

NEWSLETTER

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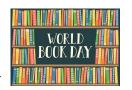
It has been a challenging half term but the children have continued to adapt well to the changes in school and their behaviour has been excellent and thank you for all of your ongoing support.

For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website.

ST JAMES' We hope you have an enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 28th February!

World Book Day

On **Friday 4th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. It is the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day this year and so we will be having a book focused



learning day across the school on this day. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 4th March and during that week Year 1 and Year 2 children will also be joining an online author talk with children's author Catherine Rayner, while Year 3 to Year 6 children will join a session with Michael Rosen.

On that day we will also be holding our first book exchange in 2 years, which we are really looking forward to. Further details regarding this will be sent out after half term.

Chinese New Year Learning Day

On Friday 4th February we had a whole school learning day about Chinese New Year Traditions and Celebrations. This included a range of activities including food



tasting and our Foundation Stage children entertained the school with a Dragon Dance across the playground!

Safer Internet Learning

Last week Year 4 children launched a week of learning with an information assembly and then children across the school took part in a range of lessons to ensure that they know how to keep themselves safe while using the Internet.



Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Leonard, Miss Thorneycroft, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Allison, Mrs Ketley and Mr Allen.

Governor Information

Our governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of our school which includes working on school policies, looking at the curriculum delivered in school and working with all staff. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible to provide a high quality education for our children.

Our Governors are Ms Patricia O'Brien (Chair of Governors), Rev. Gloria Naylor (from St. James' Church), and Parent Governors—Miss J Nundy and Mrs R Temple. Should you wish to contact any of our governors, you can do this via the school office.

Read Write Inc

The children continue to participate well in their Read Write Inc sessions and we are delighted with the excellent progress they continue to make with their reading. Thank you for your support with the home reading and returning these resources to school to ensure all children are able to make continued progress.

Parent Mail

We have recently gone cashless so all breakfast club, dinners, uniform and nursery fees can now be paid electronically. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up for this option. If you would like further information about how to get online to make these payments, please feel free to contact the school office.

Work to the School Site

Just to make you aware that during the half term break there will be work taking place around the school site, that you may become aware of while passing and that you will notice on our return to school. As part of the Health & Safety work by our new academy trust, Hope Sentamu Learning Trust, we are having some new fencing put around the school perimeter to ensure site security.

Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits that we may be able to organise nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 18th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 28th February	Children return to school
WB 28th February	Year 6 Parents' SATs meetings
Friday 4th March	World Book Day
WB 7th March	Year 5 Bikeability
WB 4th April	Parents' Evenings
Friday 8th April	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 25th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 26th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 27th April & 4th May	Year 3 & Year 4 Pedestrian Skills training
Monday 2nd May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 27th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
WB 6th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 22nd July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday