



### **Dressing Up**

There was some degree of disappointment about the decision not to dress up this year for World Book Day.

We decided not to because we had already committed to fundraising for Red Nose Day, which is just over a week later, and had decided earlier in the year that we would only do one whole Federation dressing up day a term.

Some children felt quite strongly about this, so Mr Wilkinson talked to the whole school about it in assembly and then worked with the School Council to show them how democracy works by holding a whole school referendum about the issue.

The children were given three choices: to celebrate World Book Day by dressing up as book characters; to fundraise on Red Nose Day by wearing red; or to dress up in red for Red Nose Day and allow children to fundraise in different ways in their class during the afternoon.

The children voted overwhelmingly for option 3, so will be discussing ideas with their teachers about what they could do in their class as a fundraiser.

We will still be having our book swap on Thursday as planned, so don't forget to bring in any books you're prepared to swap to the library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week and pick up your swap token.



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*'Work With Us'*

*Drop-in Session*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March*

*9.15 – 10.30am*

### **Infant School Community Room**

You are invited to come along and meet our two Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators, Family Support Worker and other people who work with children who have additional needs.

All are welcome to drop-in to this informal termly session to have a cuppa and a chat.

*Hope to see you there*



### **This week's E-Safety Top Tip for Parents**

***If you use Google, turn on 'Google Safe Search' to filter inappropriate content from your search results***

***For more help and advice visit***

***[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety) or [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) where there are further resources for families***



### Mobile Phones in School

We would prefer children not to bring mobile phones to school, and the school policy is that if your child has an exceptional reason to bring a phone it needs to be kept in a named pouch in the Drop Box in the School Office.

We will also only accept a phone for the Drop Box if a parent has signed a permission form in which they take responsibility for the phone. You can get one of these from the School Office. We do not have the capacity to store lots of phones, so please only use this facility in exceptional circumstances.

If your child brings in a phone and does not place it in the Drop Box it will be confiscated and put in the box. It can then be collected at the end of the school day.

### Tree Planting

All of the Junior School children will be planting a tree to contribute to our Federation Hedge on Monday. They will be outside for about half an hour, and will therefore need to bring suitable waterproofs and either wellies or other mud-proof footwear.

The hedge will be a haven for wildlife, and will also grow into a much more attractive boundary for the school field than the current chain link fence.

We would like to thank Councillor Richard Westlake who has very kindly donated the money to buy the trees, and the Devon Wildlife Trust for providing the expertise and volunteers to make it happen.

### Support Group.

If you would like to join our friendly group of parents and carers who have children with a range of educational or behavioural needs, we get together each half term to share experiences, worries, laughs and advice.

Our next meeting is at the Jury's Inn, opposite the Vue cinema on **Monday 9th March at 7.45pm.**

For more information please call Lindsey Blackwell, Family Support worker.

Tel 07543687410

### Family Assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents at 3AN's Family Assembly just before half term. The children shared some of the poetry, singing and music they have been learning as part of their 'Pirates' topic. It was a really good opportunity for them to practise and then perform in front of an audience, and we all really enjoyed it.

The next two Family Assemblies are coming up rather quickly. Next week (**6<sup>th</sup> March**) it's **4DB's** turn, and the following week (**13<sup>th</sup> March**) it's **5AS.**

The Assemblies start just after 9.00am, and usually last about 15 minutes.



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