



## General News

### Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school after the February half term break.

February was an action packed month with our Fun Food chef visits and Bikeability sessions too.

As we move into March, we are now at the half way point of the academic year. Parent/Carer interviews are coming up so your child's progress can be shared with you. We want all our children to reach their potential and ask for your support in this by:

- Ensuring good attendance and punctuality
- Reading regularly at home with your child
- Supporting your child with homework
- Communicating regularly with staff over any concerns you may have regarding your child's progress

I know that by working together we can make sure all children are able to be their best self in all they do.

Kind Regards

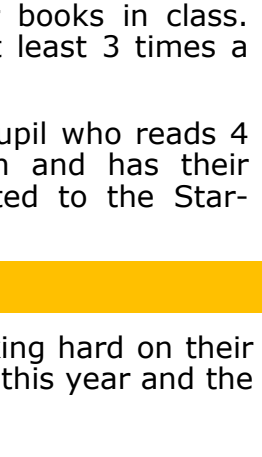
Miss E Jackson  
Headteacher

### Parent Interviews

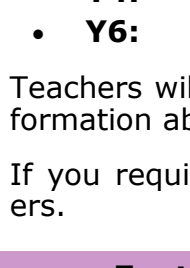
Parent Interviews will take in school face to face on **Thursday 9th March**.

Appointments can be made via School Cloud or at the office. Booking is open now!

A Book Look drop in session has been arranged for the following week on Monday 13th March. Parents/carers can look at children's books and children can share their learning.



### Reading



A reminder to please ensure reading books and reading records are returned to school **daily** so children can continue to enjoy reading their books in class. We expect parents/carers to read at least 3 times a week with their child.

As part of World Book Month, any pupil who reads 4 times each week throughout March and has their reading records signed will be invited to the Starbooks Café to enjoy tea and biscuits!

### Assessments

During March and April all our children will be working hard on their learning. All national assessments are going ahead this year and the following year groups will be taking part:

- **Y1: Phonics screening (June)**
- **Y2: SATs (May)**
- **Y4: Multiplication Check (June)**
- **Y6: SATs (9th to 12th May)**

Teachers will be holding meetings to provide parents/carers with information about these assessments.

If you require any further information please speak to class teachers.

### Easter Bingo—Tickets on Sale from 6th March

# Easter Bingo

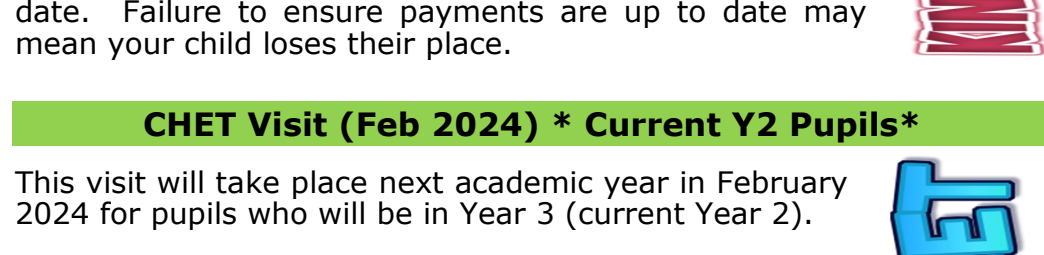
## Wednesday 29th March 2023

### Doors Open 5.30pm & Eyes Down 5.45pm

Tickets cost **£1.00 per person**

Refreshments available

Fun for all the family – All welcome!



Entry is by ticket only, all adults and children require a ticket. Please ensure you have a ticket to avoid disappointment.

### World Book Month

# IT'S WORLD BOOK MONTH!

World Book Month posters have been sent home and paper copies are available from the office. Please see reminders below:

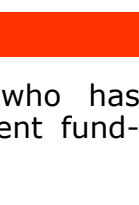
- Dress Up Day - Thu 2nd Mar (Dress up as favourite book character)
- Family Book Exchange - Fri 3rd & Mon 6th Mar (after school)
- Coffee Morning & Reading Workshop - Tue 7th Mar 9-10am ([book online](#))
- Family Campfire Stories - Tue 7th Mar & Thu 9th Mar ([book online](#))
- Big Family Book Hunt - Fri 10th Mar 2.15pm to 3.00pm ([book online](#))
- Stay & Read - Fri 17th Mar 8.30am to 8.50am (no booking necessary)

### World Book Month Competitions

- Book in a Box - Entries in by Wed 15th March
- Reading Challenge - Entry forms in by Mon 20th March
- Extreme Read Photos - To be Tweeted any time in March

### Kingswood Visit (Nov 2023) \*Current Y3 Pupils\*

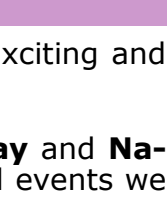
Deposits have now been paid for the Kingswood 2023 visit.



Please can PARENT/carers ensure payments are kept up to date. Failure to ensure payments are up to date may mean your child loses their place.

### CHET Visit (Feb 2024) \* Current Y2 Pupils\*

This visit will take place next academic year in February 2024 for pupils who will be in Year 3 (current Year 2).



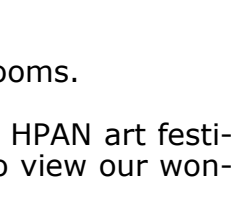
A letter with full details has been sent home and deposits of £20.00 are required by **24th March 2023** to se-

### Parent Governor Update

Following the recent election, we welcome Mr C Rusling as a parent governor to the Governing Body.

### Celebrating Success

Well done to all of the children who received a reward in one of our Celebration Assemblies last month.

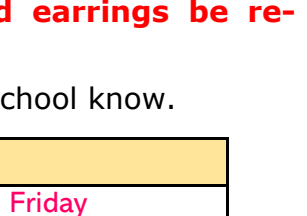


We continue to recognise kindness, resilience and excellent effort in our learning.

**We look forward to seeing parents/carers at our celebration assembly again! If your child has received a Headteacher award you will receive an invitation by message.**

### Payments to School

Where possible our preferred method of payment to school for trips, tuck and uniform is via the School Gateway.



However in cases where parents/carers are unable to access the School Gateway we can now accept card payments at the school office.

### Own Clothes Days

#### Friday 7th Mar - Comic Relief Red Theme

For a £1.00 donation children may come to school wearing their own clothes with a red theme. This may include an item of red clothing or red accessories. Please don't go to any expense!



#### Friday 24th Mar - General Own Clothes

To help collect prizes for our Family Easter Bingo we are asking if children can bring an Easter egg to school in return for wearing their own clothes. Eggs can be brought into school or handed in at the office.



### Tuck

Tuck money is still outstanding for this academic year for some pupils. **The amount due for the full year is £5.00.** We would appreciate payment for those who have not yet paid.

### Thank You

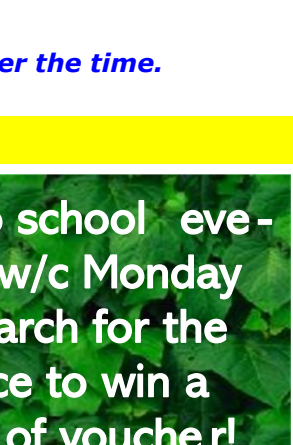
Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our recent fundraising.

We raised £116 for NSPCC from Number Day.

### Value of the Month

This month our value is: **KINDNESS**

We will be exploring the importance of being kind with our choice of words and actions. We will be exploring the impact small gestures of kindness can have and discovering people whose kindness has made a real difference.



### Curriculum Updates

Staff continue to work hard to ensure our curriculum is exciting and engaging for all children.

Throughout March we will be celebrating **World Book Day** and **National Science Week**. Please keep a look out for special events we have planned.

**Focus on RE** - Every child a respectful, accepting learner.

RE is a key subject and contributes to child's personal development and wellbeing.

Our RE curriculum is enquiry based and children work towards investigating key questions over the year through learning about and understanding different religions. The key questions are:

- ◆ YR: What is special?
- ◆ Y1: What do people say about God?
- ◆ Y2: How do we respond to things that matter?
- ◆ Y3: Who should we follow?
- ◆ Y4: How should we live our lives?
- ◆ Y5: Where can we find guidance about how to live our lives?
- ◆ Y6: Is life like a journey?

Our RE work is displayed in a class book in our classrooms.

**HPAN Art Festival** - We are proud to be part of the HPAN art festival at Runcorn Shopping City. Please to find the time to view our wonderful work on display.

### Swimming

This half term Year 4 will be swimming.

Swimming will now take place on a **FRIDAY**.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day.

### After School Clubs

New clubs will be offer soon and will run from w/c 6th March until Thursday 30th March



### PE Reminder

A reminder that children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and Gorsewood PE hoodie, sweatshirt or fleece. **Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform. Please can watches and earrings be removed on PE days.**

If you are struggling to buy PE items please let school know.

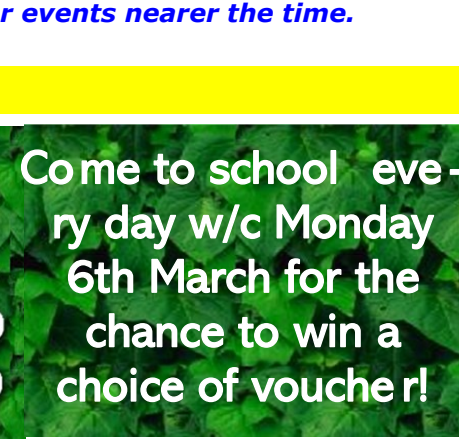
Year	Days	
Year R	Wednesday	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday (Forest School)	Friday (Swimming)
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Wednesday

### Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school



### Twitter



@gorsewoodprimar

### School Houses

You will know that the whole school including staff have now been organised into our school houses. Everyone has now received a badge to show which house they belong to.

Children continue to work hard to earn these points. The winning house for this half term will receive a treat.

The current scores are:

**Ash 4116**      **Oak 4026**

**Birch 3565**      **Sycamore 3930**



### Diary Dates

- Wed 1st Mar - Year 5 Library Visit
- Thu 2nd Mar - Year 5 Crucial Crew
- Fri 3rd Mar - Year 2 Library Visit
- Fri 3rd Mar - Year 3 Library Visit
- Thu 9th Mar - Parent/Carer Interviews
- Mon 13th Mar - Attendance Focus Week (13.03.23 to 17.03.23)
- Fri 17th Mar - Comic Relief Red Theme Own Clothes Day (£1 Donation)
- Fri 24th Mar - Own Clothes Day (Easter Egg Donation)
- Tue 28th Mar - Y4 Parent/Carer Forest School Sessions
- Wed 29th Mar - Family Easter Bingo (Doors Open 5.30pm, Eyes Down 5.45pm)
- Thu 30th Mar - School closes for Easter
- Fri 31st Mar - Inset Day (school closed)
- Mon 17th Apr - School reopens

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time.

### Attendance

# Attendance Focus Week

Come to school every day w/c Monday 6th March for the chance to win a choice of voucher!

Attendance continues to be a key priority for school this year. It is a legal requirement that all children attend school regularly and are only absent when absolutely necessary.

**Please help us to ensure your child achieves their potential by promoting good attendance and punctuality.**

**We aim for all our pupils to achieve 95%+ attendance.**

If you would like any support with attendance or morning routines please call into see Mrs Williams, our Family Support Worker.

### Whole School Attendance Reward

Children are currently working on building the attendance wall to earn an **Own Clothes Day**.

**Whole school attendance to date = 93.10%.**

**We need to work towards reaching 95% and need everybody to be in school every day on time to help us achieve this target.**

**Good school attendance is essential for children to achieve their potential.**



Reward = Own Clothes Day

Bricks Earned = 3½

Bricks to Earn = 6½

**Everyone can help to build the pyramid and earn the reward!**

### Punctuality

A reminder that all children should be in their classrooms for 8.55am when school starts. **Please ensure your child arrives before 8.55am so they don't miss out on any key learning time.**

- Gates Open: 8.45am
- Early Bird Drop Off: 8.30am (no charge and breakfast included)
- Breakfast Club: Opens at 7.30am (£1.00 charge includes breakfast)

### Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)      [School Website](#)      [School Twitter](#)



A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**