



3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to be back after the week off. I hope everybody had the chance to relax.

World Book Day: The school looked very different on Thursday, as all pupils and staff were in a variety of costumes or pyjamas for World Book Day. Some of the creations were amazing, and it was easy to see that time and effort had gone into a lot of the characters. During the day, the whole school completed activities relating to books and year 1 even went to the library for a visit. Even though this is just one day a year, as a school we will continue to foster a love of reading across the year. Please see the school Facebook page for some photos from the day.

Bedtime Stories: To end World Book Day, it was great to see the hall filled with adults and our reception children, for a session on bedtime stories. It looked so comfy in the darkened hall, with soft lighting and music playing, with cushions and mats over the floor. I even heard feedback from one of the adults about how they had seen an Oscar winning performance from staff for their acting of Little Red Riding Hood! I hope everyone who attended the session enjoyed it and took something away about the benefits of reading before bedtime.

Bikes: Our reception pupils had their first balance bike training on Monday on the front yard. I have had lots of comments from the children as to how much they enjoyed the session. The instructors were also impressed as to how well the pupils listened and followed all the instructions. This training will continue for the remainder of this half-term. Please make sure that your child is suitably dressed for being outdoors. Starting next week, our year 5 pupils will have the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike safely on the road through Bikeability. If it is your child's week, please make sure they are in suitable clothing for outdoors and that their bike can be secured when not in use.

Football: Last night, the league re-commenced after the winter break with two tough games against good opposition. The first game against Biddick started slowly but the team gradually got back into the swing of things but they could unfortunately not force the goal they deserved with it ending 0-0. The second fixture saw the team play George Washington. Again, the team showed great defensive resilience and provided a stable platform from which to put their opponents under constant pressure but a terrific performance from the keeper and some almost moments in front of goal saw the second game also finish 0-0. A good position to build on in the second half of the season and the upcoming cup competitions.

JFK Superstar: As you know, I always like to share news when we have an achievement in school. Last weekend, Miles travelled to Ireland to compete for JFK in the British Schools Gymnastics Semi Final of Trampolining. He competed against 10 boys aged 7-11, and he came 1st and won gold! He is now heading to Northampton for the finals on the 17th March. What an achievement, and we wish him all the best for the finals. Our fingers are all crossed for further success.



PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally taking place in the school hall, however, some lessons are now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 6 th March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed, they must be covered up during these lessons. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 6 th March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3BM
Tuesday		4IT
Wednesday		RSC
Thursday	2MA	Nursery
Friday		1ES

Mother's Day Raffle: We have 2 fabulous prize hampers for our next raffle. Tickets cost £1.00 and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 16th March. Please see the Payment Items section in ParentPay to enter the draw.



Strikes: Thank you for your understanding during the national teacher strikes. Can I remind everyone that the next strike is scheduled for 2 days on 15th and 16th March. I will send out information closer to this date as to how the school will be affected if these go ahead.

Diary Dates: Please find below upcoming dates for your diary:

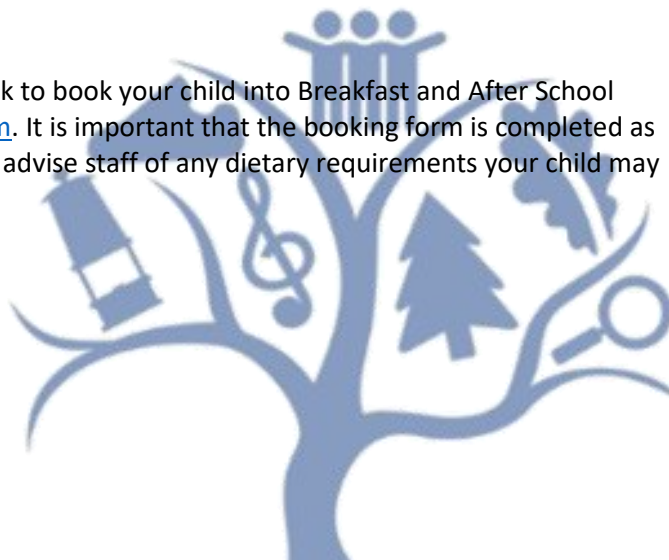
- Thursday 9th March – Year 1 Phonics – 4.30pm
- Thursday 16th March – Year 2 SATs – 4.30pm. This may be changed if the next designated teacher strike goes ahead. We will keep you informed.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 6th March – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr B Adams
Head of School





John F. Kennedy
Primary School



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NLM	Owyn L Elliot A
Reception	RSC	Sylvia FH Luna S
	RAM	Georgina H Rory S
One	1ES	Oliver C Harry R
	1MS	Can Y Harper G
Two	2MA	Tilly R Daniel C
	2FM	Lacey-Mae B Lilly H
Three	3BM	Alfie Y Riley L
	3MA	Dane L Rosie B
Four	4AF	Ella W Lucas S
	4IT	Evan Mc Thea T
Five	5RN	Griffin T Ella S
	5DF	Cory H Scarlett W
Six	6PP	Lily-Ann B Ellie-Jane M
	6LM	Alfie F Darcey O
The Treehouse	TSK	Scarlett G
	TNP	Jack M

Head of School Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Head of School Award goes to:
Georgia C – for wanting to continue her maths during an art and computing lesson.
She showed such dedication to want to complete her work.

