



Last week was not what I was expecting! I am very grateful for your patience and support as I do appreciate the disruption the school being closed, will have had. Thank you!

What a joy it was this morning to see all the Year 5 World War 2 projects. You obviously put the 'snow hours' to very good use. The projects were staggering in their content and presentation. Wow! Y5, you have worked really hard, researching your projects and presenting them in unique ways – well done! I know the Y5 staff were thrilled, as am I. Thank you to parents for supporting your child with this project, I hope you enjoyed sharing your child's learning.

Pop Maths – On **Saturday 3rd March**, twelve Year 6 children were due to represent the school, as part of two teams, at the Pop Maths Quiz at Sheffield Hallam University. Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to the bad weather and a train strike. Mr Roberts is going to try to see if he can get hold of the questions so we can hold our own Pop Quiz.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March – We'll try again!! Mrs Ford has lots of exciting activities planned: the children will be given a £1 book voucher and are invited to bring in a 'prop' to personify / represent a book character. Throughout the day, we will give them the opportunity to share their object and see if the rest of the class can guess the identity of their character. Also children will be invited to take part in a book swap within year groups. Children will be able to bring in a maximum of 3 books which they will be able to swap. Children will be given a token for each book they want to swap and will then be able to browse and collect a 'new' book for each token they have.

British Science Week – British Science 'week' starts on Friday 9th March and runs until Friday 16th March. To celebrate this, Miss Spencer is launching the 'Science Selfie' competition. To enter the competition, you need to take a picture of you (a selfie) doing Science outside school. Your selfie could be taking part in a Science activity at home or elsewhere. Be as creative as you like and captions can be included if you wish. There will be a small prize per year group. Closing date for entries is **Thursday 22nd March**. Please hand in your entry to your class teacher.

Secondary School Places – Children in Year 6 should have found out which Secondary School they have been allocated for September. Decisions were available online on Thursday 1st March. If you are concerned, please contact us for advice.

Chess Club – there will be no chess club on Monday 12 March 2018.

INSET Days – our INSET days for the academic year 2018-2019 are: Monday 3rd September 2018, Thursday 25th October 2018, Friday 26th October 2018, Monday 3rd June 2019 and Monday 22nd July 2019.

Parent Consultations – the next Parent Consultations will take place the week beginning **Monday 19th March**. We will be opening the booking system for appointments shortly. There will be no Teacher run clubs (Film Club/Art Club) during this week (19th March).

World Down Syndrome Day - World Down Syndrome Day is **Tuesday 21st March** (this date is significant as Down Syndrome results from an extra chromosome (trisomy 21). As a school, we want to support this. On this day, the Down



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks



Syndrome Association is encouraging people to wear brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock... even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes (#LotsOfSocks) and we would like the children to do this in school. The 'lots of socks' message is that although there may be a small difference in appearance, there is more that unites us. There is no cash donation, just a hope our children join in by wearing 'lots of socks' so that we can raise awareness.

Clubs – a reminder to please note that any teacher run clubs that were previously hosted on Wednesday afternoon will no longer run as our staff meeting changes to Wednesdays after school, after half term.

Sports Relief – we will be celebrating Sports Relief on **Friday 23rd March**, the Charity Group ask that children come dressed in sports attire (please be mindful of the weather!) and bring a £1 for the Sports Relief Charity.

Running – Congratulations to **Sophie** and **Josh** who completed the children's Race at Your Pace challenge. Over the course of a month, Sophie completed the 10 miles and Josh 20 miles. Well done both of you, it's great to know you are being really active. If your child would like to take part in the challenge, you can find more details at:

<https://www.raceatyourpace.co.uk/kids-race>.

2018

7 March – World Book Day

w/c 19 March – Parent Consultation week

19 March – Bags2School Collection

23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays

9 April – School re-opens

24 April – Class photographs

w/c 14 May – SATs Week

23 May – Sports Day at the English Institute of Sport (EIS)

25 May – School closes for half term

4 June – INSET day

5 June – School re-opens

3 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting

10 July – Bags2School Collection

20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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