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# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed half term although it seems the illnesses have not left us!

Next week each school is celebrating World Book Day in different ways. The children have lots of opportunities to develop their reading at school through class texts, Book Flix, guided reading sessions, comprehension tasks and phonic lessons. However, I cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home and the impact this can have on accelerating their progress in reading.

The book trust website has an interesting article on the benefits of reading which include:

- Children who read are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities.
- Children who read are more likely to be happier, healthier, and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Children who read are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum.
- Children who read are more likely to develop empathy and creativity.

If you would like to read more of the details behind these headline statements please visit:

[www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/impact-and-research/Research/the-benefits-of-reading/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/impact-and-research/Research/the-benefits-of-reading/)

If you would like any ideas on how to support your child with reading at home, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

*Mrs Arrowsmith*

### Reminders for the next few weeks

Monday 4/5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6's who signed up for Bikeability

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Harry Potter themed.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Different menu for World Book Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Swans trip to The Guildhall Kings Lynn

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Selected Swans Netball Festival Lynnsport



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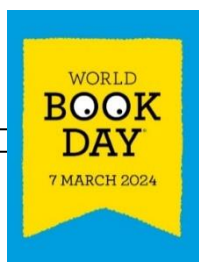
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### PEANUTS AND CASHEW NUTS

While some allergic reactions can be mild, many students with severe food allergies experience serious, potentially life – threatening symptoms to eating (and in some cases touching and smelling) the food that they are allergic to. Please be careful not to send foods into the school that contain things that students may be allergic to.

Thank You.



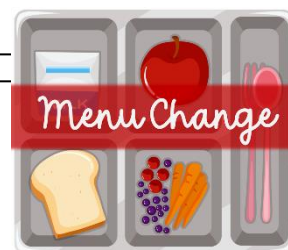
World Book Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March



We have decided to have a day of witchcraft and wizardry. Children can dress up in anything relating to this topic like Harry Potter characters, witches, or wizards etc Teachers will dress up as Hogwarts teachers. If the weather is dry there maybe chance to have quidditch lessons outside. Some classes may do some science-linked potion activities.

### Change of Menu - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

This can be ordered on the day no prebooking!



Fantastic Mr Fox's Chicken Nuggets or Miss Trunchbull's Vegetable Nuggets, With Charlie's Chips and Augustus Gloop's Baked Beans

Or

Grandpa Joe's Jacket Potato

(Choose from Tuna Mayo, Baked Beans or Grated Cheese toppings)

Followed by Marvellous Mini Doughnuts & Chocolate Sauce



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### Safety around the School

More families are choosing to travel by car to school. I know you are very aware of the congestion caused around the school gate.

I would respectfully request that all drivers avoid parking around the gate area or along the narrow roads which could result in emergency vehicles being unable to pass. We are lucky enough to have permission for parents to use the Village Hall and Pub car parks which have the capacity to accommodate most vehicles if the playing field car park is full.

Please help us to keep children safe, and our neighbours, by keeping disruption at the beginning and end of the school day to a minimum.

#### Payments to school

Please ensure that your accounts are up to date and in credit.

It is important that you login to your ParentPay account regularly to check your outstanding balance, especially as the end of this Financial Year is coming up.

Thank You



#### Headlice

Headlice have been reported to the school again this week! Please could you check your child and treat accordingly.

Thanks



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**The Children and the Friends of Wimbotsham School invite you to..... our Easter Bingo**

**Sunday 24th March**  
**3pm. Eyes down 3:30pm.**

**Easter themed prizes and a cash finale!**

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### Upcoming Events 2024

#### **March**

Mon/Tue 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Swans trip to the Guildhall

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> ~ WNSSP Netball Bee Festival for Selected Year 3 and 4 children

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> ~ FOWPS Easter Bingo 3pm @ STOWBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Wed 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Residential Trip for Herons Class

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

#### **April**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Back to school

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Pret-a-Portrait class photos

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – selected Kingfishers & Swans @ Trigolf Event

#### **May**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 crucial Crew @ kings Lynn Fire station

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – School Closed Bank Holiday

W/C 13<sup>th</sup> – SATS Week Year 6

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Swans class trip Norwich Museum

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term

#### **June**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Back to school

W/c 3<sup>rd</sup> – Health & Wellbeing Week

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Ducklings vision/Hearing Screening

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Kingfishers class Dance festival @ Corn Exchange

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – cluster Area sports @ Hillcrest School