Weekly Newsletter

Monday 28th February 2022

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to our World Book Day events on Thursday 3rd March - children are invited to dress up if they wish to and will take part in shared reading and other reading based activities through the day. Red Lion Books in Colchester have kindly provided some lovely new books for us to sell after school in the library - many of these are the £1 books children can swap for the World Book Day voucher they will be given on the day; others are normally priced so please bring a little cash with you when you collect on Thursday if you can. Last time we were able to celebrate WBD in school, we were delighted that every child (plus lots of siblings!) went home with a book they had chosen and we hope to be able to manage that this year, too.

As we enter into a new phase of living with Covid, I have changed the image at the top of our newsletter from a rainbow to the logo for 5 Ways To Wellbeing. In a team assembly last week, we talked to the children about ways we can do more to CONNECT - with each other, ourselves and the wider community. The children remembered lots of things we used to do that they would like to do again - shared reading, playground buddies, whole school projects, cake sales and coffee mornings - plus a few new ideas like art and sports tournaments and Junior Bake Off. We will try to incorporate as many of these ideas as we can into the coming months in order to help children with their sense of wellbeing as part of a loving, supportive community. Over this year, we will also continue to look at the other aspects of wellbeing - Keep learning, Take Notice, Give and Be Active.

As a first step towards the GIVE wellbeing petal, we would like to fundraise towards the Save the Children Appeal to support those affected by the war in Ukraine. We would like to begin with a Wear Blue and Yellow Day on Tuesday 8th March, with a suggested donation of £1 per child. On that day, we will also hold a cake sale after school to raise further funds for the appeal - any donations of cakes and biscuits (clearly marked with ingredients, please) would be very welcome.

As ever, all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

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Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day. We would like children to dress up as a favourite book character and bring a copy of their favourite book to share. We will also be holding a book sale, as we have done for the last few years, where children can spend their £1 World Book Day Vouchers (and some pocket money if they wish!) in the library after school and after clubs.

Tuesday 8th March - Wear Blue and Yellow for Ukraine Day

Cake Sale in aid of Save the Children Ukraine Appeal after school

Tuesday 15th March - Whole School Open Afternoon - come and look at your child's work in their classroom and take a wander around the school to look at displays and see what has been going on in each classroom (please don't look at other children's work in books though, thank you) 2.15pm - 3pm

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear red - red noses, red clothes, red hair …. Please bring a £1 donation to Comic Relief if you can, thank you

Friday 25th March - Clubs finish (Cookery, Ball Skills, Cricket, Choir, Dance, Film, Football)

Monday 28th March - additional club session for Woodland and Basketball clubs

Friday 1st April - final day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April - first day of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Wednesday 20th July - final day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Friday 22nd July - Bank Holiday