

## A Message from Mrs Kee

This week has been full of exciting curriculum experiences! As part of their unit of learning 'Around the world', the children in Reception enjoyed a visit to the Chinese restaurant 'Wing Wah's' in Burton. During the visit they tasted Chinese food, tried using chopsticks, learnt a few phrases in Mandarin and watched a live traditional dragon dance. They were so excited to tell me all about their trip! Thank you to the EYFS staff, parent volunteers and Mr. Bill for organising and supporting the visits.

In Year 2, the children were visited by Bemma from African Ark who came along to help the children learn about African culture through singing, dancing and story-telling. Bemma shared examples of various dances that are enjoyed in Africa and showed the children the different sounds made by the dancers as they moved. It was a fantastic experience for all our children, helping them to learn about African culture and also think about their own. Experiences like this also help our children to understand and appreciate the similarities and differences between people in the world, reinforcing that we are all individual and very special, linking to our value 'We celebrate individuality'. It also helps them to understand their place in the global community. Thank you to the Year 2 staff for organizing this experience.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day. There will be an assembly on the theme, 'Growing Together'. Over the week, children will engage in yoga, relaxation exercises, singing, making music, an outdoor activity and a PSHE lesson with a focus on 'Growing Together'. Teachers will encourage children to think about how these activities make them feel and how they support positive mental health. In their computing lessons next week, the focus will be online safety and they will also listen to online safety stories. We had planned an online safety parent workshop, but as we are not having parents in school currently, there will be a presentation and resources added to the school website instead.

Have a lovely weekend. See you next week, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole School (this week)	92.44%
Reception	95.93%
Year 1	93.37%
Year 2	88.09%



Congratulations to  
**Foxes**

for being the class with  
the highest attendance  
this week! Well done  
on your fantastic attendance  
this week.

**Make sure your child  
attends school every day so that  
they get the most from  
their education.**



## Merit Award Winners



## Achievements







## Chinese New Year Celebrations

As well as having a special Chinese New Year menu this week, our Reception pupils also enjoyed a visit to Wing-Wah's restaurant, where they tasted food and watched a dragon dance! They were all impeccably behaved – a real credit to the school.

Happy Chinese New Year!



## BADGERS

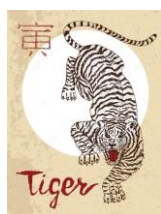






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Happy New Year!



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## SQUIRRELS





## World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 3rd March** and we will be celebrating in school with a dress up day. We would like the children to come into school on this day dressed in their **pyjamas and to bring in their favourite bedtime story**. We would like this story to stay in school for the Thursday and the Friday as part of their learning.

On the Thursday when the children come into school they will start the day with a story and enjoy milk and toast whilst wearing their pyjamas. They will have learning linked to World Book Day on both Thursday 3rd March and Friday 4th March. We will take photos of the children in their pyjamas and they will become the character for their own story! They will then design their own story setting and write about what their character will see and do in this story setting.

WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY

From the week commencing 28th February, we have lots of reading activities happening in school and online. For Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will have a whole school English focus on poetry. Over a two-week period, Mrs Kee will be reading a story to every class during their story time in school. Children will be listening to and learning nursery rhymes in class and will perform a rhyme as a class to the school on Friday 11th March. Staff in school are recording videos of themselves **reading bedtime stories** so that children can have a bedtime story from school every night (these will be posted on our website for children to watch and listen to at bedtime). We also plan to have our library grand opening – details to be confirmed.

## Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting

**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9am** there will be a Parents meeting for all Year 2 parents regarding SATs Assessments that the Year 2 children will complete during the month of May.

This is to give you some information about how the SATs work and also ways in which you can support your child at home before and during this time. We do hope that our Year 2 parents will be able to attend this meeting. If there are any problems, please email the school office.

National curriculum tests

Key Stage 1



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## Parent Library Mornings

Unfortunately we are not going to be restarting parents library sessions at the moment. Although cases are coming down nationally we still have cases in school so will continue to review this and keep you updated.

We plan to start our parent library sessions again after the half term and we're sure many of you will be looking forward to these and to them taking place in our new school library!

## Book Fair 2022

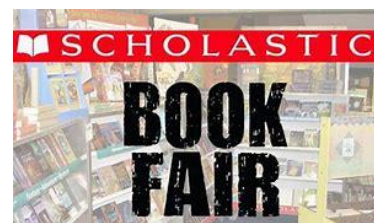
We are very excited to be having the Book Fair back in school the first week back after the half term holidays. It has always been very popular with parents and also raises money for new books for school. This will be a great opportunity for us to purchase new library books.

The book fair will be in the hall and open from the end of school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February throughout parents evening till 6.30pm.** It will also be open on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 8.40am until the start of school.** We hope many of you will come and visit!

For every child who buys a book from the Book Fair, their name will be put on a raffle ticket and this will be entered into a draw. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March five raffle tickets will be picked out of the box and these five children will win a book from the fair worth up to £5.

Please be aware that the book fair will be cashless but parents will be able to pay for any books bought by card online at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> or by scanning the QR code below on their phone on the day. Both this address and a QR will be available on the day at the fair.

On the next pages are some of the books that you can buy for different age ranges at the fair.







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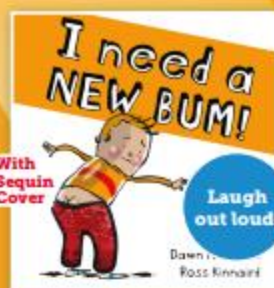


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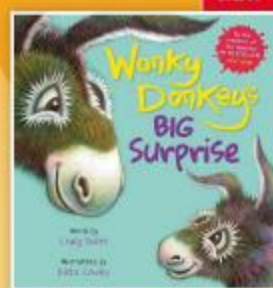
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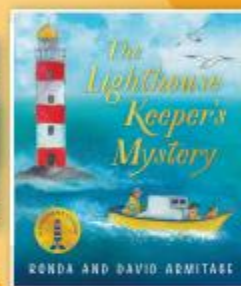
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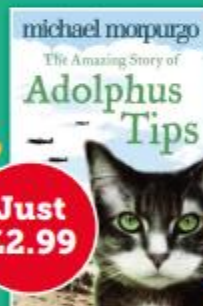
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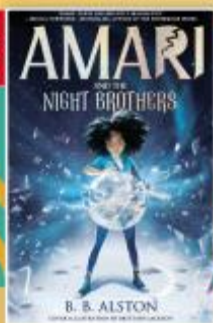


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## Covid continues....

Thank you to parents for supporting us and following advice after a rise in Covid cases in school. Numbers are reducing and we will continue to ensure measures are in place to keep numbers as low as possible. **This means we are not having library sessions with parents until after the half term. Also, we had planned an online safety workshop in school for parents next week, however instead we will upload a presentation, resources and links on our website and share the link via Marvellous Me.**

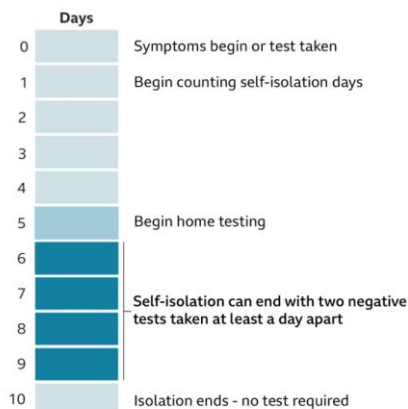
We will continue to communicate regularly with the Local Authority as appropriate and follow any guidance as required. We continue to monitor the situation daily. Measures in place currently include:

- good hygiene practices, reviewed with children regularly
- ventilation (keeping windows open slightly to allow air flow)
- good cleaning routines
- systems in place for informing close contacts
- staff continue to LFD twice per week and daily if identified as a close contact
- daily testing for close contacts
- anyone with symptoms to isolate straight away and get tested
- parental events postponed currently
- educational visitors asked to wear masks
- risk assessment in place

We are not currently having whole school assemblies in the hall. Children will have their Monday and Friday assemblies in year groups. Mrs Kee continues to regularly review the situation and will keep parents informed.

The diagram opposite explains the current isolation Expectations. You begin isolation the day after Symptoms or a positive test. You have to isolate for at least five full days. You can LFD test on day five and day 6 (24 hours apart) and if both tests are negative, you can finish isolating immediately. If the tests are positive you continue to isolate up to 10 days or when you have two negative tests 24 Hours apart.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

bbc



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## Dates for your diary

### Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

#### Autumn Term 2021

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

#### Spring Term 2022

**Inset day:** Tuesday 4 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 5 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7 April

**Inset day:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

#### Summer Term 2022

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

### Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### What's Coming Up?

**Children's Mental Health Week** – Week commencing 7th February

**Safer Internet day** - Tuesday 8th February  
**Parent online safety workshop (will be added to the school website)**– Tuesday 8th February

**Book Fair**– Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February after school till 6.30pm  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 8.40am – 9am

**World book day and dress up day** – Thursday 3rd March

**Food Waste Action Week** – Week commencing 7th March

**Year 2 Parents SATs Meeting**– Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am

**Red Nose Day**– Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Children can come into school wearing red.

**World Down's Syndrome day** – Monday 21st March – wear blue and yellow and donate £1.00

**Mother's Day Play and Stay sessions** – Friday 25th March  
Year R - 9:00am  
Year 1 - 10:00am  
Year 2 - 11:00am

**Easter Egg hunt in the Woodlands with the Easter Bunny** – Thursday 7th April

