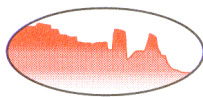


**KIRKBY & GREAT BROUGHTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



NEWSLETTER - 16th MARCH 2018

Dear Parents,

The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day last Friday dressing up as a favourite book character and taking part in exciting activities to celebrate a love of reading. Thank you for all your hard work and creativity in helping the children with their fantastic costumes.

The David Ashwell Foundation



Many thanks for supporting the David Ashwell Foundation through our Jeans Day today. As you are aware the charity has funded a number of research projects providing answers to families who have lost babies and aiming to prevent the death of babies from ACD in the future. We will pass on your donations to Mr and Mrs Ashwell.

Bingo

We are looking forward to the PTA bingo event this evening. Doors will open at 5.00pm with eyes down at 5.15pm. There will be one hour of bingo (traditional number, animal sound and picture bingo). Great prizes to be won and refreshments will be available to purchase. Just come along and pay on the door, only £2 per person with all proceeds going towards school projects.



Rotary Club Tree Planting



The Rotary Club will be planting trees in the Woodland Area in Great Broughton on Saturday 24th March from 9am. Families are invited to join in with members of the Rotary club who will be providing refreshments for all involved.

Book Fair



Our school Book Fair will take place later this half term. The commission from book sales enables us to buy new books for our children to enjoy and we hope that you will be able to support us once again this year. It will open on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March at 3.15pm in the school library.

Duck Race



The duck race will be held on Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm. Please see the attached letter about sponsoring a duck. There will be tea and coffee served in the school hall after the races when we will also announce the winners of the decorated egg competition. Donations of easter eggs for the PTA tombola would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Free School Meals and Universal Credit



Please could we draw your attention to documents on the school website relating to Universal Credit and eligibility for Free School Meals. Whilst all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently eligible for a free school meal on age criteria, applications still need to be made for those parents on Universal Credit before April, 1st 2018. This enables children to continue to receive any appropriate future funding and ensures that records are accurate in relation to school funding. Both the letter from North Yorkshire County Council and the application form can be found on and downloaded from the website - the letter can be found in "Newsletters" and the application form in "Forms to Download". Both documents are also available from the school office and please feel assured that any queries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Parent Pay



We are pleased to announce that after half term we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for dinner meals and school trips, using a secure service called ParentPay. After Easter ParentPay will be live at school when we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the Paypoint network at local convenience stores. We will shortly be sending you activation details and instructions on how to get started. If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: www.parentpay.com/Parents