



26th February

School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

The end to remote learning is in sight!

When I wrote our 'welcome back' newsletter on Monday I said we were eagerly awaiting the announcement of when children will return to school; we now know this will be on Monday 8th March! All school staff are thrilled and I am sure that parents and children are equally delighted.

Plans from 8th March

We have received updated guidance on the reopening of schools from the DfE but there seems little that we will need to change about our processes and procedures from those which we had in place in the Autumn term. I will write again next week to confirm any changes and with reminders about routines for drop-off and collection etc.

We have decided that we will not run any after school clubs until after the Easter holidays and we will run Rise and Shine in the mornings if there is a need in order to support parents with their return to work. It would be incredibly helpful if parents could let us know as soon as possible and by Wednesday 3rd March at the latest, if they do require a place at Rise and Shine before school club from the 8th March. Guidance for parents on attending out of school clubs can be found [here](#). One important message is encouraging parents to limit the number of settings their child/children attends, ideally using just one out-of-school setting in addition to school, as far as possible.

Wellbeing

Our core focus will be on every child's wellbeing on their return to school. We have decided not to send a questionnaire home as we did in the last lockdown as we had so few returned. However, if your child has had any experiences during lockdown, or if you have any concerns regarding their wellbeing as a result of lockdown, that you feel would be useful to share with us, please do. This can be shared via the office email or you can email to request a telephone conversation with a member of school staff if this is preferred.

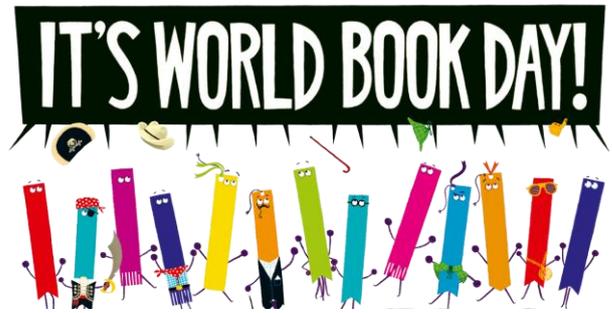
Collection of new reading books

We know that many parents have been to school to collect the new reading books for their child/children. We hope that the children are enjoying these. It was lovely to see some children sharing their books with their class mates on their Zoom calls too. If you haven't been able to collect the books, please don't worry. These will be available to your children when they return to school but if you would like to come to school next week to collect them, please email Mrs Nixon in the office to arrange a suitable time.



World Book Day – 4th March 2021

It is World Book Day next week and as such teachers have been planning some book based activities for your children to complete at home. These will be uploaded to STARZ but some of these activities might include links to live events. We like to let you know that there may be links to events and normally we would watch these and quality assure. Obviously with live events we are unable to do this. However, any links will be from trusted sites such as the BBC, the World book Day website and the national Literacy Trust.



Another exciting event which is new for this year is the live 'share a story' events. These can be accessed [here](#). The line up is as follows:

Wednesday 3rd March, 10.30am – Books that Make you LOL!

Thursday 4th March, 10.30am – World Book Day special – Bringing Reading to Life

Friday 5th March, 10.30am – Books and the Real World

Daisies Montessori Nursery School Relocation

A reminder that the link to the planning application for the relocation of Daisies Montessori Nursery to our school site can be accessed [here](#). The deadline for letting us know whether a meeting (virtually) to discuss these plans would be useful is the 1st March. The deadline for comments on the planning website is 31st March. Please do share your thoughts through the planning website or directly with us here at school.



Fairtrade Fortnight



We have been delighted with the engagement in Fairtrade Fortnight activities this week. Our thanks to parents who have clearly encouraged their children to reflect on fair trade and who have made decisions around purchasing Fairtrade products as a result of this engagement. We would love to continue to hear about this so please do let us know as we plan to collate what families have been

doing for a display at school.

Our lunchtime grace

This week we thought we would share our lunch time grace with you. All children in school take part in our grace, either by saying the words aloud or listening to others, before they eat their lunch. They may want to continue to do this at home when eating their lunch.

Bless,
The food before us,
The people beside us
And the love between us
Amen