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Newsletter 23 – 4th March 2022

Class News

- Nursery - have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip' and looking at how things grow
Reception - have begun their new theme Sunshine, Showers and Springtime by doing observational drawings of flowers and exploring the watercolours
Y1 - have loved dressing up and taking part in World Book Day!
Y2 - really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and learning about first aid in their Mini-Medics session
Y3 - thoroughly enjoyed the World Book Day activities, including creating their own 'failed projects' based on 'The Barnabus Project'
Y4 - really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day using 'The Dot' as inspiration for our work
Y5 - thoroughly enjoyed becoming authors for the day and writing stories for our book corner on World Book Day
Y6 - enjoyed making and publishing their own books to share with Year 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust you all stayed safe through the storms and managed to have an enjoyable half term. The children have arrived back and thrown themselves back into their learning, with great gusto! World Book Day was brilliant!

Covid-19

Whilst the Government announced the ceasing of testing for Covid-19, the school would encourage families if anyone in their household tests positive, to inform the school and test your child daily prior to attending school.

Please notify the school that you have done this and hear the outcome of the test is negative, Thank you!

Value of the week – Resilience

As a school, we have spent time discussing events in Ukraine this week, as well as our normal assembly theme of 'Words'. The Year 6 Reading Ambassadors ran a fabulous assembly on World Book Day!

As a result of our discussions regarding events in Ukraine, Martha in Year 2 has written a piece for the Newsletter;

Dear parents and families of St Ives Primary School,

We want to show our love and support to the people of Ukraine during these tough times. There are many different local drop off points for you to send items to. Below is a list of what is needed:

- Thermal blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows (covered in plastic)
- Hygiene essentials such as soap, bath and shower cream etc.
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Hairbrushes



- *Feminine care products*
- *Antiseptic products*
- *Sleeping mats*
- *Thermos flasks*
- *Disposable cutlery*
- *First aid supplies*
- *Baby food and milk*

You can also donate directly to charities such as The British Red Cross or Unicef.

*Thank you for your support,
Martha Y2*

Subject Update – English

Harry Potter, Disney princesses, Gangster Grannies, Matildas, Hobbits, Wallies, Cat in hats, BFGs and many, many more visited St Ives Primary on The 25th Birthday of World Book Day! All the children had so much fun and undertook lots of awesome activities. Stories were written, books were published, story dens were designed, drama was performed and clay figurines of characters were made. It was lovely to watch all the children's favourite book characters come to life and see the children have such fun celebrating this important day because in the words of MC Grammar who wrote this year's World Book Day rap "reading is amazing everyday!" Your children will all have been sent home with a World Book Day voucher to exchange for one of this year's newly written books or they can use it to get £1 off a book of their choice. The vouchers expire by March 28th so head down and use them quickly!

SISA

There is a SISA meeting being held on Thursday 10th March at 7:30pm at the school. Everyone is welcome, please come along and see what SISA does to support the school, discuss upcoming events and how money that has been raised can be used to support all of the children at St Ives Primary School & Nursery!

Online Safety

As people sought a quick, reliable way to stay in touch with loved ones at the onset of the pandemic, WhatsApp experiences a jump of 40% in its usage figures. It has now been downloaded by almost a third of the planet's entire population – with more than half (53%) of those users opening the app at least once per day.

WhatsApp's everyday familiarity, however, can actually disguise some of the risks around its use. Scammers, for instance, are increasingly turning to the app as a vehicle for cons, while it's also being chosen as a means of adding credibility to fake news stories. This week's guide brings trusted adults the lowdown on the instant messaging giant.

Dates for Diary

March

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| 8 th | - Netball Tournament |
| 14 th | - Science Week |
| 14 th | - Y5/6 Indoor Athletics |
| 17 th | - Y5 Enterprise Day |
| 18 th | - Y5/6 Swimming Gala |
| 21 st | - Cricket WOW day |
| 25 th | - Y5 Paultons Park |
| 28 th | - Parent Consultations week beginning 28 th |
| 29 th | - Y6 Sculpture Day |
| 30 th | - Y1 Sculpture Day |
| | -Y4 Football Tournament |
| 30 th & 31 st | - KS2 Mini Medics |

April

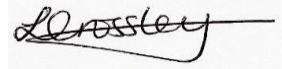
8th

- Last day of term – 1:15pm finish

Finally, just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school, therefore products containing nuts must not be brought into school please. We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.

Also, should your child be unwell with sickness or diarrhoea they are unable to return to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

