

Spring Term 2: News round-up

04.04.19

This week the children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed a **workshop** led by **Leeds Playhouse** entitled '**Around the World in 80 days.**' The children 'visited' different countries from the classic novel 'Around the World in 80 Days' explored stories from different cultures through drama.

The children in years 5 and 6 have also enjoyed a **theatre workshop** led by Konflux Theatre exploring the issue of the role of women throughout history. The children found the workshop to be fun, they learnt a lot about the **Suffragettes** and enjoyed performing to the rest of the school.

On Wednesday year 6 travelled to Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton to watch their **production of 'Oliver'**. Year 6 particularly enjoyed the good acting and found it interesting to see another school. We had fabulous seats at the front! The children were very well behaved as usual.

Tomorrow is our **Design Technology Challenge** for all children in years Reception to year 6. The creations should be brought into school for judging in the morning and parents are invited to view the entries from 3pm onwards.

Last call for bookings for our **Special Easter lunch** on Friday 12th April. Please book by tomorrow midday latest. See attached for details, spare paper copies are available in the office.

The **PTA Easter Disco** is Friday evening, if you still need tickets please bring the correct money into school asap. See details attached, spare paper copies are available in the office.

A reminder that we finish for the **Easter holidays** on **Friday 12th April at 2pm**. Please collect your children promptly. School will re-open for the **summer term on Tuesday 30th April** with breakfast club commencing at 8am as usual.

28.03.19

We are **very proud** this week of Rik Weston in year 6 who has saved the life of his young niece. The children were playing upstairs whilst adults were downstairs, the young child began to choke and, because of the first aid sessions in school led by Mrs Dockar, Rik knew to slap the child on her back. Well done Rik!

We have had reports that earlier this week a man in a white van approached a child from Prince Henry's Grammar School and said 'I'm going your way do you want a lift?' The child declined and following an investigation by the police it was found to be a genuine offer. However, another time it may not be. Please remind your children of all ages about '**stranger danger**.' This will also be discussed with children in school.

Please may I remind all parents in years 2 to 6 that the school bell is rung at 8.55am. All children should be in school before this time. There is an increasing number of children who are repeatedly late; this is being closely monitored and parents will be invited to meet with myself to discuss the issue if improvements in time keeping are not evident. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We are now in the final weeks before the **KS2 SATS** and I will be running 'booster' sessions from 8.40am each morning for all year 6 children from Monday. If you wish your child to take part in these sessions, they should be brought straight to the hall ready to start at 8.40am. If your child comes to school on the bus, they will join the session as soon as they arrive. The SATS will take place Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May, further information will follow.

I am greatly looking forward to seeing the items that your children are creating for this year's **Design Technology Challenge**. The creations should be brought into school for judging on Friday 5th April. **Parents are invited** to view the entries from 3pm onwards in Cedar Hall that afternoon.

Please see attached details of our [Special Easter lunch](#) which is taking place on Friday 12th April. No need to book if your child usually has a lunch on a Friday. Please book by Wednesday 3rd April to enable the kitchen to order ingredients.

21.03.19

Thank you to all those who brought or bought cakes for **Red Nose Day** on Friday, we raised £50.92.

We are today launching this year's **Design Technology Challenge** for all children in years Reception to 6! We have chosen to focus on the important issue of reducing plastic waste. **This year's project** is to create an item, that is either useful or decorative, out of plastic, that would have been thrown in the rubbish! Children will receive help in school with their design and have sessions for planning and development of their ideas. The creations should be **brought into school for judging on Friday 5th April** (new date). **Parents are invited to view the entries from 3pm onwards** in Cedar Hall that afternoon.

Please see below updated Dates for your Diary for the remaining part of this Spring Term:

Tue 2nd April Theatre workshop, years 5 & 6

Tue 2nd April Visit from Leeds Playhouse, years 3 & 4

Wed 3rd April Year 6 trip to watch 'Oliver' at Ermysted's Grammar School (see separate letter)

Fri 5th April Design Technology Challenge, years R to 6

Mon 8th April Last swimming lesson for years 3 & 4

Tue 9th April Theatre workshop, years 3 & 4

Thur 11th April Steel Pan Workshop, years 3 4 5 & 6

Fri 12th April Special Easter Lunch

Fri 12th April School closes for Easter, 2pm

Mon 29th April Staff training day

Tue 30th April School re-opens for summer term

14.03.19

The children in years 3 4 5 and 6 entered an **art competition** to design the front cover of this year's **Otley Carnival brochure** and we are proud to announce that **Evie Crabtree in year 6 won!** We also had **2 runners up, Felicity Pyle in year 5 and Oliver Burgess in year 6.** Well done children!

Eva Payne, Isabel Evans and Olivia Petty organised a book and **book mark sale** to raise money for this year's school charity UNICEF. The girls raised an incredible £79.72, this project helped them to gain their Charity badge at Brownies, **well done girls!**

Please see the correspondence page for information published by **O2 and NSPCC** about how to **keep your child safe online**. All the links are available from our school website on the parent section. '**Net-aware**' is also available as an [app via this link](#). It gives up to date advice about how to set parental controls on your child's device and information about popular social networks.

Please may I remind parents about the **arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day** which have been put into place to help parents and maximise the use of parking spaces for the convenience of all parents.

8.00am

Breakfast club every morning for Reception upwards

8.30am

Reading club for all children Reception upwards (no charge)

8.40am

Supervised play for years 1 to 6. Nursery and Reception children may enter their classroom

8.55am

Bell goes for the start of the day for years 1 to 6

8.55am—9.10am

Staggered start of the day for nursery, Reception and year 1

3.15am—3.30pm

Staggered end of the day for nursery, Reception and year 1 (with no older siblings), if collecting early please collect and go promptly to free up parking spaces

3.30pm

End of the day for all children

After school clubs years R to 6 are until 5.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 5pm on Thursday.

A reminder that tomorrow we are holding a **bun sale** for **Red Nose Day**. Please bring any bought or homemade cakes into school in the morning for sale at break times for 20p each

07.03.19

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

It was great to see the children dressed as their favourite book character for **World Book Day** today, there were some wonderfully imaginative costumes. Miss Johnson was the standout member of staff with her incredible hand made Elmer costume. Photographs will soon be on our website.

A reminder that children in years 3 and 4 will start their **swimming lessons** on Monday 11th March. Please provide your child with a swimming costume, towel and goggles if needed. If you have not already done so and are able, please make your contribution towards the cost of these lessons on Parent Pay, thank you.

Thank you to Mrs Dockar who has led the **cookery club** for children in years 3 and 4 this term. The children have enjoyed making savoury scones and cheese and tomato filo pastry squares.

Red Nose Day this year is Friday 15th March. To raise money for this worthwhile charity, we will be holding a bun sale, please bring any bought or homemade cakes into school that morning for sale at break times for 20p each.