

March Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 2! We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half term break. This is a short half term but it is a busy one so keep an eye on the calendar on our website as well as taking careful note of the dates at the bottom of this newsletter, as we know it can be tricky to keep up!

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Open Afternoons last week. We hope you enjoyed the chance to see what your children have been learning and the fantastic progress they are making.

We are looking forward to lots of highlights this half term – Parent Teacher Meetings, Book Week, Norfolk County Music Festival, Butterfly Class trip to High Altitude and World Poetry Day to name a few!

Sarah Spears
Head of School

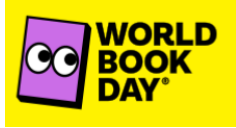
PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

If you have missed signing up for one these meetings, which are taking place next week, please speak to the office. It is important for teachers to give you an update on how your child is doing both socially and academically, now that we are just over half way through the school year. If your child has additional needs, or you have a concern that they may have an additional need, then our SENCO, Shelley Leggett is available at the evening session on Thursday 12th March throughout the evening. You can make an appointment with her via the school office, or simply drop in if she is available.

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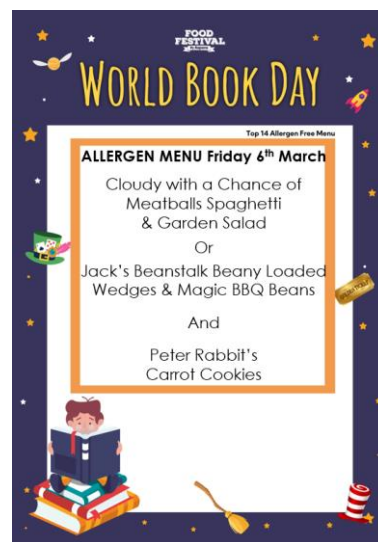
BOOK WEEK

As you know from the February newsletter, we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. We will be celebrating all week and will be learning about Winnie the Pooh which was published 100 years ago this year. Children will be reading stories, writing in response to stories and doing cooking, art work and plenty more. They will also be decorating their classroom doors, hearing stories from different teachers from across the school and Y2 will become Reading Buddies to Y1 and YR. We're looking forward to a lovely week celebrating books!

DRESSING UP:

Remember, we will be dressing up on FRIDAY 6TH MARCH NOT THURSDAY 5TH MARCH! Children are invited to come to school dressed up as Winnie the Pooh character which could be as simple or as complicated as they like. They can also dress up as something else from a book if they prefer. Their outfit should definitely be book-related though and not just from a film as books are the focus of the day.

We will have a special World Book Day lunch. Menus are below. Fish fingers, packed lunches and jacket potatoes will still be available for children who do not want this menu.



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EXTREME READING CHALLENGE:

Our **Extreme Reading Challenge** encourages children to share their love of books by reading in fun, unusual or surprising places! This might be reading in a cosy den, under the table, in the garden, on a bus, or even somewhere a little adventurous. Children can bring in a photo or email it to the office of themselves reading in their chosen spot to share with their class. The challenge is all about celebrating reading, inspiring creativity and showing that you can enjoy a good book anywhere!



SAFEGUARDING

Because of our day-to day contact with the children we are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We have a duty to protect children from abuse; however, our role is in recognition and referral, not investigation or intervention. We are required by law to follow procedures laid down by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership if we see signs which suggest that one of our pupils may have been the victim of abuse.

Use of the procedures in this way is an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/ carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

Lodge Lane is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred. This means that we can take extra care of any pupils that are affected by domestic incidents and give them the support that they need.

Our designated safeguarding leads at Lodge Lane are:

Sarah Spears
Sarah Waterfield
Shelley Leggett
Rachael Aitken
Laura Keatley

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WORLD POETRY DAY

World Poetry Day is on 26th March. Children will be hearing lots of poems and will be taking part in activities celebrating poetry. Each class will also be learning a poem off by heart to perform for you at the end of the day. Year R will be performing their poem on 25th March at 2:45pm and Y1 will be performing theirs on 26th March at 2:45pm. So that parents who have children in more than one year group can see both of their children perform, Year 2 will be doing theirs on 25th March AND the 26th March at 2:45pm. We will open the gates just before 2:45pm.

NUMBER DAY



We loved spending the day celebrating numbers and were so impressed with the outfits the children wore. How lovely that so many of them were home made too! The children especially loved making a whole school number line and using the function machine! They played lots of maths games too and thoroughly enjoyed all their number-related learning. Thank you to Laura Keatley, our maths lead, for arranging such a wonderful day. We raised £106.50 for NSPCC too so thank you for your generous donations.

PARKING

I'm sorry to keep going on about parking but we continue to have issues with parents parking in the school car park. Even if you are in a rush, it is not ok to park in the staff car park. Only parents who have permission from me for medical reasons are able to do so. Please stick to this simple rule so that we can keep everyone safe. On one occasion last week, a parent parked in the school park and then couldn't get out so they reversed the length of the school car park at pick up time, which is clearly unsafe. Please help us to look after everyone in our school community.

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COMIC RELIEF

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 20th March. We will be having an optional non-uniform day where children should donate a suggested minimum of £1.

We will not be selling red noses in school again this year. The red noses that are available to purchase from Amazon for £2 are suitable for children over the age of 3 and are recyclable.

If children want to have a red nose with face paints, wear something red, or wear a sticker etc. instead of the official red nose then of course, that is fine. If your child is not joining in then please send them in their normal school uniform.



ONLINE SAFETY

Alongside the monthly online safety newsletter, we'd like to share a helpful new website from the UK Government that offers practical advice for parents on keeping children safe online.

It includes useful tips and guidance to help you support your child's online safety at home. You can find out more here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

We have recently become aware that some children are watching films and playing games that are not appropriate for their age. These age ratings are there to help protect children and ensure that what they see and play is suitable for their stage of development. Exposure to older content can often be upsetting or confusing for young children and we also notice that it influences their behaviour in school. It is really important to be aware of what your children are doing online and to check age ratings carefully. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and supported.

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READING BOOKS

We are lucky to have a large selection of reading books which are carefully selected by teachers to be at exactly the right level for your child. Unfortunately, we have recently had quite a few books that have been lost at home or have been damaged by water bottles leaking on them. The school budget is tight and we can't afford to keep replacing books that haven't been looked after. Therefore, in future, if a book is lost or damaged, we will need to charge for a replacement which is £5 per book.

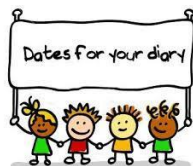
EASTER

We finish for Friday 27th March at 3pm and school starts again on Tuesday 14th April.



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MARCH		
2 nd - 6 th	Book Week – Winnie the Pooh theme	
6 th	Dress Up Day for Book Week – as Winnie the Pooh character or character from favourite book (no donation needed)	
6 th	World Book Day menu change (see above)	
6 th	Friends of Mother’s Day shop	
Week commencing 9 th	Parent/Teacher meetings	
10 th	Cricket Festival UEA Sports Park – Selected children	
10 th	Butterfly Class trip – High Altitude	
17 th	Norfolk County Music Festival – King’s Centre (selected children – you will have received a letter if your child is taking part)	
20 th	Comic Relief	
23 rd	Y2 Duxford trip	
25 th / 26 th	World Poetry Day – come into class at 2:45 and listen to the class’s performance of a poem.	25 th March Reception and Y2 classes
		26 th March Y1 and Y2 classes
27 th	Friends of Easter Egg Hunt – After School on Field.	
27 th	School Closes for Easter holiday	
APRIL		
14 th	School re-opens	
20 th	YR Wroxham Barns Trip	
24 th	Class photos	

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