



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Discussion of the Week

## Y5 Assembly

Thank you to all the children in Y5 who shared their learning from the last half term. We all learnt a lot about monarchs from the past! My thanks go to all of you who were able to come and be there to see the performance. We all appreciate your very valuable time!

## World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be doing a variety of activities in school to promote reading.

Children and staff are welcome to **dress up** as their favourite book characters and bring in the book for a donation (£1) which we will give to Book Aid. For every £2 donated, Book Aid sends a new book to a library or school in Africa. If you would like some ideas about how you could dress up, please see [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday) which has lots of creative and money saving ideas.

We would like to run a **reading breakfast** event on Thursday 2nd March, where you can come into school at 8:15 to share a story and a crumpet with your child – school will provide the crumpets!

Within school Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes will mix up for the morning. Each teacher will share a **picture book** and children will choose which book they would like to go to. They would spend the morning doing a selection of activities around that and will create a blog post for each book.

In the afternoon children will have a **paired reading** session and then will continue with book based activities!

**Fair Trade Fortnight** is also coming up. On Monday 6th March we will be taking part in 'The Snack Attack' challenge. Children will be inventing a Fairtrade snack, designing the packaging and making a promotional campaign. The competition is a national one, run by Traidcraft and the winning entry will receive £100 of Traidcraft goodies for the school!

As the theme of Fairtrade Fortnight is 'Take a break' we would like to invite parents into school for a **Fairtrade break** with their children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March (times to follow). We will provide Fairtrade tea and coffee and the children will be able to share the Fairtrade snacks they have made, as well as show you the competition entries. We are planning to group children by family groups so that if you have more than one child, there will be only one time slot – hopefully to make life easier for you to join in and have a cuppa!

We would also like children to be able to bring in a (reasonably sized) **Fairtrade snack** on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March if they wish.

## 500 Words

After half term, the 500 Words club will change to P4C (Philosophy for Children) for pupils in Years 3-6. The club will be run by Miss Piggan and Mrs Sellars on a Thursday from 3.20pm to 4.15pm. There are places available so please let the office know if your child wishes to attend.

As another busy half term draws to a close, I hope you all have a great half term. We look forward to getting back to work on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your continued support.

*Hayley Ferguson*

Are books about facts or fiction the most entertaining?

## Merits

Year 2 – **SILVER**: Ellie & Jonathan

Year 2 – **GOLD**: Lottie & Preston

Year 2 – **RUBY**: Faith

Well done to all of you!

## Dates for the Diary

- 17 Feb: INSET DAY
- 20-24 Feb: HALF TERM
- 27 Feb: First day back to school
- 27-10 Mar Fairtrade Fortnight
- 2 Mar: World Book Day
- 8-9 Mar: Parent Consultations
- 9 Mar: Y1 Class Assembly 2.40pm followed by work sharing
- 10 Mar: Fairtrade Conference
- 16 Mar: Y4 Class Assembly 2.40pm followed by work sharing
- 23 Mar: Y6 Class Assembly 2.40pm followed by work sharing
- 24 Mar: Parent's Forum
- 30 Mar: YR Class Assembly 2.40pm followed by work sharing

## Wildlife Club – Years 1-6

This club will run lunchtimes from Wednesday, 15 March. Please sign up in the office if your child wishes to join.

## Parent Consultations 8 & 9 March (4-7pm)

The online booking system for appointments will remain open until 11.55pm on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. To make an appointment please use the link on the front page of our website. If you experience difficulties with this or do not have access to a computer, please call the school office and they will make a booking for you.

## This Week's Winning Team

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