

Newsletter 7 1st March 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back - I hope you enjoyed the February half term holiday and you spent some lovely quality time with your children.

The children have started back in to their learning and are progressing well through their topics.

Year 4 York Residential

The Year 4 children have been to York this week in their residential visit. During their stay they have visited the National Railway Museum, York Minster, the Yorkshire Museum, the Jorvik centre and the Dig which is an interactive centre developing historical awareness through archaeology.

The children have been great, engaging in the activities on offer and showing resilience whilst developing their knowledge and skills. Well done to all concerned on a great few days! Many thanks also to the staff who have accompanied them on their travels.

Word Book Day and Book Fair 2024

As mentioned before half term, **World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024.** Our theme this year will be all focused on Oliver Jeffers' books, each year group are going to choose one of his books to focus on for the duration of the day.

After the success of last year's dressing up theme, we have decided that it would be wonderful to see the children dress up as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story.

Your child will receive their book token during the week of World Book Day which can be used at our book fair and book shops. The Book Fair will be open from 3:15pm to 3:45pm from **Friday 8th March until Wednesday 13th March.** There will be information regarding payment options to follow.

If you have any further questions about World Book Day or the Book Fair, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Local Libraries: World Book Day Costumes

Do your bit to help save the environment and money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Winsford and Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from Thursday 1st February to Wednesday 6th March. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card, no ID required, or take out a book.

Reception Outdoor Area Plea

The Reception team are currently revamping the outdoor area. If you have any of the following items listed below that you no longer need and could donate, the Reception staff and children would be very appreciative.

- small plastic spades
- large paintbrushes
- small gardening tools
- tape measures
- magnify glasses
- plastic watering cans
- toy diggers/tractors/trucks
- metal containers e.g. water cans, colanders, cups, tea pots, bowls
- plastic water toys

Road Closure on Nixon Drive from Monday 4th March

We have been made aware of a road closure and resurfacing works on Nixon Drive (from Basford Way to New Images).

The exit onto Nixon Drive will be affected and is not accessible from Monday 4th March 2024 – Tuesday 12th March 2024. This will result in Nixon Drive being closed from 8.00am-5.00pm.

We anticipate that this may cause some traffic issues by the school.

Diary Dates: * new dates

Date	Information
1st March 2024	Year 4 York Residential returns
7th March 2024	World Book Day – Theme is Oliver Jeffers' books
8th March 2024	"The Snap Trap" short drama performance in the Theatre for Year 6
8th March – 13th March 2024	3.15pm to 3.45pm Book Fair - open every day
11th March 2024	Year 5 Clonter Theatre visit
29th March 2024	Good Friday and start of the Easter Holiday
1st April 2024	Easter Monday
15th April 2024	School opens after the Easter holiday
18th & 19th April 2024	Year 1 Conwy Residential
29th April to 3rd May 2024	Year 3 Anglesey Residential (2 Groups – Group 1, Mon to Weds - Group 2 Weds to Friday)
6th May 2024	May Day
27th May 2024	May Bank holiday and start of the Summer Half Term
3rd June 2024	Inset Day- school closed to children
4th June 2024	School opens after the Summer Half Term
6th June 2024	Whole school photograph
24th June 2024 to 28th June 2024	Year 6 Lakes Residential
Thursday 25th July 2024	Start of the Summer holiday
2nd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
3rd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
4th September 2024	School opens after the summer holiday
7th October 2024	Whole School - Individual photographs
28th October – 1st November	Half Term
4th November 2024	Inset Day – school closed to children
5th November 2024	School open for the new term
Friday 20th December	3.15pm School closes for the Christmas holiday
23rd December – 3rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
6th January 2025	School opens for the Spring term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change, although we will keep these where possible.

Should you need to make contact with school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Joule on:

head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk or returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that all email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the weekends, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards,

Mark Joule, Head Teacher