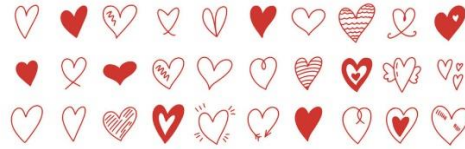


Teachers, Parents, Students...

Together Promoting Success

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for February/March! We hope that the following information may be of use/of interest to you...



**Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust:**

Our application to join the Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust has now been submitted to the DfE and we await their response with interest. Our hope is that we will join the Oak Trees MAT at the start of the next academic year.



**Food Shed/Reading Shed Update:**

We have had real interest in the Food Shed, which is located in our school’s entrance hall. Our supplies are now rather depleted so Oliver and Will (our Year Five reps) would be grateful if you could drop off any donations to the school office. Both boys will then sort the items and restock the shed for families in need to utilise. Any dried or tinned or jar items would be appreciated please but do make sure the food items are in good condition and in date. Also any toiletries would also be appreciated. Thank you Oliver and Will, you are doing a fabulous job keeping the area organised and well stocked. We were grateful for the NEO food delivery last half term and we hope to apply for a NEO fresh fruit and vegetables delivery soon.



**Class Assembly Dates:**

These dates are on the website but just in case you have not seen them...

Date	Year Group
05.05.23 at 9.30am, arrivals from 9.00am	Y4
25.05.23 at 9.30am, arrivals from 9.00am	Y5
23.06.23 at 9.30am, arrivals from 9.00am	Y3
12.07.23 at 9.30am, arrivals from 9.00am	FS2 and Y1
19.07.23 at 9.30am, arrivals from 9.00am	Y6

**Spring Term Dates:**

You will have already been made aware of many of these dates but please find the key dates below for the remainder of the term, as there are a few new ones...

Date	Event
16/17.03.23	Year Five residential visit to Burwardsley in Cheshire. Please ensure final payments for the visit are made as soon as possible.

17.03.23	Mother's Day Wonder Woman Afternoon (See POTS Newsletter)
27.03.23	FS2/Year One/Year Two Eid workshops with Sheema from MEAS.
w/c 27.03.23	Year Four Swimming – see letter
29.03.23	POTS Easter UV Disco – 3.30-4.30 KS1 and FS2 4.30-5.45 KS2 Tickets £4 each available on the POTS PTA events page
30.03.23	If your child would like to design an Easter garden, Easter bonnet or a decorated Easter egg for this event, please ensure they are delivered to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 29.03.23 at the latest. Thank you. We will announce the winners in the morning as the children have said that they would like to wear their bonnets for the Easter Festival if possible.
30.03.23 at 2.30pm	Easter Festival – This event is open to any parents and grandparents who would like to attend. Arrivals from 2pm, tea/coffee will be available.
31.03.23	End of Spring Term
w/c 03.04.23 and w/c 10.04.23	Easter Break
17.04.23	Start of Term 3A
17.04.23	FS2 Allocation Day – Please advise us if you do not get the school of your choice and we will try to assist.
25.04.23	Class and Group photos – please ensure correct uniform is worn.
01.05.23	May Day Bank Holiday
04.05.23	School Closed to Pupils – Staff Development Day (Team Teach training for staff with Wirral Inclusion) and we are used as a Polling Station
08.05.23	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
09.05.23 to 12.05.23	KS2 Year Six SATs Week – Please ensure all Year Six pupils are in school, holiday requests will not be granted.
w/c 15.05.23	KS1 Year 2 SATs Week - Please ensure all Year Two pupils are in school, holiday requests will not be granted.
w/c 22.05.23	Local Heritage History and Geography Themed Week.
26.05.23	Whole School Viking Day – pupils are able to come to school dressed as Vikings on this day (please remember sensible shoes and coats)
w/c 29.05.23	Half Term Break
05.06.23	School Closed to Pupils – Staff Development Day
08.06.23 at 5pm	Year Five Parent Meeting in Year Five classroom
w/c 12.06.23	Year One Phonics Check Week - Please ensure all Year One pupils are in school, holiday requests will not be granted.
12.06.23 9.30am	FS2 and KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting). All parents/carers/grandparents welcome to watch. Arrivals from 9am, teas and coffees available.
13.06.23 9.30am	KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting). All parents/carers/grandparents welcome to watch. Arrivals from 9am, teas and coffees available.
19.06.23 9.30am	BACK UP FS2 and KS1 Sports Day in case of poor weather the week before. All parents/carers/grandparents welcome to watch. Arrivals from 9am, teas and coffees available.
20.06.23 9.30am	BACK UP KS2 Sports Day in case of poor weather the week before. All parents/carers/grandparents welcome to watch. Arrivals from 9am, teas and coffees available.
27.06.23 pm	FS2 New Parent Afternoon – details to follow
28.06.23 pm	FS2 New Parent Afternoon – details to follow
01.07.23	POTS Summer Event
05.07.23	Year Six Induction Day and an opportunity for our other year groups to meet their new classes.

19.07.23	Year Six Leaver's Party – details to follow
20.07.23	School closes for the Summer Break



### Key Stage Libraries:

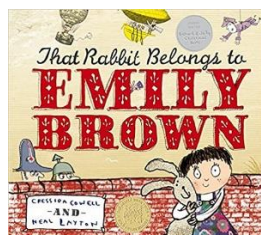
We have been working really hard to redevelop our infant and junior libraries lately and they look beautiful! Miss Durn, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Hutchinson and Miss Foster have worked really hard to create themed areas to showcase all of our lovely texts. The KS1 library has an outdoor garden theme and the KS2 library has a desert island theme. Both areas are very relaxing and we will be teaching the children over the next few weeks how they can best look after these lovely areas. Please have a look next time you are in school. Many thanks to Lingham's who have provided us with some superb posters and books free of charge to promote reading – these areas have been so popular and it's been lovely to see the children gaining maximum enjoyment out of sharing texts with each other.



### Recommended Reads:

The infant library has a display of staff recommended reads, so we thought we would list them below for you to order from your local library to enjoy with your children...

- Mrs Evans – *That Rabbit Belongs To Emily Brown* by Cressida Cowell
- Mrs Jones – *The Pea and the Princess* by Mini Grey
- Mrs Goulding – *The Witches* by Roald Dahl
- Mrs Peel-Price – *The Wish Cat* by Ragnhild Scamell
- Mrs Sheridan – *Mathilda* by Roald Dahl
- Miss Miller – *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling
- Mrs Harvey – *Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson
- Mrs Hutchinson – *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Miss Ainsworth – *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
- Mrs Smith – *Shadow the Sheepdog* by Enid Blyton
- Miss Durn – *The Book With No Pictures* by B J Novak
- Miss Foster – *Farmer Duck* by Martin Wadell
- Mrs Gillooly – *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes
- Mrs Mitchell – *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- Miss Woods – *The Dinosaur That Pooped The Past* by Dougie Poynter and Tom Fletcher



### 11By 11 Reading Challenge:

If your child is in Year Five or Year Six please keep an eye out for an exciting reading challenge which is coming home this week. We have challenged the children to read at least 11 classic and modern books by the time they leave primary school at the age of 11. This is a challenge for all of those bookworms out there – certificates are available for those who take part!

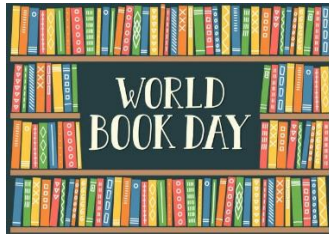


### **World Book Day Update:**

World Book Day was a great success and we all really enjoyed wearing our pyjamas for the day. It was very relaxing and it also meant that parents didn't feel pressurised into buying expensive book-related outfits.

This year we decided to choose a whole school book to keep with our whole school eco theme of being caretakers of our planet. Each class studied Neil Layton's new book 'A World Full Of Wildlife' and at the end of the day we held a celebration assembly with each class presenting on how we plan to look after our world and make it a place where plants, creatures and humans can live and thrive together.

Year Six made a fabulous book on biodiversity, Year Five created artwork based on habitats and planted an array of wild flowers/seedlings, Year Four did some brilliant creative writing based on the wonders of our world and how we can protect it, Year Three made insect hotels, Year Two planted seed bombs and FS2 planted sweetcorn and spring flowers. Year One created their own creatures and discussed how we can protect all species and their natural habitats. It was a super day and we feel very proud that we will be able to play our part by creating a sustainable eco garden for the Thingwall community.



### **CELEBRATION CORNER (or H.U.G.G.S – Huge, Unbelievably Great Goals!)**

Please note that this section of the newsletter is to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this part of the newsletter, please email the school office (or drop a note off), explaining why you would like your child to be noted in this section of the newsletter!

Elsie (Year Two) – Congratulations to Elsie who was awarded Player of the Month at Harwarden Golf Club's Junior Academy! Fantastic news Elsie, we are very proud! 😊

Theo (Year Two) – Congratulations to Theo who won Man of the Match and scored a hatrick for Eastham Rangers! This is impressive news Theo! 😊

Congratulations, Mila, Erin and Harriet (Year 5) who play for the Wirral Phoenix Girls Football Team they came third in a football tournament at the weekend. Well done girls.

Will (Year 5) won a gold and silver medal in a karate competition-well done Will



With Best Wishes

Mrs D L Evans