



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The end of our first half-term of 2020 already. Time flies by here at school with so many things going on!



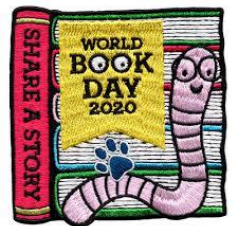
## Rights Respecting Week - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

We have had a great week highlighting Article 31 of the UN CRC -

'All children have a right to relax and play and join in a wide range of activities.' We had a lovely start to the week playing board games, outdoor games, mindfulness activities and learning about our new areas of outdoor learning on the field. The children had the opportunity to use the areas for the first time on Wednesday and they had a great time. It was lovely to see them having fun, learning and playing together.

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday and we have incorporated this into our week as we want the children to know how to play online safely. Our assembly this afternoon has highlighted how important it is to be safe online - it was lovely to see so many of you there and for those who couldn't make it, I'm sure the children can tell you the important messages.

Classes have also been looking at a range of Articles this week - photographs of the work they have been doing are on Twitter and on the website. Please have a look and talk to your child about what they have been up to this week. A lovely, busy week to end the half-term!



## World Book Day - March 5<sup>th</sup>

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we have again invited author Adam Bushnell into school. He will visit on Friday 6<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.

On World Book Day itself - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - we thought we would do things a little differently this year. We would like children to decorate a wooden spoon as a character from a story book. We will provide the spoons and their characters could be created at home or at school. We could then use our 'character spoons' in our outdoor play and learning. There will be prizes in each class for the most creative characters made! We will also be sharing stories in each class throughout the day.



### 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 (22<sup>nd</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 20<sup>th</sup> March** and Key Stage 2 on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> February** so that we can start to organise the food orders. Many thanks.

### Fairtrade Fortnight 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - March 8<sup>th</sup>

The theme for this year is again 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. The focus starts with cocoa and we can support Fairtrade by ensuring we buy chocolate that is Fairtrade and encouraging those around us to do the same. Help us to help them by supporting the Fairtrade movement as often as you can - but this Fairtrade Fortnight, please make that extra effort.



### Sport Relief 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March



We will be again supporting Sport Relief this year. Mr Blood will lead an assembly all about it on the Monday and we will then take part in activities during the week that link to the Tokyo Olympics. Further details will be sent out closer to the time. Sport Relief Wristbands will also be available to buy.

### Book Fair and Library visits

To coincide with World Book Day, we will have the Book Fair in school the week before - **24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**. Why not pop along after school every day and choose a book with your child. Each class will also be visiting Ferryhill library during March. Look out for dates on the app closer to the time.

### Parent Interview Appointments - starting 16<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to meeting parents in a couple of weeks' time to share with you the children's successes and targets so far this year. We do like to meet with every parent and can offer either an afternoon or after-school appointments to try to accommodate everyone. Please make your choice on the app form as to which date you would prefer to meet with your child's class teacher. The whole school evening appointment run from 3.15pm - 6.00pm on the afternoon of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The afternoon appointments run from 12<sup>th</sup> until 20<sup>th</sup> March. It is really important that we get to have these discussions with everyone and, as always, we will do our very best to accommodate parent needs. Where possible, we will timetable sibling appointments close together if Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is chosen.



### 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**. You will receive notification via the app (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.

Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Mini-medics (First-aid training for kids with Phil Brazier)	15 places available Y5 and 6
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Dance	(KS2 -new members welcome)
		Spanish	(Y1,2 and 3)
Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Eco-team/Gardening	(new members welcome)
		Archery (12 places available as 13 already filled from the reserve list)	
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Football	(All KS2 classes)
		Science Club with the Science Ambassadors	
		10 places available	(Y1 and Y2)