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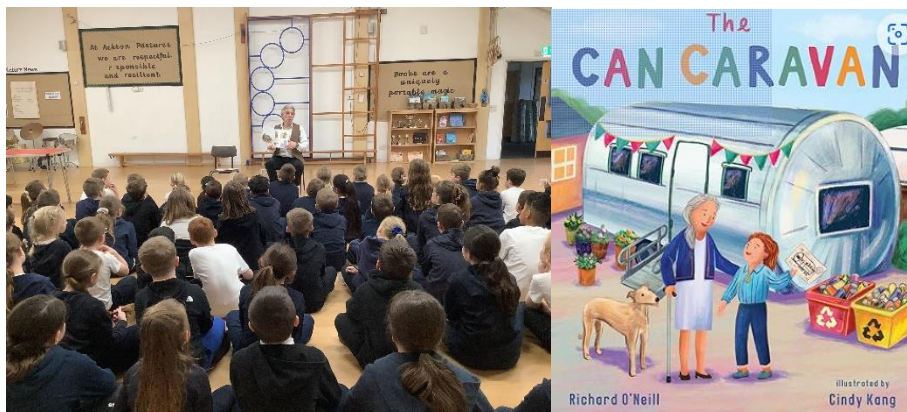
**'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'**

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy National Storytelling week! All the children had an absolutely brilliant day on Monday welcoming Richard O'Neil into school. Richard is a celebrated author and wrote one of our school favourites 'The Can Caravan'. He ran a storytelling workshop for each year group and the children were absolutely enthralled by his imaginative tales. To celebrate Storytelling Week we are running a class competition to find our best storyteller! Children can submit their stories in any format, written spoken or illustrated and should be submitted by next Friday. There will be prizes for the best entries in each phase so get creative!



## Miss Lopez

This week we have said a sad farewell to Miss Lopez in Reception. Although she has not been here for long, she is a valued member of the team. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work within school and wish her all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Boon	 100% 
Reception – Miss Lopez	94%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	91%
Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands	97%
Year 2 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3 – Miss Binns	96%
Year 3/4 – Miss Holding	96%
Year 4 – Mrs Longoni	98%
Year 5 – Miss Lynch	95%
Year 5/6 – Miss Gibbins	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	94%

### Dates For Your Diary

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Beginning of Children’s Mental Health Week

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 and Year 4 parents invited in to see work 2:30pm school hall

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Inset Day – school closed

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – School re-opens

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Scholastic Book Fair in school – all week

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – class photographs

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultation Evening

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We invest in people Standard



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NHS Trust



## Walk-in for Talking

### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DROP IN SESSIONS

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language development?

Has someone else (a relative, friend, teacher, health visitor) discussed your child's speech and language skills with you?

Does your child have a minor speech or language difficulty and you are not sure whether to ask for a referral to a therapist?

Would you like to see a Speech and Language Therapist without making an appointment?

**A MAXIMUM OF 16 CHILDREN CAN BE SEEN IN EACH DROP IN AND ARE SEEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**

**THURSDAYS 9:30am – 11:30am**

Featherstone Health Centre Victoria Street Featherstone PONTEFRACT WF7 5EZ	11 <sup>th</sup> January	8 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> March
	25 <sup>th</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> February	
Stanley Children's Centre Long Causeway Stanley WAKEFIELD WF3 4JB	18 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> March
		22 <sup>nd</sup> February	

Chairman – Keith Ramsay    Chief Executive – Len Richards

**Working together**  
making a difference

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

# Kids

Disabled children  
say we can

## Kids WASP Parent Carer Workshop

Hosted by  
Wakefield Family Hubs

Kids WASP Parent carer workshop is a bespoke workshop that looks at Autism, ADHD, PDA and Behaviour that challenges.

Each workshop is 2 hours long and will cover information and strategies to help support your family.

After the workshop we will be holding an informal drop in session for parents to offer help, support and guidance around the above.

Alongside this there will be opportunities to access 45 minute information sessions around Sleep, Sensory information and the benefits of Lego therapy.



If you would like to attend any of the workshops, please scan the QR code to fill out a referral form

## February dates:

### Wednesday 7th

Butterflies Family Hub  
9.30-1.30pm

### Tuesday 20th

Sunbeam Family Hub  
12-3pm

### Wednesday 21st

The Castle Family Hub  
9.30-1.30pm

### Tuesday 27th

Stanley Family Hub  
9.30-1pm

### Wednesday 28th

Kendal Family Hub  
9.30-1pm



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# REAKING



# BREAD



## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**QUEEN'S MILL, AIRE STREET, CASTLEFORD**

**MONDAYS 8.15 – 9.45AM**

**Please come in and join us for a hot drink, chat and a light self service breakfast in a Warm Welcome space.**

**We will have a variety of warm / cold options available each week, e.g. toast, crumpets, spreads, porridge, cereals, fruit, tea, coffee, juice etc.**

**This will be free of charge, with help from our funders and our friends at Castleford Community Food Pantry.**

**Starts Mon 22nd Jan 2024, running until at least Easter.**

**Please call 01977 556741 for more info.**

