



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK

15th February 2022
 As I start to write this newsletter Y3 are returning from their Megafest Rugby trip. They are so lively and have obviously had a great time. These Sports Festivals are an important part of our school calendar and every class attends at least one a year. Lucky Y2 and Y6 attend two!

Y2 Cake Sale
 3pm Thursday
 17th February



WORLD
BOOK DAY
 3 MARCH 2022



World Book Day
 We will once again be taking part in this fun day on Thursday, 3rd March. Please can children come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring their book in with them as well. A new line-up of £1 books for 2022 has also been released that children can choose for free with their £1 book token, which will sent home with them on the day. Have fun planning what you'll dress up as over the half term!

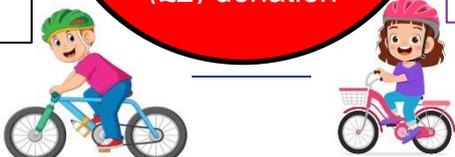
The next collection is
Thursday, 10th March
 Please bring bags to school before 9am



**Comic Relief
 Red Nose Day**
**Friday, 18th
 March**
Wear red
 Please bring in a
 (£2) donation

eSchools and Remote Learning
 If your child is off school but well enough to do some remote learning, please let your teacher know via eSchools. Homework and/or a zoom link for them to join in with a class lesson will then be sent to you via the eSchools messaging system.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment
 The latest document can be found on the school website under the Covid-19 tab.



PSA
 Your Parents and School Association (PSA) have once again worked incredibly hard this year, in challenging circumstances, to raise much needed funds for the school and provide community events for us all. The Bike and Cycle event back in September was a great success and an opportunity for new families to be welcomed to the school, The Christmas market, although restricted by weather issues this time, was very well attended and enjoyed by many.



The PSA funds have been used this year to purchase book collections for each class, curriculum resources including globes and atlases, classroom resources, plus resources for English and Maths. Some funds have gone towards our Outdoor classroom and new hall curtains are currently on order. In previous years, the PSA funds purchased new interactive white boards for each class, iPads and so much more.

Without the funds you raise the school simply would not be able to afford such items. I am therefore writing to you in the hope that a new committee will come forward to continue to lead this much needed and valued part of our school. All the roles are both rewarding and fun. No one is ever alone and joint roles can also work really well too. Why not get your friends to join with you? Please do get in touch with a current PSA committee member (hawridgepsa@hotmail.com) or myself if you would like to find out more.

Attendance

As you know, the last two years have brought inevitable disruption to our children's education. As we move forward it is really important that children's attendance is as regular as possible. Regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community. Please do talk to a member of staff if you are concerned about your child's attendance so that we can support you.

Football Matches

Last Tuesday, it was great to welcome Princes Risborough Primary School to play a couple of mixed Year 5 and 6 football matches.

The children were amazing and we witnessed some fabulous skills from everyone, with both games ending in a draw (1-1 and 4-4). We look forward to doing it all again very soon and look forward to welcoming Princes Risborough Primary School back again for Cross Country on 14th March.

Absence from School

If your child is absent for school for any reason, please could you ensure you let the office know either by the absence telephone line or by email first thing in the morning. Thank you



This week would normally be half term in Bucks when Valentine's day falls. As I am sure you know, St Valentine is the patron saint of love (and bee keepers by the way!). St Valentine preached to persecuted Christians during the time of the Roman Empire.

As the news reports suggest we are on the brink of possible conflict, it is good to focus on acts of love and kindness seen across the world; such as the Nottingham mum who spotted another mum being given a parking ticket when the ticket she had purchased had been blown over. The stranger left a £20 donation with a note saying 'from one mum to another'. There is also the barber offering Afghan refugees free haircuts. Perhaps you have also seen the 'hug a granny' initiative in Brighton? I do hope you all have a relaxing, healthy half term and are able to focus on the positives, both giving and receiving kindness and love as you do so.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5: 22- 23

Finally, what a strange end to the term – a day at home, remote learning, due to Storm Eunice. Please take care today and enjoy your remote learning. You have all done marvellously well this term and are due a good rest to re-energise your learning batteries. I look forward to hearing what fun things you have been up to. If you're travelling to any exciting places in the UK I would love to receive a postcard to show everyone in our next assembly.