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### **Memories of World Book Day, by Mr. Bates**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March was World Book Day and I had the sincere pleasure of sharing this important day with the publishing date of my new children's picture book, Keep up, Duck. The children gathered in the hall for our early morning assembly, all dressed up as some of their favourite literary characters, and looking resplendent in their colourful costumes. We explored how a book is conceived, developed, written, illustrated and published, and had the pleasure of seeing the book's promotional film made by our very own Mr. Williams. The rest of the day included the making of storyboards, discussing our favourite stories, a reading carousel and the purchasing of books with gifted book tokens. In this digital age, it becomes all the more important for us and our children to cherish the value of books. Every meaningful emotion, event and idea has been written in a book, and its power remains as potent and as important today as it was at the time of the Gutenberg printing press, over 500 years ago. To see how the children embraced the pleasure of reading, story-telling and a general love of books is a heart-warming sign for the future. It was a privilege to share it with them.

### **Parents' Evenings – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Our parents' evenings are next week on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Sign-up sheets will continue to be in the school foyer every morning and afternoon if wet and outside if sunny until Tuesday. If you are unable to make either of these dates please contact your class teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. We look forward to welcoming you into school. I (Mrs Stroulger) will be at the Thursday evening one, so please pop along if you'd like to catch up – my door will be open, no need to book.

### **SEND Parents' meeting appointments with Mrs Beck and Class teachers.**

We are offering again this year the opportunity for parents of children with additional needs (SEND) to have parent's meetings with myself (Mrs Beck) alongside class teachers. These meetings will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is an opportunity for a slightly longer appointment slot. A letter with further details will be sent home with pupils this week. Please complete the preference form and return by 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please note these appointments are instead of the March parent's evening.

### **Seal Class Trips**

Seal class have a few trips planned this half term and after Easter - please read below and give permission on SCOPAY.

Seal Class will be visiting Wells-next-the-sea Library on the morning of **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** to enjoy stories with the librarian and to book browse. If your child has a library card, please send it in with them on the day. If your child would like a library card, please complete the form to be sent home after half term. The children will need to wear school uniform and will return to school for their lunch.

On the **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, the class will be visiting Snettisham Farm Park. We will be travelling by mini bus, leaving after registration and returning in time for the end of school. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch or order one 1 week in advance via SCOPAY. There will be a cost of £10 for the trip, which is payable on SCOPAY. More details to follow via Class Dojo!

On the **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**, the class will be visiting Great Bircham Windmill, where they will bake bread! There will be a cost of £7.50 for the trip, which is payable on SCOPAY. More details to follow via Class Dojo!

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### **Y6 Bikeability 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March**

This week our Y6 pupils completed the Level 1&2 Bikeability Awards. Over the 4 days they completed a 2-hour Level 1 assessment, followed by Level 2 entirely on local roads. This helps give the pupils the confidence to use their cycles on residential roads, whilst develop cycling skills, create positive attitudes towards road users and increase knowledge and understanding of the rules of the road. Well done to all pupils who participated.

### **Sports Updates**

**Disney KS1 Girls Football at The Nest, Norwich** – Well done to all the pupils that participated in the football earlier this week. It sounds like you all had a fantastic time learning skills and playing against other Norfolk school, all whilst dressed in Disney inspired outfits!

**Swimming Gala APHS 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Good luck to the 20 KS2 pupils representing the school on Monday at the cluster swimming gala at APHS. Can parents of children attending ensure they provide consent via Scopay this week please?

### **Messy Map Week**

Next week, each class will be creating Messy Maps of the school grounds using a satellite aerial image. The children will work in groups in their class to create a table top messy map using 'anything' they want such as skipping ropes, quoits, construction toys, balls, rulers, glue sticks, books, etc. It is going to be a lot of fun and we can't wait to see what the children produce.

### **FOBS Bingo Night**

Please come and have some fun at our **Family Bingo night TONIGHT (Friday 8th March)** at school, doors open at 6pm and eyes down at 6.30pm. It is always a great night with our very own Mrs Newport donning the caller hat for lots of Bingo jollifications! We'll be offering refreshments, including hot dogs, cakes, squash and teas. Sending a huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic donations of bingo prizes on the non-uniform day. We have loads of Easter eggs, chocolates and wine ready for you and your kids to win, with cash prizes for the bonus round. There'll be a raffle too. Come and play!

### **Good Work Awards/Values Awards**

SEALS: **William** (because your World Book Day costume was so creative and amazing!)

TURTLES: **Elsie-Mae** (because of your super sounding out and blending to read words)

DOLPHINS: **Quinn** (because of your brilliant concentration and effort in golf)

KITTIWAKES: **Lexie** (because of your fantastic "life of a slave" work. Incredible!)

**Ella** (because you independently completed your home learning)

**Finley** (because you have been working hard independently in English and Maths)

**Dayna** (because you always try to work independently no matter how challenging the task)

**Bikeability Participants** (because of your amazing Bikeability skills – Great work!)

### **Out of School Award**

**Pippin** (in recognition of your participation in the EPTA UK National Piano Competition 2024: Round 1)

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## Dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – FOBS Family Bingo Night  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Seal Class trip to Wells Library  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Cluster Swimming Gala KS2  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Seal Class trip to Snettisham Farm Park  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 4pm Easter Concert @ Sutton Church, Burnham Market  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – ‘Be Inspired’ visit by Paige Reid, England Netballer  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term starts**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Seal Class trip to Great Bircham Windmill  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – SEND Parents Meetings  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Dolphin Class trip to Castle Acre (River Nar Walk)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Term starts  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day 9.00am – 1pm  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Holkham Woodland Week  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Transition (internal and APHS)  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Finish for the Summer Holidays**



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