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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good first week back after half term. There were a few tears at 8.45am on Monday, which is to be expected, but the children were mostly fine! 😊

Young Voices

Our KS2 Choir are (at the time of writing) on their way to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to take part in the epic Young Voices Concert later tonight. I hope they enjoy their experience and so do all the parents travelling on the coach later. **If you are coming along - please make sure you are ready to board the coach just before 5.00pm as we will need to leave promptly.**

Assessment Week

Next week is Assessment Week across the school. All of the children from Year 1 - Year 6 will be doing their termly assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If you get a chance to practise some basic skills with them this weekend then that would be brilliant.

Please do your best to send all children into school every day next week, as everyone needs to do their assessments and it's much easier for the children to do them in class with everyone else, rather than doing them separately at a different time/day.

Reception/Den Trip

It is the Reception and Den visit to Little Owl Farm on Friday next week. I'm sure a lot of fun will be had by all and some good memories made.

Parking

We are still having some issues with inconsiderate parking in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not block driveways, park on the footpaths, obstruct pedestrians or block other vehicles on the road.

INSET Day

Please also make a note that the school will be closed to pupils for staff training on Friday 15th March.

At the end of this Newsletter is some information that may be of interest regarding EHCPs. I hope that everyone has a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Take care,

Mr Rawlings

DATES TO REMEMBER

19.02.24 – Year 2 writing club – final session
23.02.24 Young Voices Concert at Resorts World
01.03.24 Reception/Den Trip – Little Owl Farm Park
06.03.24 Rags to Riches Collection Day
06.03.24 School Photographer – Class/Form photo plus Year 6 year group photo
07.03.24 World Book Day – children to dress up
08.03.24 10:30am – 11:30am Nursery AM Mother's Day Tea and Crafts in classroom
08.03.24 2:00pm – 3:00pm Nursery PM and Nursery 30HRS Mother's Day Tea and Crafts in classroom
08.03.24 RH and RP – Mother's Day Assembly at 2;30pm in school hall
14.03.24 Florence Nightingale Workshop – Year 2
15.03.24 School closed to pupils – Inset Day
18.03.24 Rocksteady Easter Concert 9:30am – audience to be seated by 9:20am
20.03.24 Parents Evening and Book Fair
22.03.24 School closes for Easter
08.04.24 School reopens
15.04.24 Theatre Trip Nursery – Dear Zoo
02.05.24 School closed to pupils (Voting)
06.05.24 May Day Bank Holiday
27.05.24 – 31.05.24 May Half Term
19.07.24 School closes for Summer
22.07.24 School closed to pupils – Inset Day

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE



THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

CLASS 3C

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WEEK 25 SPRING TERM

19TH - 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

99%

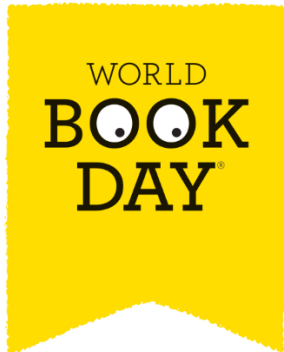




Students of the Week

Well done to this week's Students of the Week. We are very proud of you and you deserve it!

**Evie W, Dan-David A, Freya H, Dylan Davis, Georgina P, Scarlett R, Taylor S,
Nylah F, Kieren H, Lacey H and Faye W**



World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7 March 2024**.

This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading is one of the highlights of our year!

World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits. Here are some of the events your child will enjoy during World Book week.

Netherbrook children will be dressing up on Thursday 7th March to celebrate favourite characters and books.

All children are invited to come dressed up as either a character from a book or in a costume inspired by a book. We aim to ensure that every child can participate in World Book Day, and can celebrate the stories they love, without an expectation for families to spend money on a new costume so here are some links with a few ideas to help.

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

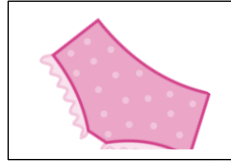
<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

If your child normally has PE on that day, your child's lessons will be adjusted so that they can safely participate with their costumes on!

ECO NEWS



Please could you help to recycle and re-use by sending any outgrown pants, socks and tights for EYFS?



Eco-club made their own wild flower paper this week. We did this by making paper pulp from scraps of paper and adding seeds. We are hoping to deliver it to our local residents around the school for them to plant in their own gardens!



Rags 2 Riches

Please save your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. for our next collection on **Wednesday 6th March**. We will be sending home a collection bag soon but any plastic bags can be used.



Maths Championships

This week a small group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Dudley Maths Championships at Priory Primary. They were awesome and although they didn't get through to the final, they did brilliantly and were a credit to the school - their teamwork and excitement was lovely to see. So well done to Oliver, T, Blake G, Jacob P, Kye W, Theo H and Gracie-May H.



The school football team played their latest league game and maintained their unbeaten season with a 0-6 win away at Peters Hill Primary School in Stourbridge.

Well done to all of the team for a great win.



Over half term, another exciting T. T. Rock Stars battle took place. It was the first time year 2 have joined in a battle this year so well done to any year 2 children who took part. It will probably come as no surprise that 5W were the winners again... it seems as if they are unbeatable! As a class, they managed to score 31,332 points. In second place was 4K with 19,851 points and 6J came in third with a score of 12,363. Our top 3 individual scorers were all from 5W: congratulations Tyler (10,674), Gunseerat (9,632) and Varya (7,689). Every point scored represents a correct times table answer - that's a lot of great practice! Remember, the battle has ended but you can keep on playing and improving your times tables.

Parents Evening + Book Fair/Parent Surveys

Please keep Wednesday 20th March in your diaries as this will be parents evening.

Don't forget parents evening!

The book fair and parental surveys will also be conducted on this night.

We value your time and your feedback to help us make the school as good as it can be.



CRADLEY TOWN FC
EST 2016

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

THUR 4th APRIL & FRI 5th APRIL
10:00 till 14:30 Ages 6 - 13
FOOTBALL, FUN AND MORE FOOTBALL!!
PRESENTATION ON FRIDAY
FREE CLUB TSHIRT FOR ALL PLAYERS
UEFA & FA QUALIFIED COACHES
FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

DUDLEY WOOD PLAYING FIELDS
Dudley Wood Rd. Netherpton
£25 per day or 2 days for £45
(£10 sibling discount)
Bring your own lunch
Water/cordial available

Spaces will only be reserved upon receipt of payment & registration form.
For more info contact us at cradleytowndc@outlook.com

Parent Information Update

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)



We have recently seen a significant rise in the number of requests for EHCPs at Netherbrook following pupil visits to see NHS professionals. We would like to clarify the EHCP process for you so you have a full understanding of the system.

At Netherbrook, if your child is on the SEN register they will have a termly My Plan or My Plan+. These are reviewed and, when achieved, new targets are set. Teachers get in touch with parents via Class Dojo or meet face to face to gather your views. This is the first step towards identifying significant additional needs in children. It is rare to go from no intervention straight to receiving an EHCP.

If your child is making little to no progress in school and is already on the SEN register, is significantly below age related expectations or their needs cannot be met within a set budget (the Local Authority name this as the notional budget of £6000), this is when an EHCP assessment is considered. School and the Local Authority need evidence over time to demonstrate this (including evidence of My Plans over time, assessment information, professional reports etc.)

An EHCP is a legal, personalised document for children who need more support in their educational setting beyond the usual resource they provide (this is the notional budget).

An EHCP assessment can only be undertaken if the child or young person has, or may have, special educational needs – it does not apply where there are only health and/or care needs, no matter how severe.

Dudley Local Authority state, ***“If your child’s special educational needs are complex and/or severe and, despite receiving additional help through the normal graduated SEN approach, your child has not made progress, you or your child’s education setting can request that the local authority (LA) complete an education, health and care needs assessment. The assessment will determine whether or not it is necessary to issue an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).*”**

An EHCP will be necessary where the assessment identifies that a child or young person requires access to specialist support or provision for a prolonged period of time in order to meet their special educational needs and to support them towards achieving greater independence in preparation for adulthood.”

Early years settings, schools and post-16 institutions can request an assessment, acting on behalf of the child/young person, School will do this if the criteria shown above is met. .

Parents/carers can request an EHCP for their child and further information about this can be found on the link below..

Further information can be located on the following link

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/storage/5601/EHC-Needs-Assessment-leaflet-WEB.pdf>