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# February 2024 Newsletter

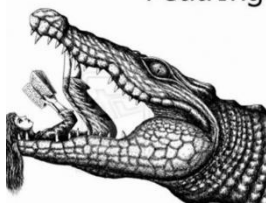
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had an enjoyable half term break with your children and managed to spend time doing family activities together. It was lovely to see so many of you attending your child's parent consultation meeting with your child's teacher/teachers recently. Thank you for completing the parent survey; we are busy collating the results and will share them with you soon. This half term is packed with exciting events that we know the children will love. If you can, please pop along to our book swap café on Thursday March 7th; it will be lovely to chat with you over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Miss Emma Bloomfield

### Extreme Read and World Book Day

**Extreme**  
reading

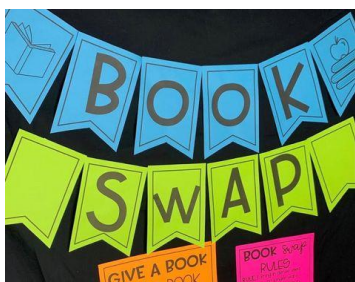


World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, and we would like to make this a special occasion. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.

**Over the half term holiday**, we invited you to take part in our **Extreme Reading Challenge**. You still have time to take a photograph of your child /children/ family reading books in the most wild and wacky places. Every entry will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a prize draw. Please send your photos into your class teacher via class dojo or bring a printed photo in and give to the office. We look forward to seeing the crazy places you are enjoying reading! Closing Date is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

On **World Book Day** (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024) we are inviting the children from all year groups (Nursery to Year 6) to **dress up as their favourite story character**. The best costume from each class will win a golden ticket to exchange for a new book.





### **After School on World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March**

We have our **Book Swap Café (3.15-4.00pm)**

Parents please come along to the school hall with your child straight after school to donate any unwanted children's books as well as finding new books to take home. The café

will have seating for you to read with your child while enjoying a hot or cold beverage. You are not expected to donate any books in order to take one home.



Nursery children welcome and preschool children welcome too!

### **Comic Relief Talent Show**

Does your child have a talent that they would like to showcase? It might be a sport or hobby that they do outside of school. They might have a fantastic singing voice. They might tell the best jokes!

Or maybe they know some magic tricks?

Whatever their talent is, we would like to see it!

Your child will have 2 minutes to showcase their talent. Heats will be held in class during the week beginning 11th March.

Winners of the heats will perform in the Grand Final which will be held in assembly on Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March.

**To enter our talent show, please give £2 to your child's class teacher on Monday 11th March** to secure their place in the class heats.

On Red Nose Day, it will be non-uniform day for ALL children YN to Y6 (donation of £1) - please wear something red if you can!



### **Spelling Bee**

We have been remarkably impressed with how well so many of our children have been learning their spellings for the Spelling Bee competition.

Below is the list of all children who made it to their year group final. Each Spelling Bee final will take place this half term.

Well done to:

Year R Loreta, Isla, Charlie, Lexi and Hugo

Year 1 Bobby, Ire, Ryan, Nikolay and Mason

Year 2 Bogdan, Millie-Rose, Amelia, Emily and Bora

Year 3 Phoebe, Ivy, Jade, Matei and Oliver H

Year 4 Leon, Alex, Olivia, Albert and Ryan

Year 5 Daniel, Burak, Amelia, Ronnie and Dev

Year 6 Annabelle, Ivan, Jess, Amayah and Tanisha

### Sports News

February started a busy month of tournaments for Purford Green Primary School. We began with the emerging tag rugby festival where the Year 3 and 4 team thoroughly enjoyed the day learning the game and rules. This was followed by the Tchoukball tournament where we entered two Year 5 teams. Both teams overcome a challenging game with new rules and did incredibly well coming 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

A group of cyclists from Year 5 took part in a fun morning of events and challenges, testing their skills in different ways. All of the pupils that took part enjoyed the events and wished it did not have to end! The month was ended with Indoor athletics for our Year 3 and 4 team and our Year 5 and 6 team. This is the first time we have entered this event and was enjoyed by all. All pupils were seen smiling and laughing throughout the event and did incredibly well. The Year 3 and 4 team won a few of the events in their group while the Year 5 and 6 team won some of the field events in their heat. Over 200 pupils attended these events and was a very competitive morning.

### Year 3 Passmores Visit

Year 3 travelled to Passmores on the minibus, to take part in some printing in the art room. The teacher, Mrs Evans, asked us lots of questions about William Morris and she was very surprised by how much we already knew! We started by sketching a William Morris style pattern onto a piece of paper, we then transferred this onto a piece of foam – this became our printing tile. We used our tile to print our design onto a piece of fabric. Mrs Evans and the Passmores students then helped us to make our fabric into a cover for a mini sketch book. We were very happy with our finished products!

### By Phoebe, George and Ivy



### Winter Warmth Funding

We successfully applied for additional funding from Essex council to support families during the winter months when bills are usually at their highest. If your children do not receive free school meals and you would like to access some additional support, please pop in to school and talk to Miss Bloomfield, Miss Thomson or Mrs Hammond.

### Referral forms for outside agencies

We are seeing an increasing number of families are seeking support from external professionals and agencies for a range of reasons. To access these services parents and the school often need to provide detailed information on forms that often take over an hour to

complete each time, meaning teachers could spend a considerable amount of time each week form filling.

We have a strong record of supporting our families and communities in any way we can, but we are struggling to keep up with the extra demands the increasing number of additional forms are placing on our time. We know the information we provide other agencies is important and it is vital we make our reports as accurate as possible so our children get the levels of support they need and deserve. Therefore, whilst we will continue to complete them as soon as possible, please allow up to 12 weeks for any forms from external agencies to be completed and returned to you or the relevant agency

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day (Talent Show)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Non uniform Day organised by Pupil Wellbeing Team

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term - School finishes @1.30pm

### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Reports to parents YR-Y6

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year R Class Assembly (9.15am)