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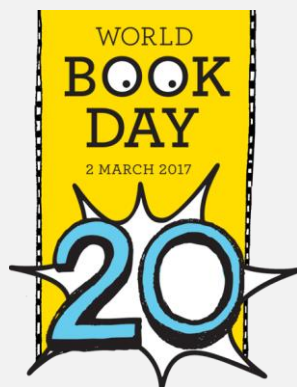


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Happening this week

### READATHON AND WORLD BOOK DAY

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Readathon week arrives at Birklands. Readathon is a national sponsored reading event which raises money to support seriously ill children across the UK. It also supports your child's reading by encouraging them to read more. School will receive vouchers to access free books for school linked to the amount of sponsor money we raise. Look out for the sponsor forms coming home with your child.



During Readathon week is World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and on this day pupils are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Looks like it will be an exciting and imaginative week of reading!

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Phonics Club 3-4pm  
Football Club 3-4.15pm  
Sport 4 Kidz lunch time activities

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Phonics Club 3-4pm  
Choir Club 3-4pm  
Year 6 English Booster 3-4pm  
KS1 SATS Parent info 3pm

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Lego Club – lunch time

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

PTFA Meeting 9am  
Newspaper Club 3-4pm  
Year 6 Maths Club 3-4pm

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 visit to Warsop Library  
Corporal Butcher after school club 3-4pm

#### PE Days

Reception – Monday  
Year 1 - Weds & Thurs  
Year 2 – Mon & Weds  
Year 3 – Thurs & Fri  
Year 4 – Mon & Fri  
Year 5 – Thurs (swim) & Fri  
Year 6 – Weds & Fri

### Welcome Back

We hope that everyone is relaxed and refreshed after the half-term break and ready to work hard as we push towards Easter. As always, attendance at school is a priority as well as punctuality. The school days starts at 8.45 and it is important that children are in the

school playground before then to ensure that they are in class on time and do not miss out on any valuable learning time.

Please remember that children can come to school with minor illnesses such as headaches and coughs/colds – we will look after them! If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and before 9am.

We are currently working with Meden's Attendance Officer who will be making home visits if we do not have a valid reason for your child's absence.

On a happier note, our Year 3 teacher Miss Parr got married over the holidays and is now Mrs Carlin. Wonder how long it will take for us to get used to her new name?

## Uniform

Mrs Smith and Mrs Duffy will be conducting a uniform audit on Friday. Please ensure that your child always wears the correct school uniform including sensible black school shoes and **NO TRAINERS**.

## PTFA & School Council Competition

The PTFA and School Council are running a competition to design new markings for the Key Stage 1 playground. More details will be coming out today. Entries close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Year 3/4 Play

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's production by Y3 and Y4. Our rendition of 'Robin and his Sherwood Hoodies' will be performed for parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.45pm and 5.30pm. Tickets will be available soon - watch this space!

## Questionnaire

We have only had a couple of replies to our questionnaire about the possibility of offering courses run by West Notts College here in school. If this is something that you would like to see happening then please send your questionnaire back as soon as possible.

## Writing Competition

Don't forget our exciting writing competition taking place at the moment. Children are invited to write a story inspired by any one of the following starters:

The lights flickered and then went off, then the sirens started, it was coming, we knew it wouldn't be the last time...

Closer and closer it came, it was getting bigger and bigger, soon it filled the sky above, was the moon falling?

I pushed open the old creaky door and looked inside. What a sight met my eyes!

Children can add illustrations and write as little or as much as they like. The winner will be presented with a £10 gift voucher. The closing date is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## Carnival

This year's carnival will be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July with a theme of 'Cultures of the World'. As usual we will be getting involved and will be decorating a float to take part in the parade. We would like to put together a committee to organize and prepare for this great community event. If any parents/carers have time to spare to help then please let the school office know. Also, if you don't have time to join the committee but have some ideas about what we can do or are able to donate any materials then please let us know.

## Head Lice

We have recently had cases of head lice reported in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Further advice can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Sainsbury's are again giving vouchers out for any shopping purchased until 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be collecting vouchers to hopefully get some more sports equipment for the school. If you have any vouchers please bring them in to the school office.

## More Important News



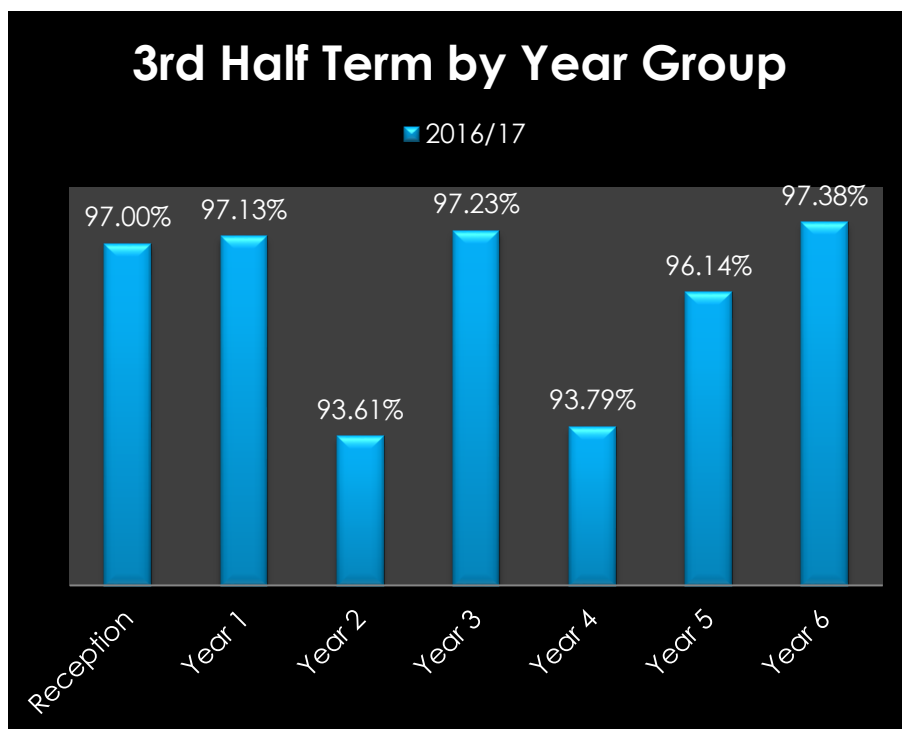
Stars of the week ending 10<sup>th</sup> February were:

Reception – Danny Lee & Max Drury  
Year 1 – Lucas Lee & Lilla Rick  
Year 2 – Logan Butcher & Jaycee Hobson  
Year 3 – Pauliasi Dau & Lexie Henson  
Year 4 – Ruby-Louise Widdowson & Serafin Nicolae  
Year 5 – Ben Evans & Benjamin Overton  
Year 6 – Chanel Neill & Shanay Plastow

The best behaved class last week were the Robins in Reception – well done!

### Attendance

Last half term the class with the best attendance were Year 6 with an amazing 97.38% closely followed by Year 3 with 97.23%. However, Year 2 only managed 93.61% which really needs to be improved. Massive progress still need to be made to enable us to meet our annual target of 96.4%.



### We would love you to...

Join us for Maths games on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am.

Reading every Thursday morning from 8.30am.

**CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TEAM POINT EVERY TIME THEY ATTEND!!**

Breakfast Club is held on a daily basis from 8.00am to 8.30am at a cost of £1.20



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