



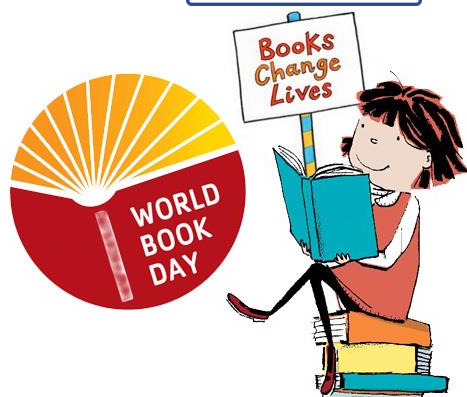
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# NEWSLETTER

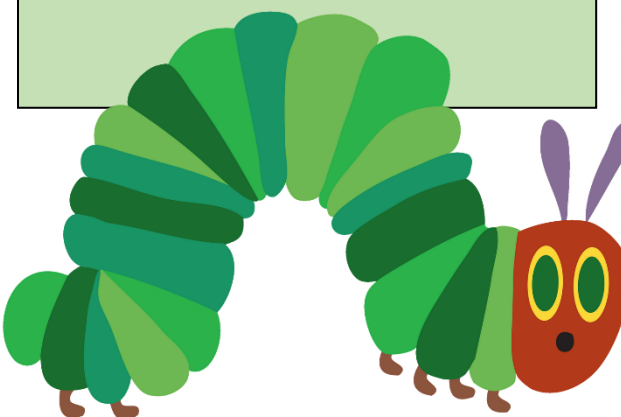


Issue 23: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023



We love World Book Day!  
Here is just a taster of the  
amazing costumes we saw  
for this year's WBD  
parade. There are lots  
more photos on the school  
website.

Thank you to the staff  
for being such good sports  
- this year's theme was  
The Very Hungry  
Caterpillar. Mrs Stewart  
deserves a special mention  
for her amazing costume!



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

**Parent Consultation appointments take place soon and letters have gone home today.** Please return your reply slip by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March so that the teachers can arrange the appointments.

For these parent appointments we are offering a blend of face to face, video or phone call meetings. Please avoid bringing your children to the face-to-face session to ease congestion in the hall.

## IMPORTANT: CLUB CANCELLATIONS

During the week of parent consultations (w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March), there will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**



## Red nose day 2023

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, children are invited to come dressed for Red Nose Day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief (participation is optional!). Children can come dressed in:

- A funny outfit or funny hairstyle
- Red clothes or Red Nose Day Merchandise
- Usual school uniform with red accessories/red noses etc

## Class 3 Assembly Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am

Class 3 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 4 assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall.

If you have babies or pre-schoolers, they are very welcome to attend, all we ask is that you take them out if they are unsettled or making noise. **Please also note that we do not permit photographs or videos at class assemblies.**



## Science days 2023

Science week will take place during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March and the teachers are busy planning a range of interesting learning and investigations. Our theme this year is Climate Change.







# Outdoor coats please

Recently, lots of children are coming to school without a proper outdoor coat. Whilst the school fleece is a useful additional layer in cold weather, it is no substitute for a proper outdoor coat for playtimes.

Unless the weather is exceptionally bad, we still take the children outdoors at morning break and lunchtime, so being dressed appropriately for the weather is essential. Many thanks.

## Lunch arrangements

If you wish to change your child's pattern of school dinners/packed lunches for after the Easter holidays, please could you let the office know by 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, so that the kitchen can amend the food orders as needed. Many thanks.



## Payments for school dinners, milk, swimming etc

As we are approaching the financial year end, it is important that all outstanding debts are cleared; this includes school dinners, swimming, milk etc. All debts must be cleared by 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest (excluding PGL payment plans). Many thanks.

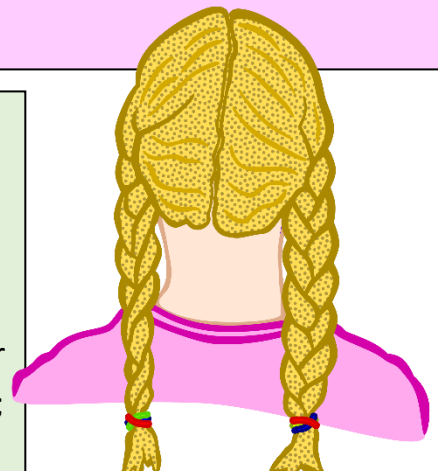
## LONG HAIR (AND HEADLICE...)

**A reminder that children with long hair (beyond shoulders) need to have it tied back securely for school.**

We have increasing numbers of children with free-flowing hair, or only the top part tied up loosely, or held back with an alic band; these styles do not tie the hair back fully enough.

**We have also had a few cases of headlice reported in school this week**, so please do check your child's hair regularly and treat where necessary. Hair that is tied back properly helps to prevent the spread of headlice.

There is useful advice and information about headlice on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## Attention Class 2 parents: date change

The Class 2 assembly will be on **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY** (not Friday 5<sup>th</sup>)

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~

**Ensuring your child has excellent attendance at school is the single most powerful thing you can do to help support them with their learning and development.**

Research shows that children with strong attendance do better at school academically, have stronger relationships with their friends and go on to have better life chances.

It is tempting to think that at primary school 'a few days won't matter'. However, the curriculum delivers a sequence of knowledge and skills that builds upon prior learning, meaning that time away from school can lead children to have gaps in their knowledge and understanding. Missing key concepts in for example, mathematics, can lead to children to struggle to understand trickier concepts further down the line, because the foundations are not secure.

Whilst children are unwell from time to time, we ask that you avoid other absences, and especially urge you **NOT** to take your child out of school for holidays; these absences are always unauthorized. **The minimum expectation for attendance is 95%**, anything below this level is considered a concern and we will write to you to let you know what their current attendance percentage is. Thank you so much for taking attendance seriously.

0 days absence	190 days in school	100% attendance
10 days absence	180 days in school	95% attendance
19 days absence	171 days in school	90% attendance
29 days absence	161 days in school	85% attendance
38 days absence	152 days in school	80% attendance
47 days absence	143 days in school	75% attendance

Attendance	Days absence	Weeks absence	Hours missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	59 hours
90%	19 days	4 weeks	124 hours
85%	29 days	6 weeks	189 hours
80%	38 days	8 weeks	247 hours
75%	48 days	10 weeks	312 hours
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	371 hours
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	436 hours



# PTA EASTER CRAFTS

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5pm £5**

An after-school session filled with Easter themed crafts and activities. Numbers are capped so book early to secure your place.

**Bookings open 6pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps)

The next PTA meeting takes place  
on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm**  
at The Bird in Hand, Gosmore.

All welcome! Please join us and get  
involved 😊



## **Class 3 Cake Day** **TOMORROW Cakes 25p each**



The disco raised  
an amazing £550!

Thank you to everyone  
who helped - manning  
the tuck shop, painting  
nails, spraying hair,  
applying tattoos and lots  
of tidying up!





# SPORTS

## Indoor Athletics

Last week, children from KS2 competed in the SSFT Indoor Athletics competition. There were three different heats and then the overall results were calculated once all the scores were in from all 17 schools. (It's worth knowing that we compete in the large schools' tournament too!)

Congratulations to our girls team who won their heat and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - a fantastic result, well done!



## Rapid Fire Cricket

On Tuesday, a team of children from Y3 and 4 competed in the SSFT Rapid Fire Cricket tournament. They played brilliantly, finishing in first place.

Rapid fire cricket is one of the events where children qualify to be in the team by choosing to give up their break times to attend practices over many weeks, so their win is very well-deserved.

Congratulations!



This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

# WORLD BOOK DAY



Last Thursday everyone came into school dressed up as a character from any book as it was world book day! It was so interesting to see everyone's creative costumes and there was such a large variety.

Class by class, all the incredible characters stepped onto the stage and introduced themselves and the book they're from for the school to see. The judges would decide which groups or individuals from each class with brilliant acting and costumes would get to win.

As it has been assessment week, we have all been very busy with our tests, but thankfully today was the last day of this challenging work. Well done to all for getting through the hard week of assessments but it will pay off when you are learning.

