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Class News

- Nursery - have been enjoying baking biscuits as part of our reward this week!
- YR - have made a great start to our new theme Sunshine, Showers and Springtime and have been drawing flowers from observation
- Y1 - really enjoyed taking part in the read-a-thon this week
- Y2 - loved learning a new dance in PE this week
- Y3 - have enjoyed learning about Michael Rosen and creating their own poems using homonyms during Literacy lessons this week
- Y4 - loved enjoying the read-a-thon this week
- Y5 - have really enjoyed getting into their new Power of Reading text – Floodland this week
- Y6 - have enjoyed looking at the picture book “The Journey” all about migration and refugees

Dear Parents,

Another fabulous week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the read-a-thon and snuggling up with a book! Thank you for supporting the children.

Wellbeing week

On Monday 4th March we will be having a Rainbow Mufti Day as part of Wellbeing week! Please send your child/ren to school wearing clothing that is their favourite colour of the rainbow! If it would typically be a PE day for your child, please ensure that they are wearing appropriate footwear as this activity will still be going ahead.

St Ives Book Fair:

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St Ives between Tuesday 27th February- Tuesday 5th March. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to explore and buy some newly published books. Additionally, the school accrues reward points which we can spend on buying more books to put back into our class libraries for the children.

The fair will be here all week and all children will have the opportunity to explore the book fair during school time where they will make a wish list of any of the books they hope to purchase which they will bring home to you. Parents will be invited to come and visit the book fair with their children after school throughout the week to buy the books of interest. It will be located in the Year 6 classroom after school between 3:15-4:15pm. The fair is a cashless event- to purchase books you will be able to pay online at the event.

If you are unable to visit the fair but your child still wants to buy a book, we have linked the QR code which will take you directly to the page to pay for the books of choice.

We hope to see as many of you visit the fair as possible next week- we love any opportunity to get children excited about books.



SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs



Value of the week - Resilience

We have been discussing 'How important is packaging?' as part of Picture News this week. This week's story is focused on Coca Cola announcing it will temporarily be removing labels from some of its bottles to trial 'label-less' packaging. The debates were amazing!

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book that they have enjoyed. We have a host of exciting activities to celebrate this day that is all about promoting reading for pleasure! To really enter the spirit of the day, we would love for the children to dress as a character from a book and be able to share which character their story has come from. This will aid to generate chat about books!

During World Book Day, we will be holding a very special event. Parents are invited into your child's classroom to share their favourite stories together. You are welcome to bring duvets, blankets and pillows to get comfortable whilst sharing your most loved books. The classrooms will be transformed into a cosy, star-lit space, ready to enjoy a special story together, and hot chocolate and biscuits will be available too. Please bring your own special childhood books to share with your child however we do have lots available too. Siblings will be welcome to all stay together and share multiple books with parents in their classroom of choice.

Reading at home is known to increase academic ability, but not only that, it also helps to strengthen family relationships and foster a lifelong love of books. We want to inspire families to read more at home, not only to increase literacy levels but also to encourage children to become well-rounded readers with a passion for books. Research proves that children who are read to by an adult at home have an advantage over other children and do better in both primary and secondary education, in all subjects. Therefore, let's help support the children to instil lifelong habits of reading.

Online Safety

A number of teen online dating apps have emerged over the past few years - and the most popular of these recently hit a huge one million users worldwide. With some teens spending more time online than with their friends - young people are increasingly using the internet to meet new people and form relationships. Unfortunately, making friends and dating online can come with serious issues - from catfishing, to scammers, to stalking and harassment. With the inherent risk that users might also arrange face-to-face meetups, it's easy to see how these services can present a range of online safety risks to their young audience. The guide this week dives into online dating and relationships, detailing the associated risks and offering tools and strategies to keep your child safer online.

PE Days

YR – Thursday & Friday
Y1 – Thursday & Friday
Y2 – Thursday & Friday
Y3 – Tuesday & Friday
Y4 – Tuesday & Friday
Y5 – Monday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Tuesday

Dates for Diary

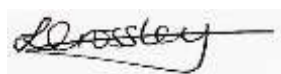
February

27th – 5th March Scholastic Book Fair in school
28th Y5 & 6 BEE Netball Tournament

March

4th Wellbeing week 'Rainbow Mufti day'
7th World Book Day
W/C 18th Parent consultations

Yours sincerely,



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