

Rothwell Primary School

Newsletter



Message from Mrs Rothenburg

Friday 1st March

Welcome back to Spring half term 2. The sun has been shining and we have had an excellent first week back.

Yesterday we were so excited to have Danny Gough and the Class Dynamix team in school. The Last time Danny was in, he was working with our children to record them singing our amazing school song (which the children had written during a previous visit). Yesterday the children heard the track for the first time—it sounded incredible! It was wonderful to see their happy faces as they listened; they were all amazed! We also recorded sections for the video, with all the children keen and full of energy. I mentioned to the children before the filming started that with over 360 children, they may not all get to see themselves on the final video, but it is important to remember that they have done so well and have been an important part of writing of the song. All of their voices have been recorded for the track and we had a great day. A special thank you to Danny Gough and his cameraman, Danny Hardaker. You both did an amazing job and recorded so many things - it is going to be a real challenge to select the clips for the final video. We are hoping to have the final video either just before or when we come back from the Easter holidays. We will let you know as soon as we have it and you will be able to view it online. Thank you to our committed PTA for helping to fund this project for our children and school! As always, reading with and supporting your children by reading at home continues to be extremely important. We know that there is a strong correlation between children's reading skills and their success, not just in Primary School, but beyond. Thank you for your support with this. We know it is not always easy as life is very busy, but it really does make a huge difference. Please see below for more information about the reading challenges.

Next Thursday is World Book Day—please see below for more information.

The vast majority of children are on time for school everyday, which is great. However there are still a number of parents who are regularly bringing their children to school late. We are having another big drive to help ensure that children arrive in school on time. We know that it is important for children to feel settled and ready for their learning. Coming into school late, not only means they miss learning time, but it also means they have to walk into their class while everyone else is getting on. We all know how uncomfortable it would be walking into a room full of adults if we were late, so we would definitely not want children to feel like this. When speaking to several of the children who are regularly late, they said they 'don't like walking into class at this time as they feel like everyone looks at them.' They may only be a few minutes late, but these few minutes can leave children feeling unsettled and distressed.

During the first week of each half term, the children all take part in a Mindmate lesson during PSHE. These lessons are produced by the NHS to help children to develop their understanding of how to manage their emotions and to develop strategies to help them to support their own mental health and wellbeing. It would be good to ask them about what they have been learning in PSHE.

I am so excited to let you know that we have had several generous donations towards our defibrillator for our community. Special mentions and a big THANK YOU to 'Yorkshire Install' for your fantastic donation of £200. Another special THANK YOU goes to the English family and Rothwell Garden Centre for your wonderful donation of £100. When we arrived back this week, we were so pleased to hear that the Rothwell Lions have also made a very generous donation towards our Defibrillator—a HUGE £500.00. School staff are also making donations and we will update you with our total so far next week. We are nearly there, what a fantastic effort from our generous, kind and caring community.

Have a great weekend!

Weekly attendance	
Rec Miss Callally	97.0 %
Rec Mrs	97.4 %
Yr1	98.3 %
Yr1/2	96.6 %
Yr2	97.9 %
Yr3	99.0 %
Yr3/4	92.3 %
Yr4	95.8 %
Yr5	96.0 %
Yr5/6	95.5 %
Yr6	94.7 %

Working together to



our potential.



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day!

Children (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. We will be running a fancy dress competition and one child from each phase will be awarded a £5 book token to spend at our Scholastic Book Fair, which takes place alongside Parent/Carer Consultation Evening on Wednesday 27th March.

Children will be bringing home their free £1 book token today and we encourage all children to use their voucher to claim one of the free books specially printed for World Book Day. The books are already available in Morrisons, Rothwell. It will be a fun day full of stories, games and book related activities.



Reading Challenge Reminder:

A big well done to all of those children who achieved the reading challenge last half term. We just wanted to clear up the requirements and process of the reading challenge so that hopefully more children can engage and enjoy this reward. Each week your child's reading record/planner will be collected in, the days on which they have read will be counted and recorded on a separate sheet in class. The dojos will be added weekly and this record will be used to determine who has met the reading challenge at the end of each half term. Those children who have read on 4 days each week throughout the half term

(not including holidays) will receive the award at the end of the half term. We have noticed that some parents have back-dated their child's reading record at the end of the half term meaning that our internal record sheets do not match the children's books. As you can appreciate we have limited staff and time available to change books and count the 'days read'. It would be impossible for them to re-check previous weeks and so we ask that you please record the day's read each week clearly with the date, book title, a short comment and your initials. If your child has read independently please record



this in the same way. We are sure that you appreciate the importance of your child reading regularly at home and see this not as an admin exercise, but as an incentive to encourage children to develop a love of books and reading, become confident readers and to develop their understanding of language and vocabulary. Thank you for your continued support—we hope to have more children joining the reading champions this half term.

Spring Half Term 2 - 2019

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 7 th March 2019	World Book Day - Children to dress as their favourite book character.	
Wednesday 13 th March 2019	Tempest Class photographs	
Thursday 14 th March	Y4 Parent/Carer meeting for Buckden	3.30pm - please enter through the main office.
Thursday 21 st March 2019	World Poetry Day	
Monday 25th March 2019	Parent/Carer consultations JUST FOR CHILDREN IN MR LOVETT'S CLASS—Class 5/6.	2.30 -5.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	<i>Parent/Carer</i> consultations Scholastic Book Fair (All Day)	8-8.30am 9.10 - 9.50am 2 - 6.30pm
Friday 29 th March 2019	Break up for the Easter holiday	We will finish at the usual time.
Monday 15 th April 2019	Return to school	
Friday 19 th April Monday 22 nd April	Good Friday Bank Holiday	

Please check your e-mails to see the information that went sent out on Monday and Tuesday this week regarding concerns about 'Momo'. (These can be found on the website in the parent section under 'E-safety').



Who's talking to your child online?

Who's making friends with your child online?



A five minute chat with your child about their online activity could save a lifetime of hurt

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