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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Another half term has flown by. Well done to all the children who have worked hard this half term with so much enthusiasm and energy. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. A lot has been packed in to this short term and as usual all the staff have worked hard to provide lots of exciting leaning and fun opportunities to nurture and teach the children.

As the weather changes for the worse, please ensure that your children have suitable clothing for outdoors. Warm coats, hats, gloves. As always, please ensure these are labelled so when they are misplaced we can return them.

I hope you have a lovely half term and the children come back refreshed and ready for a busy 7 week term.

Attendance - Every day absent is a lost day of learning

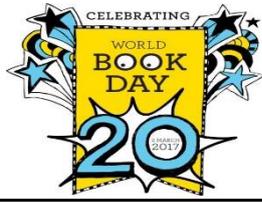
Attendance has become an issue for some children. Please talk to your children about the importance of being in school every day and on time. Coughs, sniffles, and tummy aches are part of everyday life and do not require rest at home. We find that once the children are in school they forget about feeling poorly so unless they have been sick, please send them in and we will ring home if they get worse.

Children with less than 90% attendance are classed as persistently absent from school and this may mean that they are referred to the Pupil attendance support team. This is a last resort so please help your child understand that they only need to attend school for 190 days out of 365 and they gets lots of holidays!!

Film nights

Thank you to all of those who attended and helped out at the infant and junior film nights. A great night was had by all and a total of £476 was raised. This is a wonderful amount and contributes to school events and equipment. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the PTA for all their wonderful work. It really is appreciated.





World Book Day

There will be a sponsored read taking place during the week of World Book Day. Money raised will go towards Usborne books.

Although World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March, we will celebrate book day on Friday 6th due to the football fundraiser event on Thursday. This will also be a non-uniform day so children can dress up as their favourite book character.

Football Fundraiser/CAFOD

As part of our commitment to caring for our common home, we will be holding a fun football fundraisers on Thursday 4th March supported by Lane from BFC. We will be raising money to help communities in the Amazon defend the rain forest this lent.

More information to follow.

World book day costume swap.

Following the success of the Christmas jumper swap. We are continuing this theme with a world book day costume swap which will take place in school on Friday 28th Feb. Cost- £2 per outfit. Any parents who would like to help out please let Mrs Wilkinson in the office know.



On Wednesday 11th March we will be hosting a day where children will travel back in time and make History come alive. We will be creating timelines through acting and will be exploring a range of artefacts and sources developing enquiry skills. We welcome any donations in order to fund a new school timeline. Fancy dress encouraged but not a requirement.

Year 3 History Day

On Monday of this week the Year 3 children finished the Roman Topic by celebrating with a Roman Day. Some children dressed up and we designed and made shields, learnt about famous Romans and designed our own coins!



Reading

As a school we want to promote parents' reading to children and the importance of it. Spending time together with your child while reading aloud helps to create strong parent-child bonds and promotes healthy brain development. Children that are read to more often have improved language and listening skills, experience stronger emotional connections to their loved ones, and gain a lifelong love of reading. This also helps your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills, learn to value books and stories, Spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity.

We are asking that parents ensure that they read with their child for at least 10mins every day. Many children will have their own books at home that they like to read which is fine as long as teachers are informed of the books so they can keep a record.

We will be monitoring children's reading records to check that they are reading at home and will ask them to give an overview/report about the story once they have finished.

Please help us support your child and encourage the joys of reading

Afterschool Clubs

Clubs are filling up fast so please sign up via parent pay or send payment in for Drama, Judo, Tennis, dancing. If you do not let Mrs Wilkinson know that you wish to have a place, they club may need to be cancelled.

Office

Please note that every Friday Mrs Wilkinson attends a staff meeting from 8.30am -8.45am. On occasions she will also cover welfare during lunch so please be aware that during these times the office will be unattended and phone calls cannot be answered. Please leave a message and she will call you back at the earliest opportunity.



Dates for Your Diary

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| January | |
| Monday 24 th Feb | School reopens Clubs start |
| Monday 2 nd March | CAFOD assembly |
| Wednesday 4 th March | Year 6 visit to the Mayor's parlour |

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| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day |
| Tuesday 10 th March | Year 3 Reconciliation 6.30pm in Church |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Year 3 Assembly 3.00pm |
| Thursday 12 th March | Year 6 Primary Maths Quiz at St Augustine's 7.00pm |

Class assemblies

Year 3 - 11th March 3.00pm
Year 2 - 25th March 3.00pm
Year 4 - 29th April 3.00pm
EYFS 13th May 3.00pm

Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10th March 2020 6.30pm.
First Holy Communion Saturday 20th June 11.00am

Secondary Intake days

St Augustine's 24th June
Intake Mass 6.00pm
Intake evening 7th July 6.00pm

Grammar- Intake day Friday 26th June

Bowland-

Induction Evening - 24th June
29th/30th June- Intake days

Ribblesdale - 29th June & 30th June

6th & 7th July Transition evening

Year 6 leaver's Mass Tuesday 14th July 9.15am
Year 6 leaver's assembly Friday 17th July 1.00pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott
Headteacher