



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome back after the half term break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead as we head towards Easter and we began this week with a Shrove Tuesday assembly where children learned about the religious meaning of Shrove Tuesday as the start of the period of Lent that leads up to Easter. During the assembly we had fun with **Lucie Underwood in Year 4** and **Sam McGow in Year 1** who helped me to make pancakes in front of all our children and to successfully flip them!

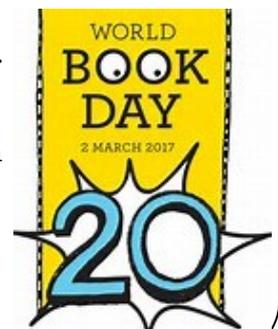
Our celebrations yesterday for World Book Day were a huge success for all involved. It was lovely to see so many children arrive in school dressed as their favourite book characters and a big thank you to our parents and carers who helped support their children coming to school dressed for the occasion. Throughout the day children were treated to a range of exciting, fun stories and activities led by teachers. Please find attached to today's newsletter a £1.00 World Book Day token that can be used for a £1.00 discount off a book at any good book store. However, the week after next, beginning Monday 13 March we have the Scholastic Book Fair visiting school where children can also use their World Book Day voucher, so you may wish to hold on to this until our school book fair arrives.

Although we have done lots to celebrate World Book Day this week, it is important that we don't see this as a one off event and ensure we all promote reading to our children throughout the year. By doing so we will ensure children become fluent, confident readers who have a love of books and literature. The key messages to children this week have been to read every day to become a better reader and to read for enjoyment. In this technological age, it is easy to forget the pleasure a good book can bring, with children often opting for Internet access, Ipods and Xboxes instead. As parents and teachers it is our responsibility to promote reading to our children and make time in our days and evenings to read together with children and to share a range of literature. If you would like any further help on helping your child read such as ideas on what to do and choosing the right book, please do come into school where we will be able to help you.

Earlier this week your child will have brought home a flyer inviting you to attend our Mother's Day meal on Thursday 23 March. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their completed forms. For those who don't know, every year we invite Mum's and Grandmothers into school to have lunch with their child/children to celebrate Mother's Day. Lunch costs £2.50 per adult and if you have not responded yet but would like to attend, we have set a deadline of Monday next week (6th March) for you to let us know. This is always a hugely popular event where over 200 meals need to be prepared by our kitchen staff; so we need to know numbers early to ensure the kitchen can fully prepare for the day. We look forward to a lovely Mother's Day lunch in a few weeks time.

Finally, Wednesday 15th March is Parents Consultation Evening for the Spring Term. Letters will be distributed next week so you can book your appointments. The only exception to this is Reception and Nursery who will be running their Parents Evenings over two nights - Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Please return forms as soon as possible to secure your preferred appointment time.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr C Baines,
Headteacher



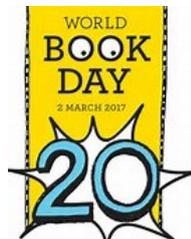
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<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



World Book Day Celebrations 2017



Administration

Friends Of The School

Meeting: As we rapidly head towards Easter, we are planning a quick Friends of the School meeting on Friday 10 March at 9am. The focus of the meeting will be on Easter celebrations for children in school. Thank you to those that can attend.

Year 1/2 Village Walk: Year 1/2 children and staff will be going on a village walk around Howden on Tuesday afternoon next week as part of their learning on directions.

Cross Country Running Festival

On Wednesday morning 30 children from Years 3 to 6 took part in a Cross Country Running Festival at Bishop Auckland College. There were 29 schools taking part with children having to run a 1000 metre course. Races were split into age groups and separate races for boys and girls. Given that there were over 150 children in each race, our children performed brilliantly with stand out performances from **Toby Gardiner in Year 4** who came 14th in his race and Matthew Smith and Connor Vint who were 33rd and 35th respectively in their races.

Well done to all our children who took part to represent our school at Cross Country Running!

Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Lacey Slater** for talking about her World Book Day character with confidence. Well done Lacey who was dressed up as Sleeping Beauty.

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **Charlotte Kerse** for her observations about plants and flowers on our Spring display. Keep up the hard work Charlotte!

Miss Knaggs' Year 1 Class



Miss Knaggs would like to say a huge well done to **Ryan Stewart** for working hard in class and for being a great friend to others at playtime. Well done Ryan!

Miss Hutchinson's Year 2 Class



Miss Hutchinson would like a special mention this week for **Alisi Mekatoa** for always trying her best, particularly in her maths work and caring for others. Great work Alisi!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Huw Halliley** for his amazing progress in reading. Well done Huw - Mrs Salkeld is very proud of you!

Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kai Robson** for being really positive towards his learning in all of his lessons this week. Great work Kai!

Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Brodie-Anne Luke** for showing really good maths skills and increasing confidence in her own ability as a mathematician. Well done Brodie-Anne!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

