

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England
VA Primary School



Friday 8th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers joining us yesterday afternoon for our reading café. We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with you all and sharing books and crafts. Attached to this newsletter is a sheet with lots of ideas for reading with your children and encouraging them to read for pleasure which I hope will give you some inspiration of things to try at home.

In our introduction yesterday the children talked about lots of reasons for reading. Of course reading is important in daily life but the children also talked about it helping them to stay happy and calm as well as taking them to far away places. Children don't have to read fiction books it could be graphic novels, comics, recipe books, newspapers, magazines, cereal packets or even listening to audio books! All reading is good reading! Why not try something new this weekend?

Have a lovely weekend,

L. Watts

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - We have enjoyed another busy and fun-filled week in Ash class. We have been reading, *The Story of Orchestra: Carnival of the Animals*. We have been learning about the animals that we meet in the story and have talked about the music that goes with each part of the story. We dug for fossils in the sand tray, fished and identified sea creatures from a water table, made lion masks and made some under the sea inspired art and crafts. We are continuing to read our Green books in phonics and have been writing whole sentences! In maths, we have been focusing on exploring and representing the numbers 9 and 10. We really enjoyed our World Book Day activities and shared our favourite books and stories in class.

Elm Class - Elm class were very excited about World Book day and many children brought in books to share and talk about. In our reading lesson we learnt to retrieve using annotations today and the children found out some amazing facts about constellations.

Beech Class - In Beech Class this week we have continued to investigate our work on levers. We discovered that by moving the fulcrum closer to the load of 5 marbles you only need 1 marble to lift the load. When we moved the fulcrum closer to the effort you needed 30 marbles to lift the load. Using this information, we investigated the length of the lever on catapults and discovered that a longer lever was better but it couldn't be too long.

Oak Class - Oak Class have had a busy week as usual this week. We have been learning about space, this week about the moon. Did you know that if you live in Australia, you see the same phases of the moon, just the opposite way around? We really enjoyed the reading cafe in class and especially talking about books to parents, carers and our friends. In PE, for the first time, we had a go of Ultimate Frisbee. That was really fun!

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Lego & Crafts	Sam Rose
Tuesday	Creativity club	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis
Thursday	Creativity club	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball Stay & Play	Active Education (Childcare only)

PE & Woodland Learning

Tuesday - PE for Ash and Elm

Wednesday (until Easter holidays) Woodland Learning for Y4, Y6 and Willow

Thursday - PE for Willow

Friday - PE for Elm, Beech and Oak

A request from the Parish Council We are writing on behalf of Roughton Parish Council in connection with the parking occurring on the green area outside the School. The school is located at a difficult junction/roundabout and we have had a number of representations from people concerned with careless parking on the green.

It is understood that sometimes parents run late and park and hurry into the school. However, parking on the grass is causing issues with traffic flow and is dangerous for visual splay. Recently we have engaged with the Highways team and 2 wooden posts have been installed to discourage this parking however, it is still occurring. We are asking if all parents could refrain from parking on the grass. **Thank you**

Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Cawlie, Gabriele, Anthony, Freddie D,
Nahla, Myla, Rae

Smarties awards this week go to...

Finley A, Freddie B, Theo, Nahla, Olivia L,
Felix D



Silver awards this week go to...

Macey, Benjamin W, Finley A, Rae, Benjamin K, Pixie,



Eat them to defeat them - tomatoes!



World Book Day lunch





Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March - Oak class London residential

Wednesday 13th March - music and movement workshop for Y4/5/6 - PE kit please

Thursday 14th March - Norfolk Music Festival performance

Monday 18th March - Red Nose Day non-uniform, £1 (due to the festival and PE the week before)

Friday 22nd March - Playground proms performance, Norfolk Music Hub

Friday 22nd March - Friends' Disco

Monday 25th March - Easter hunt and bonnet parade @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 26th March - Easter lunch

Wednesday 27th March - Easter service @ 2pm, End of term

Monday 15th April - Back to school