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'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

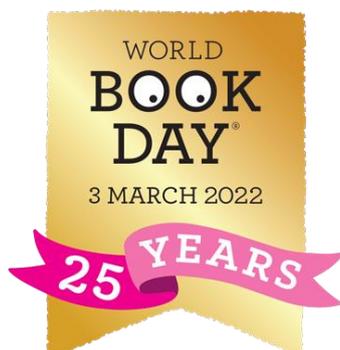
The days pass so quickly but each day we notice a little bit more daylight which is lovely! We have some beautiful mini daffodils in school which have opened this week too. The children have enjoyed checking each day as they've passed by.

Pol-Ed Workshop



Last week, pupils from Year 6 took part in a two day Junior Police Cadet Policing and Education workshop run by West Yorkshire Police. During the sessions the children learnt about and discussed diversity, the criminal justice system and key areas of risk including internet safety, bullying and hate crime. We are very proud of how mature the children were and impressed with the thoughtful questions they asked.

World Book Day Reading Challenge



This year marks 25 years of celebrating World Book Day! To mark this event, we are launching an exciting fundraising challenge to promote and celebrate our love for books.

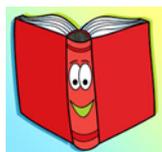
Our PTFA team challenge you to read once a day for 22 days in a row. This can be 22 pages, 22 chapters or even 22 books. The reading challenge will begin on the 10th February and will end on World Book day on the 3rd March. You will receive a sponsorship form to record your sponsors and books that you have read.

Please bring your sponsorship money to school by **Friday 4th**

March. ALL children who have fundraised will be entered into a prize draw to win a mystery World Book day prize! There will be prizes for Early Years, Y1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6. Good luck!!

The Book Fair is coming!

Tuesday 1st March – Tuesday 8th March.



We are delighted to announce that after two years on hold, the Book Fair is returning to Ackton Pastures!

Children will be invited to visit the Book Fair with their classes and complete their wish lists to take home. Families can leisurely browse the shelves at:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

Further information regarding visiting and ordering will follow.

Thank you for your continued support, we can't wait for the Book Fair to arrive!

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'. During the week, the children will be learning that when life throws challenges our way, resilience can help us to cope when things go wrong, and that it is good to see difficult moments in our lives as opportunities for growth and to see things in a new light. We are looking forward to taking part in some interesting discussions and activities.

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 8th February 2022 is Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. During the week, the children will be learning about how to use technology responsibly and respectfully, including positive interactions with peers online. We will be promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and we encourage parents and carers to reinforce these messages at home.

Picture News

Picture News is a resource we use to provide our children with opportunities to learn from the world around us. We look at and discuss a current issue and question that is linked to the news. This helps to open up the world for the children and broaden their interests so that they can make more informed decisions.

This week's issue is shown on the poster below. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is an opportunity to discuss opinions together.



An update to the Highway Code has introduced a hierarchy of road users, which creates 'clearer and stronger priorities' for pedestrians. The Department for Transport claims that the changes, which are split into three main rules, have the foremost aim of improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The changes came into force at the end of January and whilst they have been welcomed by cycling campaigners, the government has been accused, by some in the media, of not making the updates clearer and known to road users.

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Attendance

RL	99.5%
RP	92.4%
1C	99.3%
1/2S	97.5%
2V	99%
3B	96.5%
3/4H	98.9%
4S	98.6%
5AP	96.4%
5/6L	92.4%
6W	92.4%

Congratulations to all those classes with a percentage above our school target of 97% and a special congratulations to **Reception class RL** who had the highest percentage this week!

Half Term Dates

Friday 18th February – break up for Half Term

Monday 28th February – Staff training day. School closed to children

Tuesday 1st March – Return to school

Enjoy the weekend

Mrs R Taylor
Interim Headteacher