



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We have had another varied couple of weeks here at school. The cold weather seems set in for the time being, with icy sleet surprising us at lunch time! Again, please make sure your child comes to school every day with a coat, the weather can be very changeable and difficult to predict.

This evening saw our first Move Night, in aid of Place2Be, with over 80 children singing along to the Encanto soundtrack (*We don't talk about Bruno-no-no.....sorry!*) This is a great film about everyone being individuals and accepted for who we are – what a perfect introduction into Children's Mental Health week, which is next week. Please see below for further details of what we will be getting up to.

We have just two weeks until we break up for February half term. If you need childcare (or your child would like to attend anyway!) please make sure you get booked into Busy Bees. We are finalising our staff rota and so we need to make sure the ratios are correct.

Have a lovely weekend,

*N Bamforth*

Headteacher



## Stone Age Warriors!

Chestnuts have been learning about The Stone Age and how people lived and survived during these times. These two young 'warriors' then went home and fashioned Stone Age tools out of branches, stones and wool – they even sharpened the stones! Fantastic, boys, super independent work – well done Alaric and James!



## World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day. World Book Day is always an occasion we mark and goes very much hand in hand with all of the work we are doing on early reading and reading for pleasure.

Unfortunately, like many things, World Book Day has become very commercialised, with supermarkets and other retailers 'cashing in' on the fact that we often like to dress up for the occasion. They often sell a character from a book outfit for around £10-£15 and the children may wear it once or twice.

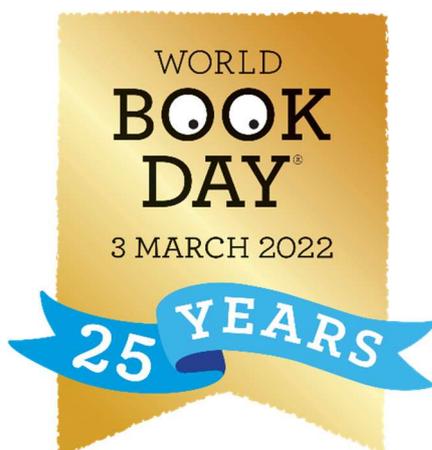
We have decided this year, we are going to make this day special, by making it ALL ABOUT BOOKS! We will be doing lots of activities surrounding books in classes, but we will not be dressing up or asking for donations to dress up.

What we are asking, though, is that if you would like to contribute and celebrate with us, you buy us books!! We are looking at transforming the spare classroom into a reading room (something that we have wanted to do for years, but funds have held us back!) and having new, up to date and relevant books would be an amazing start!

During lockdown, the PTFA asked us to set up an Amazon wish list with items on that we would love and we were genuinely overwhelmed by the generosity of so many families, including grandparents and aunts and uncles! What we have decided to do is re-establish this, purely with books on for this occasion. The link to the wish list is here - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YIGCDRG9XNIN?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YIGCDRG9XNIN?ref=wl_share) although I will be adding further titles on over the next couple of weeks.

Any books that are bought and delivered to school will have a book plate stuck in it, stating who has generously bought the book and for the World Book Day 2022, so it is also a legacy for years to come. Please make sure to fill in who the books are from!

I hope you will agree that this is a better use of money (and ultimately landfill!) than supermarket bought costumes that will sit in the bottom of wardrobes, and support our endeavours to create a fabulous reading area in our school. Many thanks.



### **Attendance/punctuality letters**

As I stated in the last newsletter, I had been analysing the attendance and punctuality of every child in school. This is a statutory duty and I have to follow up when children start hitting triggers – meaning that they have hit 95% attendance or lower.

I can understand when parents get a little shocked when receiving these, especially if you haven't received one before. This is a legal duty to do and while we haven't been sending these letters due to the pandemic, we have been instructed to do so again. Any absence due to Covid has not been counted in the figures.

I will continue to monitor and will be writing out again just after the Easter holidays. If the children have made improvements in their attendance, then there will be no further action.

I know you all support school and want the best for your children and so I am sure you will understand the need for the letters. Many thanks.

### **Maples as artists**

Maples have been inspired by the Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes. I am sure you will agree they have done a great job!



### **Driving and parking on Greenacres**

Yes, I know, I do write regularly about this....but we are having more issues with parking. Please be considerate of our neighbours. One day last week an undertaker was unable to carry out his duties in a timely fashion, as parents' cars were blocking the way. I can only imagine how upsetting this was for all concerned.

I have also had reports of reckless driving when coming into Greenacres. When this was challenged by one of our parents, they received a barrage of abuse, including the use of foul language. Driving in such an unsafe manner and using such foul language beside a school is outrageous and will not be tolerated. This incident has been reported to, and logged by the police. We will not hesitate to report again, should there be a repeat.

On a related matter, please do not allow children to walk on the grass by Greenacres – we are coming into Spring and we would hate for the budding flowers to be trampled. Many thanks.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week (w/c 7<sup>th</sup> February) is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be exploring many aspects of mental health throughout the week, in class and in assemblies.

On Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> February) we will be taking part in Dress to Express, which is a dress down day to celebrate everything that makes us beautifully unique. The cost for this is £2 and all proceeds will go directly to Place2Be, which is a children's mental health charity. You can bring cash on the day or you can pay through the JustGiving page, here -

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In addition, we are holding the LKS2 and UKS2 Movie nights on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> (Y3/4) and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> (Y5/6), where the money is split between school and Place2Be.

## Busy Bees for February Half Term

<b>Disney/Pixar Week</b>				
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am
<b>Monsters, Inc.</b>  <b>Potato Stamps</b> 	<b>THE INCREDIBLES</b>  <b>SUPERHERO MASHS</b> 	<b>FROZEN</b>  <b>GLOWING OLAF NIGHTLIGHT</b> 	<b>TOY STORY</b>  <b>DIY FORKY</b> 	<b>MOANA</b>  <b>MAKE 'SHINY'</b> 
<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch
<b>Mike Wazowski Cupcakes</b> 	<b>SUPERHERO GAMES</b> 	<b>FROZEN SLIME</b> 	<b>ALIEN CRAFTS</b> 	<b>HAWAIIAN LEIS</b> 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

## Little Acorns Celebrate Chinese New Year

The children in Little Acorns have been learning about Chinese New Year, the customs and how they celebrate. Here are some pictures of them kite flying and dragon dancing!



### Punctuality Reminder

Despite letters going out last week regarding punctuality, there have been a number of children late into school this week. A polite reminder, please that late children should be brought into the office by a parent or guardian and signed in. We have had unaccompanied children walking in late. This is not appropriate and is a safeguarding concern.

## **FEBRUARY FUN** Find your thing this February with our fun-packed FREE activities!

### **Monday 21st February**

1.00pm - 2.30pm Nature Prints & Collages - The Artworks, Shaw Lane, HX3 9ET  
5.00pm - 6.00pm Boxing - Northern Powerhouse Boxing, Todmorden, OL14 6EG

### **Tuesday 22nd February**

10am - 12pm Digital Art with Alex & Zeke  
12pm - 1pm Lunch (please provide packed lunch)  
1pm - 3.30pm Alien Invasion creative writing with Kate & Nikki

### **@ Orangebox**

1 Blackledge, HX1 1AF

### **Wednesday 23rd February**

10.00am - 3.00pm Wonderful Nature with Nikki & Kate Lightowler Rd, HX1 5NB  
In a beautiful outdoor kitchen & garden join us for: yoga, pizza making, crafts, games & baking!

### **@ The Outback**

### **Thursday 24th February**

9.00am - 12.00pm Cool Cricket - Cricket Asylum, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 3BT  
10.00am - 3.30pm Funghi Fun - Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7AW

### **Friday 25th February**

10.00am - 11.00am Delightful Dance with Curious Motion - Orangebox, HX1 1AF

## **TIMEOUT**

FIND YOUR THING



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To book email us at: [timeoutbookings@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk](mailto:timeoutbookings@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk)



## Branch Out Awards

### **Not Giving Up!**

Chestnuts – Alaric K  
Willows – Eden C  
Maples – Millie F  
Redwoods – Paige G

### **Being Enthusiastic**

Chestnuts – Max E  
Willows – Indi-May G  
Maples – Noah W  
Redwoods – Alex K

### **Showing Respect**

Chestnuts – Rori C  
Willows – Lilabelle B  
Maples – Harvey S  
Redwoods – Zane S

### **Being Kind and Caring**

Chestnuts – Jack C  
Willows – Harvey M  
Maples – Daphne W  
Redwoods – Bethan B

### **Making Good Choices**

Chestnuts – Oliver O  
Willows – Chloe G  
Maples – Ella B  
Redwoods – Naomi A

## **Diary Dates**

***Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.***

### **February**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dress to Express Day LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Film night
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Film night
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Close for half term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Busy Bees open all week – contact to book</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reopen

### **March**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 celebration assembly
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Finals – Temple Newsham, Leeds
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Meeting

### **April**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Close for Easter
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reopen for the summer term

### **May**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School reopen
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 celebration assembly
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee Celebration Day

School closes for half term

## June

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

School Closed – Queen’s Jubilee

School reopens

KS2 celebration assembly

Year 6 residential to Langdale all week

## July

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Reception/KS1 celebration assembly

KS2 celebration assembly

Full Governing Meeting

School closes for summer



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