



World Book Day was celebrated in style on 7 March and was a huge success. I have seen some great photographs. Thank you to all the children who took part by bringing in a 'prop' to personify / represent a book character and bringing in books to swap. The child also experienced a 'secret read', with all staff choosing a book and finding a place in school in which to read an excerpt – the children selected from the book covers displayed in the hall. It was an exciting experience and will hopefully continue to inspire the children to read for pleasure. A big thank you to Mrs Ford for devising, and running, our World Book Day activities.

Athletics – Good luck to the Y3 and 4 pupils who will represent us tonight at an athletics event at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School.

Cross Country – we have been invited to a Cross Country event taking place at Eckington Secondary School on **Monday 19 March** between 4-5pm. This event is open to any child from Y4-Y6. Your child will need to wear their school PE kit and have a water bottle and warm clothing. Miss Rogers will be at the event but it will be parent's responsibility to get their child to and from the event. If your child would like to attend, please register their name at the office (for safeguarding reasons) before **Friday 16 March**.

British Science Week – British Science 'week' started 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.

Y4 Jumping Clay Activity - The Y4 children will be making Icy Kingdom themed jumping clay models, which they will bring home, during the school day on Wednesday 21 March 2018. If you wish your child to participate in this activity, please pay £2 through your ParentPay account by the end of Thursday 15 March. The £2 charge covers the cost of materials - if this is not paid by Thursday then your child will not be able to make a model and will participate in an alternative activity. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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

Dancing – over the last two weeks every child has had the opportunity to have a dance taster session with Michelle, which I was told all classes (and teachers!) thoroughly enjoyed. Michelle is a fully trained dance teacher and offers dance classes after school on Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm. The sessions cost £3 each. If your child would to take up this excellent opportunity, please see Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the school office who will pass your name to Michelle. Thank you.

Fairtrade – on Monday 26th February, during Fairtrade Fortnight, the children had an assembly to learn and develop their understanding of Fairtrade. We are very grateful to Mrs Thorpe, our visiting Fairtrade speaker, who conducted these assemblies – thank you! Following this the children are to be given the opportunity to have a fairtrade muffin, baked by a local bakery, on Wednesday 21 March. To order the muffin, please log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use code **xv9tc** (all lower case). You must order this by 3.30pm on Thursday 15 March – we are unable to accept orders after this time to ensure we give plenty of notice to the Baker. The cost of the muffin is 50p and will need to be sent to school in a named, sealed envelope by Friday 16 March.

Clarinet Assembly – Mrs Ridgard’s Y4 class (Y4LR) will be showcasing their talents on the clarinet on **Tuesday 20th March** at 9.10am. They will have spent 10 weeks learning how to play the clarinet as part of the Wider Opportunities programme which is funded by the school. Parents of children in Y4LR are warmly invited to our school hall to see the children perform.

Parent Consultations – the next Parent Consultations will take place the week beginning **Monday 19th March**. The email providing instructions for booking was sent out on Friday. To book your appointment, please use event code **qdjy** at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk. Please ensure you book an appointment and take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with his/her class teacher. This enables us to work in partnership with you for the benefit of your child. There will be no Teacher run clubs (Film Club/Art Club) during this week (19th March).

Year 4 Bikeability – this will take place on the following dates: 16 & 17 April. Your child’s teacher will confirm the exact date shortly – your child will need their Bike and Helmet in school on the appropriate day as well as suitable, warm outdoor clothing and footwear.

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.

World Down Syndrome Day - World Down Syndrome Day is **Wednesday 21st March** (this



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks

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 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.

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.

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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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