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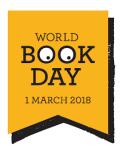
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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

For a short week in school, we have certainly been busy! Year 4 enjoyed a trip to The Louisa Centre yesterday for the Gymnastics Festival and as our twitter photos evidenced, they had a very fun and challenging time! Furthermore, Year 5 celebrated a wonderful Eucharistic Service centred around 'Families.' We are very lucky to have such wonderful families in our lives, particularly our St Benet's family. Then as we break up today, we shall celebrate the half term holiday with the Friends of St Benet's Valentine's Disco this afternoon. I am sure the children will have a wonderful time. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who help to make the disco such an enjoyable experience for our children!

World Book Day

This year on World Book Day, we are having a **DRESSING UP DAY again** where children can come to school dressed as a character from a book. This is a brilliant day in school where we reinforce in both adults and children how much we love to read!
We are very much looking forward to seeing what creative character outfits the children come up with this year!



Year 5 Swimming Time

It will be Year 5's turn to go swimming on a Wednesday morning after the half term holidays. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit.

Our Newsletters/School Website Keeping You Informed

We hear from many parents that they didn't know about school events occurring or that they don't read our newsletters. If you know of someone that this applies to, please encourage them to pop into school to check that we have their correct email addresses. Our newsletter communicates vital information to all parents.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday and see you on Monday 19th February,

Best Wishes

Catherine Harper (Head Teacher)

'A happy and holy place of learning, and the centre of a thriving community'



Upcoming Events

February 19

Back to School

February 21

Y1 Class Trip to Souter Lighthouse

February 21

Y6 Mass, 9.15am

February 22/23

Y4 Overnight Residential to Gibside

February 23

Y5/6 Classes partaking in a 'Fun Fitness' session in the afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits.

February 27

Reception - Vision tests in school

February 28

Reception Mass, 9.15am

March 1

WORLD BOOK DAY

March 2

Y3 Collective Worship 9am (Y3 classroom)
Y2 Collective Worship 9.30am (Y2
classroom) -change of date

March 2

Y5 are performing a 'Play in a Day' about The Vikings. Parents are welcome to come along to watch at 3:00pm.

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Gold Book Winners (Thursday 8th February)

Miss Harper- Thomas WIlkie Miss Caulfield- Billy Shields Mr Rooney -Elizabeth Oliver Miss Loughlin - Holly Rutherford Miss Williamson – Gabriel Eccleston Mrs Rowley - Joseph Seymour Mrs Readman – Olivia Reed Mrs Wealleans – Ellis Dent Mrs Donaghy- Gracie Richings Miss O'Sullivan - Talia Noble Mrs O'Neill - Ava Cottle **Mrs Bissell- Chloe Pennick**

Mr Kent-Lilly Hartley **Mrs Stone-Lucy Hindmarch** Mrs Lauder- Billy Pearson Mr McQueen-Bobby Richings Mrs Hanley- George Stewart Mrs Malpass – Olivia Reed Mrs McNally - Faye Burnett Mrs Brown – Ethan Dent Mrs Tallentire- Amelia Conway

> Year 2 are the attendance winners this week -

98%



Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is...

'I notice that we are the same and that we are different.'

This week, during Children's Mental Health Week, we have looked again at last week's statement to live by and we have thought in particular about something that we feel proud of ourselves about. Ask your child to tell you what they feel most proud of- achievements, talents, experiences ©



All classes joined in with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday where we looked at ways to keep safe online and how we can interact with people via the use of social media. Our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) James Robson, came into school to

remind children in Years 5/6 about using mobile phones safely. We know that there are children in school using apps where the recommended/legal age to use them is 13 years old. There is a lot of media attention at the moment about the apps Roblox and Omegle. Please can you ensure that you are monitoring your child's use of all apps.





Number Day Success

By joining in with the NSPCC Number Day last week, not only did we have fun but we have also raised £190.00 towards this charity. This is fantastic! Well done everyone!

Ceildhe- Save the Date On Friday 15th June (7.30pm TBC) at St Joseph's Parish Centre, there will be a Ceildhe happening which will be a fundraising event for the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Gorman and The Inchigeelagho'gorman Academy of Irish Dance for organising this. You can bring your own nibbles and buy drinks at the bar. More details to follow but please save the date and come along for some Ceildhe fun!

Reading Certificates

We have so many children receiving a reading certificate each week in Reward Assembly! Fantastic...keep up with the Reading!













