please see details and a booking form sent home today. Posters are also displayed around school with further information.

**Easter Boiled Egg Decoration Competition** – 8<sup>th</sup> April - Entry fee £1. Please see posters displayed around school.



### **Sponsor Money**

Following the success of our Maths Day at Five Ways, which was combined with an active maths sponsored event, I would like to remind everyone that monies raised through the sponsored event should be brought into school by 8<sup>th</sup> March at the latest so that pupils can be consulted regarding how they feel the funds would be best spent to benefit them directly. I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity and any funds received.

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