



Headteacher Newsletter 6 – 29th February 2024

Dear pupils and parents,

We are now officially half-way through the school year and this term is promising to be packed with exciting activities.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day this year and the teachers have already been busy discussing this year's theme of 'non-fiction books' with the children. Each class is focusing on a different topic and have a range of fun and interesting activities planned for the day. Please do not feel pressure to buy costumes for this day as there will be plenty of opportunity for your child to make props/masks in school on the day. We would encourage you to discuss the class theme with your child. We will also be holding a 'book swap' on the day. Please drop off any donations in the parent shelter on the day. For those of you who really want to get into the spirit of the day, we would like you to make a diorama of your favourite book. These should be no larger than a shoebox and there are lots of examples online to inspire you if you're stuck for ideas. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative in each class.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back in school on Wednesday-Thursday, 8.40-9am and Friday 3.20-3.40pm. The children will be given the opportunity to peruse the books on offer during the school day. Please note that this is a cash-free event. **Only card payments are accepted.** You can use your World Book Day vouchers at the book fair. Please ask in the office if you have lost yours.

Inclement weather

We want to thank you all for your support last half term during our early closure due to the snow. It is never an easy decision to make when snow is forecast and with some staff travelling more than 10 miles to get into work, we have difficult decisions to make to ensure everyone's safety. For clarity, we would like to confirm that parents will always have the right to risk assess their own situation first. Any absence due to adverse weather will not be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Staffing

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Harding has joined our team as a Teaching Assistant. She will predominantly be supporting Ash Class and lunchtime supervision.

Bamford Marathon

The children are well on their way to complete a virtual marathon before 26th April. Mrs Bland has worked very hard on this challenge and the link to share with friends and family has been shared on Dojo. If you access this link via your phone, you can then share the link to the donation page on social media.

Dojo

School have recently reviewed Dojo as part of our regular cycle of reviews. We find Dojo a really useful tool. However, some people have commented that it was being used too much, and important information was being lost. We have listened, and have reduced the number of posts. We hope this has helped.

We have also received comments that there can be delays in posts being received. Sorry, that is outside our control. If you are having problems, we would suggest clearing your cookies and reloading the app.

A few other points to note:

1. Remember that comments and likes can be read by everyone.
2. Private messages are only seen by the person you send it to.



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3. Staff are encouraged to set “quiet hours” so please don’t expect a response of hours”. Likewise, if lessons have started, teachers will not read your message straight away.
4. Please don’t use Dojo for long messages, or messages that contain personal information (including medical information).
5. School does not use the “group chat” function.
6. School does not enable children access to Dojo Islands.
7. Parents are given the opportunity to pay for “premium” access. School discourages you from subscribing, you don’t need it and it is not covered by schools GDPR policies.
8. Dojo may ask for your permission to access your contacts list. We advise that you don’t allow this.
9. Important information, such as newsletters, will be sent by email as well as Dojo. Urgent information, such as a school closure, is also posted on the “banner” on the school website.

Upcoming School Events

29 th Feb	Y3/4 football @ HVC
1 st Mar	Spring Disco infants 3.30-4.30pm juniors 4.45-6pm
5 th Mar	Tag rugby
6 th Mar	Y3-6 Girls’ football
7 th Mar	World Book Day
11 th Mar	Science Week
14 th Mar	Y5/6 Hockey @ HVC
18 th Mar	Ravenstor Parent information evening 5pm
19 th -22 nd Mar	Book Fair begins 3.30-4pm
22 nd Mar	Bikeability Year 6
22 nd Mar	Easter Extravaganza entries in to school
25 th Mar	Parent Consultation Evening
26 th Mar	Parent Consultation Evening
28 th Mar	End of Term (No T’ai Chi on the last day of term)
29 th Mar	Bank Holiday (Good Friday) School Closed

Many thanks

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