

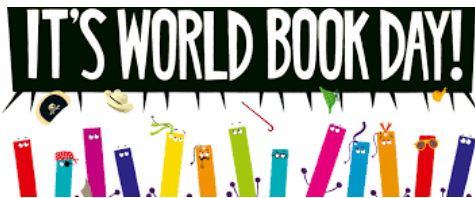


### World Book Day at St. Stephen's

Here's a message from the School Council regarding World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The theme for World Book day this year is reading for pleasure, therefore on the 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be completing activities based around our favourite books. The children can dress up like their favourite book character or wear their own clothes, it's completely your choice.

On this day if anyone has a book that they do not read any more and would like to donate it to school - it would be very much appreciated. They will then be distributed to the class libraries/ main library.



Next half-term Boris says 'Don't hold on to what's wrong!' We want children to know that when they get hurt they often want to get even. They want to hold on to it, get their own back, and let that person know that they're not ok. But this ends up hurting themselves. The only way through hurt is to not hold on to it. Forgiveness is the best gift that they can give themselves and it's an important theme in the Bible. Ephesians 4:32 reminds us 'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.'



### Parents Association Update:

\*Thank you so much to Charlotte for organising our discos last night. A good time was had by all. Thank you too to Stacie, Laura, Charlotte and Stephanie for giving up their time to help out.

\* Following on from the success of our pancake session last year, we will be repeating it this year. As Shrove Tuesday is in our half-term break, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February we will be inviting everyone to join our non-uniform day and decorate a pancake. For this we are asking for a £2.00 donation.

\*This year's Summer Fayre is taking place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. For stall enquiries please contact the office.



### Diary dates for February/ March

23<sup>rd</sup> February- Return to school  
24<sup>th</sup> February- No family worship  
3<sup>rd</sup> March- 9.15am Family worship with Y5/6  
3<sup>rd</sup> March- Parent/teacher meetings  
5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day  
10<sup>th</sup> March- 9.15am Family worship with Reception  
17<sup>th</sup> March- 9.15am Family worship with Y1/2  
20<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day  
24<sup>th</sup> March- 9.15am Family worship with Y3/4  
24<sup>th</sup> March- Full Governing Body meeting  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- St. Stephen's Got Talent at 4pm  
31<sup>st</sup> March- Easter service 9.15am for Years 1,3,4 & 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> April- Easter service 9.15am for Reception, Year 2,4 & 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> April- School closes for Easter 3.25pm  
20<sup>th</sup> April - Return to school



We will be holding the Easter Raffle again this year - organised by Y3. All donations of Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated in Y3. Raffle tickets will be on sale next half-term.

Congratulations to our Y4 pupils on an impressive concert on Wednesday morning. It was great to hear how well they are playing.



children who read at least 3 times a week have their names entered into a half-termly class draw. Congratulations to our winners from this half-term who have received a £5.00 Waterstones voucher. They are:

Reception: Theo	Year 4: Izabella
Year 1: Sebi	Year 5: Corey
Year 2: JJ	Year 6: Millie
Year 3: Poppy-M	

Please will you check that your child's name is in all items of clothing they bring into school (uniform, coat, wellingtons etc)? Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They do spend time outside every day. All children must have a coat in school.

### Some reminders:

- \*Our School P.E. kit must be worn on P.E. days: Navy blue shorts/ PE skirt/ Navy blue tracksuit (**plain blue jogging pants and sweatshirt**)  
White t-shirt or St. Stephen's logo top with blue short sleeves  
Pumps/ trainers
- \*Gym area- for safety reasons please do not allow younger pupils to play on the gym when they come on to the Junior yard at the end of the day
- \*Ear-rings are not allowed in school. If your child is going to have their ears pierced, then the Summer holidays would be the ideal time to have them done.
- \*Black school shoes (not trainers or boots) are to be worn for school.
- \*As stated in our policy, all hair accessories (bobbles, clips, headbands) must be discrete and plain and red, white or black.

Thank you for your support with this.



## Governor Spotlight

My name is Leanne, and I'm a foundation governor at School. I was previously a parent Governor when my son was at St Stephen's. He is now in Year 8 at Fred Longworth High School.

I enjoy being part of the school family & supporting staff & children as part of my governing role. I work as a Health Visitor in the community, however I am currently on maternity leave with our third baby Lochlan. We also have an almost 2 year old called Sullivan, who hopefully will start St Stephen's Nursery next year!



### OPAL

The children are continuing to enjoy the zones on our playgrounds. We are always looking out for replacement toys - dolls, action figures, cars, scooters, dressing up clothes etc. Next half-term, as we hope to see the weather improve, we will be introducing more areas. We have recently introduced a colouring time inside school- and we look forward to taking this outdoors. Years 1,2 and 5 have so far spent some time in the Happy Hut - enjoying the calm, cosy space created by our ethos team.