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**Thingwall Primary School...**  
**Teachers, Parents and Students'**  
**Together Promoting Success**

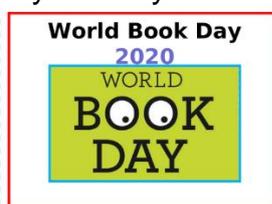
Dear Parents

Welcome to the February edition of our school newsletter and the final one for this half term. The following information may be of interest to you ...

### World Book Day:

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and, as you know, we usually really enjoy this day and fill it with reading related activities for the children. This year will be no exception and we have decided to encourage children to dress up as their favourite book character or as a character/item from a non-fiction book. Please note, we do understand that not every child enjoys dressing up opportunities so this aspect of the day is purely voluntary.

NB. Year Three will be on their school visit on this day so we have decided to let them dress up on the Friday instead for our visit to Irby Primary to meet Frank Cottrell Boyce.



### Break The Rules Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

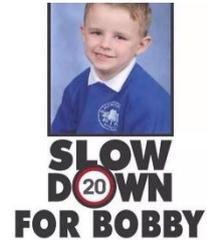
POTS have contacted me regarding concerns from a minority of parents regarding Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 'Break the Rules' day. Can we please assure you that this will not be a 'Be Naughty' day – usual codes of conduct, rules and policies will still apply (as will our usual rewards and sanctions systems). There will be a list of 10 **specific** rules that children will be allowed to break for 50p per rule. Example rules might be wear nail varnish for the day, have a lunchbox treat, spray paint your hair or even dress like a rock star (as several children were disappointed that we changed our original plan to a sponsored walk rather than a Rockathon). There will also be an opportunity for two children to be the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher for the day (we haven't quite finalised those details just yet). 'Break the Rules' days have worked well in many schools and lots of local schools have reported positively about this too. Rules are an important part of any school and, as such, teachers will be using the day to discuss why we have rules, the impact of rules being broken in our classrooms, our schools and on society as a whole and also children will be designing rules for a better world (this ties in with Coast 2 Country 2020 and also will further cement our work on the United Nations 17 Sustainable Goals). We hope that this work will form part of our Unicef Rights and Responsibilities work and set us on our way to becoming a Rights Respecting School. Any children with additional special needs will be fully prepared for this day by class teachers.

Just to reiterate POTS are not planning on this event being a 'Be Naughty' day. School reserves the right to withdraw children whose behaviour is below par from the 'Breaking the Rules' aspect of the day and this will be made clear to everyone before the event. I hope that this clears up any misunderstandings. If anyone has any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



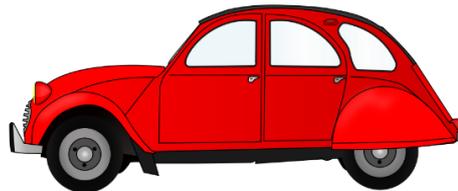
**Car Parking Competition and Wirral Together Thanks:**

We have launched our Federation parking competition this week (pupils should have bought a competition entry form home, please let us know if you do not appear to have one). We are very grateful to the 'Wirral Together' team who have agreed to fund the parking bumper stickers by providing all seven schools with the £460 we need to cover printing costs. Thanks also to Mike Collins for organising this and for presenting the parent parking/speeding petition to the Council.



**PS Potto and PC Inman Visit:**

We were delighted to welcome our Police Community Support Officers into school yesterday to hold a whole school assembly about crossing the road safely and also encouraging adults to park sensibly outside our school. PC Potto and PC Inman have both agreed to judge the above competition along with Mike Collins and representatives from the School Crossing Patrol.



**Sponsored Event Thanks:**

Many thanks for all your contributions for our sponsored event. We really appreciate your support and every penny counts. We are still totalling the final amount so we will let you know the grand total raised as soon as we are able. We will also announce the child who has raised the most and present them with a prize.



**Governor Update:**

We are very grateful for all the voluntary work that our Governing Body do behind the scenes. This month we would like to thank Mr Ron Rumble, one of our Community Governors. Ron has worked very hard with myself and Mr Wearing on our recent Local Authority Health & Safety Audit and Fire Audit and we are delighted to report that we have made good progress since our last inspection four years ago.



**Annual Parent Questionnaire:**

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the time to respond to our annual parent questionnaire. We will collate results and report findings back in next month's newsletter.



**Goodbye Mrs Hutchinson:**

We said au revoir to Mrs Hutchinson today as she leaves to commence her maternity leave. We wish her and Mr Hutchinson all the best for this next exciting adventure in their lives and we hope to meet Baby Hutchinson very soon! We presented her with a bouquet of pink flowers during assembly yesterday and she enjoyed a lovely Pink Party with FS2 this afternoon. Goodbye Mrs Hutchinson, we will see you soon please keep us updated!



**School Council Update:**

Miss Hine has met with the School Council to find out what they like about our school and what they would like us to start doing to make a brilliant school even better! Please see their responses below...

Q 1 Do you feel safe at school? = 100% of children questioned said yes
Q 2 Do you enjoy school? = 100% of children questioned said yes
Q 3 If you needed help or support at school have you got someone you trust that you could approach for help? = 100% of children questioned said yes. They named the following as people who could help them...teachers, teaching assistants, middays, friends, Playground Buddies, Sheila the cook, Mrs Hamel and Mrs Evans.
Q 4 Do you enjoy the lessons and activities at school? = 100% of children questioned said yes
Q 5 What events do you enjoy at school? All the before and after school clubs, the lunchtime clubs, G.O.A.L Club, Tuck shop, discos, fairs, when we dress up as Rockstars.
Q 6 What events would you like POTS to run at school in the future? Wear Your Pyjamas to School day Rock Star day Break the Rules day Red Nose day Cake Bake sale Twelve Days of School Teddy Bears Picnic Whole School Picnic

**Celebration Corner:**

Amber (Year Five), Archie (Year Five) and Ozzie (Year One) – Congratulations to Amber, Archie and Ozzie who competed in their club judo competitions last week. All three came away with an array of medals and trophies. Impressive work children! 😊



With Best Wishes for a restful half term break.

We will see you all again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs D L Evans  
Head Teacher