

Head Teacher's Message

What a lovely event we held today with our Valentines's treat boxes. The buzz and excitement made it feel like Christmas! You can see from the images the amazing array of invention, creativity and design we have in our community, not to mention the love and care that was put into each box. Thank you all for making such a great effort. Special thanks go to our wonderful Year 5 girls who made it happen!



Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will still be running on Monday, so please make sure you pay a visit if you want a lovely new book. The school will receive a percentage of the money you raise which goes towards purchasing new books for the library. We have been struck by the diversity among the books on offer to us by Scholastic this year and have chosen to select some of them to compliment the collection already in our library.

We will also be hosting World Book Day on Friday 4th March, so I hope you have your book character costumes ready! Please bring the book containing your character to school on Friday, as it will help you tell your community more about the story they appear in and why you chose them. Older children will also be reading to younger children as part of the event, which is another good reason to bring your own book.

COVID-19 Update

The latest government update has caused some confusion, and it's worth taking the time to clarify what these updates mean for school and families. In a nutshell, **legislation** has changed, in that there is no longer a legal requirement to isolate with a positive COVID-19 test, but the **guidance** remains the same. People who test positive for COVID **should** still isolate. Like most other schools, we will be keeping to this guidance ourselves, and will be asking pupils and staff with a known positive test to stay at home until

they produce two consecutive negative tests from day five onwards AND do not have a temperature.

As COVID is increasingly less likely to be the cause of illness that keep children off school (for now at least!), may I please remind you that our general rules for illness and absence have always remained applicable. Children with a temperature **MUST** stay at home for 24 hours after their temperature has dropped to within normal limits and children with vomiting and diarrhea are asked to stay off for 48 hours.

If your child is unwell, please be in touch with Joy or myself if you are not sure on the correct protocol to follow. We are always happy to help!

Uniform Shop

Please note the uniform shop closes end of day on 8th March. Please refer to Joy's previous email, which includes the link to the shop.



Easter Service

While our Easter Service is some way away yet, in school preparations are already underway. We will be ensuring that the children explore both the religious and the fun side to easter, representing respect and diversity as we always do. In our Community Meeting this morning the children voted to hold an Easter bonnet parade too. That means we will all need to don fancy hats for our walk to

church on the 29th March. I do hope you are all feeling creative!

Parents will be invited to this service as usual, which will take place at 10am at our local church. Members of Upper Primary will read 'The Saddest Day', while younger children will read 'The Happiest Day'. The pastor, Beth, will share more about the meaning of Easter with all of us. We hope to see you there.

Diary Dates

We have some important diary dates coming up in March, so please save the necessary days.

Book Fair

Closing Monday 28th February

World Book Day

Friday 4th March

Young Shakespeare Company

Thursday 10th March
'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
afternoon workshop

Mother's Day Event

Friday 25th March
2-3pm

Easter Service

Tuesday 29th March
10am
St. Michael's Church

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