

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Attendance

Congratulations to Class 3 with 98.3% attendance for last week. They will receive their class voucher of £5.00. Y3 - 98.7%, Y1 - 98.3%, Y6 - 95.5%, Y5 - , 4.8%, Y4 & Y2 - 94.7%, R - 93.4%, N - AM - 88.9%, N - PM - 67.4%.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day. We will be celebrating our love of books by inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character. We will be accepting entries for the National Book Token competition. We would also ask that your child brings the book into school that their character is from if possible so that they can talk about the character to their class.

One lucky winner's design will be made into a **real-life National Book Tokens gift card**, to be distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas! And there are National Book Tokens galore to be won too - just imagine all those beautiful new books for your school's bookshelves...

To take part, your pupils simply have to make their mark on the template here and design a National Book Token with the theme of **Share a Story**. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 years, 9-12 years and 13-16 years.

*FIRST PRIZE in each age range wins:*

- **£250/€280** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£100/€110** National Book Tokens for the child
- **£100/€110** National Book Tokens for the teacher

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*SECOND PRIZE in each age range wins:*

- **£150/€170** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£50/€55** National Book Tokens for the child
- **£50/€55** National Book Tokens for the teacher

All entries should be produced on A4 paper in portrait format (h 81mm x w 127mm) using the template provided, which will be given out to each child. Every entry must be signed by the teacher (or parent/guardian), who must print in capitals on the reverse of the entry the pupil's full name and age, school name (if applicable), address and phone number.

### **Book Tokens**

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will be distributing more than 15 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children and young people (that's almost one for every child/young person under 18 in the UK and Ireland).

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller (there are lots of them out there and swap it for one of the TWELVE (exclusive, new and completely FREE) World Book Day books.

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. And if you'd rather get an audiobook, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99.

Then all YOU have to do is take your book home and enjoy it. The World Book Day book tokens are valid from Thursday 28 February - Sunday 31 March 2019.

### **Easter Bonnets**

As we do each year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition on. This year it will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019. There will be a first and second prize for each class and a participation prize for every child who enters. We do hope you enjoy making the bonnets with your children at home - please do not go to great expense buying a bonnet as the commercial bonnets rarely win the competition! Have fun making your bonnets!

### **British Science Week Drone Workshop**

Have you ever flown a drone? To celebrate 'British Science Week 2019' Sefton Children's University is inviting our Children's University students to attend an interactive drone event at Springwell Park Community Primary School, Menai Road Bootle L20 6PG, 14<sup>th</sup> March 4.00 - 6.00PM. More information is on our website and the school notice boards.

### **Parents should register this month for Summer 30 hour places**

Parents with children who will be aged 3 by the summer term should register for a 30 hours funded place by end of February. HMRC has advised that new parents need to register by 28<sup>th</sup> February to guarantee an eligibility code. Without this code, you won't be able to receive funding for the additional entitlement. Whilst it may still be possible to register for the summer term as late as 31 March, it is advisable to register as early as possible and ahead of the end of February deadline.

### **Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Meeting**

New recruits are always welcome - and very much needed. If you feel you would be interested in finding out more about the PFA before you commit please do come along to the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Family Room. Refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

### **Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year**

Please visit the school website for details <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/events>

### **Dates and Events for this half term.**

#### **March**

7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day - all to dress up as your favourite character

8<sup>th</sup> March - Bishop Edmonson to visit. Year 6 winners of the Scrambler Bike project competition to go skiing in Scotland

11<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week. 3pm - School Nurse drop in

12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 trip to Tatton Park. 3.30PM-Football match V Our Lady Star of the Sea (away)

15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day- bring in your red nose and a £1 donation. Birds of Prey event

19<sup>th</sup> March- Football match V Our Lady Queen of Peace (away).

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank

25<sup>th</sup> March - Assessment week & last week for after school clubs.

11.15 am - Mini Church for EYFS - all families welcome at church

Year 3/4 athletics tournament

27<sup>th</sup> March - Whole School Communion - all families welcome - 10.00am at church

28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 to visit Cathedral for Icons workshop

### **April**

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Meet the teacher 2PM

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Experience Easter for Years 5 & 6

4<sup>th</sup> April - Experience Easter for Years 1 - 4. 2.15pm -Stay n' Play in Nursery and Reception

5<sup>th</sup> April - End of term service at church at 9.45am - all welcome

Easter bonnet competition to follow. 2pm - End of Term.

2 week Easter holiday, school re-opens on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh

Headteacher