



Spring Term Newsletter 7

1 March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our weekly newsletter on St. David's Day – a very fine day, in my opinion. St. David is the Patron Saint of Wales and many people pin a daffodil to their clothes to commemorate this day.



Future Events: Coming Up

- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (a separate letter has been sent out)
- Friday 15th March – Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' – (a letter is being sent out)
- Friday 5th April – Break up for the Easter holidays
- KS2 SATS will take place in May 2019, from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. All children must attend and holidays will not be authorised.

Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning.

Attendance for the week before half term saw 6 classes having 96% or better with Mr Brown's children being the best attenders with 99.6% for the week. Well done to them!

Writers of the week!

'Writers of the week' were presented with a fabulous certificate in our celebration assembly last week. Children are chosen by their class teacher for impressive writing over that particular week.

Well done to:

Miss Beckwith's Writer of the Week was **Scarlett Roberts**
Miss O'Keeffe's Writer of the Week was **Isabelle Emms**
Mrs Jones' Writer of the Week was **Daniel Lithgow**
Miss Bryson's Writer of the Week was **Dylan Frost**
Mrs Jatwa's Writer of the Week was **Olivia Radcliffe**
Mrs Mudgway's Writer of the Week was **Amelia Swalwell**
Mrs Ayre's Writer of the Week was **Cole Vallily**
Miss Adams; Writer of the Week was **Alexis Shaw**

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Reading at Home

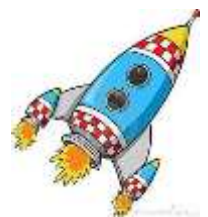
Our highly successful 'Read for the Stars' initiative rewards children who regularly read at home.

To that end, we have had another successful group of children reaching the sun.

Well done to: **Olivia Burnham, Hollie York, Effie Brown, Jack Cooke, Ryley Vickers, Mason Benson, Maizey Smith, Zak Burton, Lauren Nellist and Mason Vickers**

This week, we had **Leighton Harper** reaching the 'sun' for a second time. Very well done!

Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book.



Pen Licences

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is now a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupil's to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are:- **Daniel Redfern** and **Chloe Hill, both in Year 5.**



Visitor in School

Those of you who follow us on Twitter will have seen this week, we had the very entertaining and engaging oral storyteller, Chris Bostock, in school. What a treat staff, children and parents/carers had. Thank you to those who attended the family story telling event that day. I hope your children told you all about it!

World Book Day

As you know, we are celebrating World Book Day next week in school but also, Asda, Thornaby are running a competition. The message from them is as follows:-

'We will be having a competition on World Book Day 7th March, if any of the pupils would like to come and join us. There will be a prize for dress up age 3-7 and 8-11. Meeting time 3.30pm – 4pm. We would also like to ask if any of your pupils would like to draw their favourite person in a book or their favourite character and this will be judged in store by our managers'.

The Big Red Bus

The Book People Bus will also be visiting on Friday 15th March too. This should be an added attraction on Red Nose Day, it being a big red bus! Leaflets and more details will follow.



Fire Drill

It is vital that our site is as safe as it possibly can be and that systems and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure any potential issues are identified. To that end, school carries out regular fire drills at various days/times. Only the caretaker and Head Teacher know that this is a practice drill, hence staff and children would leave the premises and follow the safety procedures immediately. There is no time for possessions to be collected. We do, however, try and choose a time when the weather is not particularly inclement but this can't be guaranteed.

Internet Safety

You may well be aware from media coverage that the '**Momo Challenge**' is causing concern for a number of children. This week, we have sent out a letter with information to help you discuss this issue with your child and have posted several tweets via our Twitter site.

Twitter /School website



Remember; please follow us on twitter (@BaderPrimary) for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/>

Here, you will find lots of useful information including the latest class and school newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson