



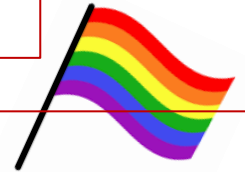
# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The end of our first half-term of 2019 already. Time flies by here at school with so many things going on!



## Rights Respecting Week - Feb 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>

We have had a great week highlighting Article 2 of the UN CRC -

'The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status.' I hope that the children have been able to share with you some of the many activities that they have experienced during the week. They started off by creating their own, individual handprint and we've put them together to create a rainbow flag - which links to our LGBT+ awareness work through the Educate and Celebrate program. Children are learning that everyone is an individual and we are all equal. They have looked at the 9 protected characteristics that apply to us all and are outlined in the Equality Act of 2010 and the links with the words from the rainbow flag. We have ended the week by celebrating our individuality with a rainbow procession around school in our rainbow colours and with our rainbow flags. Our Assembly presentation this afternoon shared with parents the wide range of activities and learning that the children have enjoyed. Check out our website and twitter for more photographs.

## Safer Internet Day - 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Did you manage to join us at our presentation last week? The L.I.O.N.S. (Leaders in online safety) led everyone through an entertaining and informative assembly that had some really important safety messages for everyone. Let's hope the children remember them!



## World Book Day - March 7<sup>th</sup>

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we have invited author Adam Bushnell into school. He will visit on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and work with all children. He is so entertaining and the children love to hear his storytelling and how he brings his books to life. He will also be bringing along a selection of his books that children can buy and he will sign their copies.



## Ambassadors for Community Change

This week has seen the launch of a new initiative which is being led by the community interest company Approach Too. Each of the primary schools in the Ferryhill and Chilton area have joined together and chosen representatives to work with everyone on initiatives to improve our lives and our community. Look out for their first campaign - '5 Ways to Wellbeing', which is launching on our return to school.



On **World Book Day itself - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** - children are invited come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character and staff will be sharing their favourite stories with each class - and visiting as many different classes as we can. Book token prizes for the most imaginative character.

**Mother's Day lunch invitation**

Can you join us? We would like to invite all 'mums' (grans and carers also welcome) out there to join us here at school to share a special Mother's Day lunch with your child/children. We aim to do this as close to Mothering Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March) as we can, but before we finalise the day(s) we would need to know how many mothers will be joining us. If you would like to come along, please respond on the app and we will then be able to finalise the time and days. We are aiming for Key Stage 1 mums to join us on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and Key Stage 2 on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Mums with children in both Key Stages are more easily accommodated during the Tuesday lunch when we have 2 sittings and therefore more room (your infant child will join you and your junior child). If we do have large numbers we may even have to spread across more days! Please let us know by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** so that we can start to organise the food orders. Many thanks.

**Fairtrade Fortnight 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The theme for this year is about people deserving a living income for the work they do.



Many farmers, men and women, are underpaid and exploited. They can't earn enough to feed and take care of their families. Women working in the fields and home seem to suffer most. This is why the theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 is '**She Deserves**' - water, education, healthcare - in summary, a living income.

Help us to help them by supporting the Fairtrade movement as often as you can - but this Fairtrade Fortnight, please make that extra effort.

**Sports news**

All of the children really enjoyed taking part in an athletics themed competition yesterday at school hosted by Joe from the SSP. Each class took part in a different activity and earned points for their coloured team! Afterwards, all of the points were added up and the winning team was announced today. Well done to the Red team who won with 710 points!



**After- school activities next half-term.**

Activities on offer next half term are detailed below. The clubs will run from the first week back after half term - a total of 6 weeks. Please **request places via the app or send a note into school** on our return. Children will receive a note (where needed) early in the week confirming if they have been allocated a place. We do want as many children as possible to enjoy after-school clubs and if a club is full, opportunities will be given to those who may not have previously attended activities.

Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Eco Team	
		Parachute games - Rec, Y1 and Y2	
Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Animation club - (Y2 - Y6) new members welcome	
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Mind fullness and well-being	Year 4,5 and 6
		Football	All KS2 classes