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# WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

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“Working together to provide a high quality education and a safe, caring, challenging learning environment based on our Christian values where every individual is celebrated and prepared for life in an ever changing world.”

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week we have been spending some time in our learning, and assemblies, finding out about what bullying is and how it can be dealt with. As a school this is something we have been looking at closely for some time and I am pleased to say that the children have responded fabulously.

What is important to recognise is that the word 'bullying' can be bandied around quite freely by pupils and adults and so we have sought to clarify exactly what it is using the acronym STOP.

STOP - Several Times On Purpose

It is clear that children often say - 'he is bullying me' or 'he bullied me', ignoring the fact that it has never happened before. Sometimes adults also feel this way when there have been more than one event between two children -this can also be incorrectly labelled as bullying

In school children fall out and make friends on a daily basis - they also tend to play with the same friends and can therefore fall out with them and make up with them frequently. It is important to differentiate this from targeted, malicious and harmful behaviour.

We have stressed to children this week that bullying is - Several Times On Purpose, and have used the acronym to support this.

In school we have introduced the STOP Box (START TELLING OTHER PEOPLE) - which will be placed in a central, easily accessible location for all pupils to access and use to report any incidents of alleged bullying. The box will be looked at and any incidents investigated on a weekly basis and dealt with according to the new Anti-bullying Policy.

We will keep a log of all incidents that have been reported in the box and this will enable us to build up a picture of what is happening in school.

As such all children will have:

1. A way of reporting any bullying confidentially.
2. A conversation with another adult to investigate the incident.
3. Action taken to address the incident.
4. A record of all of the incidents they have reported.

Hopefully they will feel they have a way of reporting things to adults who will listen and do something about it. Ultimately this is what children want.

We hope that the message about Several Times On Purpose and Start Telling Other People becomes clear to all members of our community so that we can all feel that incidents of this nature can ultimately be few and far between and that when they happen they can be dealt with appropriately.

As the term draws to a close, we wish you an enjoyable and restful half term! We will welcome everybody back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Staffing**

We will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Funnell at Easter. Mrs Funnell has worked as a teaching assistant at Lypne School for many years. She has been an excellent early years practitioner and many children have benefitted from her superb after school gardening clubs. The staff and children will miss her greatly but we all wish her well in her future pursuits.

### **Half term home learning**



In preparation for Book Week (Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March) we would like all children to make a cover for a book which they will create in school during this week.

Your child will need to cut off the front of a **large** cereal packet and fold in half. Please cover the cereal logo with paper of your choice. This might be patterned , small pieces overlapped or simply a coloured piece of paper or sticky back plastic – the choice is yours!

This will form the outside of the book.

In order for the teachers to staple pages inside before the start of Book Week please return the front covers by **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

No writing or pictures are required at this stage as your children will design these as they create their stories in school. Many thanks.

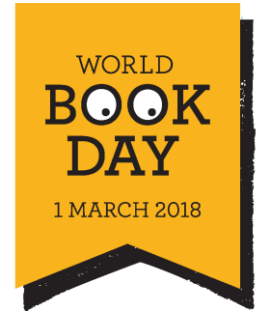
Mrs Jackman and Mrs Manktelow

### **World Book Day**

A reminder that on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we are inviting children to come into school dressed as a character from a storybook or comic.

There are lots of costume ideas online:

[www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/](http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/)



### **School Closures**

In the event of poor weather (snow/ice) please check the following website for advice on school closures:

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/kent/news/school-closures-in-kent-118807>

### **Midday Meal Supervisors**

We are looking for some extra relief Midday Meals Supervisors who will be able to assist us whenever we have staff shortages. The hours of work are from 12- 1:10pm paid on Kent Range 2. In the short term we would ideally be looking for some cover on a regular basis. If you are interested in any way please do contact the office.

### **Note from the office**

If your child needs to have a cough sweet at playtime or lunchtime, these MUST be handed in to the school office and a medical form completed please. Children should not be self-administering medicines – thank you.

### **School Comms**

A reminder that it is now essential to use School Comms

to book onto Breakfast Club, After School Club and Elite for terms 4, 5 and 6.

Please note that children will no longer be able to 'turn up' for Breakfast Club, they will need to have booked through the electronic system.

If for any reason you might have difficulties accessing School Comms please do come and see us.



### **Sensory Garden**

On Saturday the 10th March from 9:30am - 2:30pm we are planning to overhaul the Sensory Garden so that it can be made safe and can be used by our pupils. If you are able to come and help in any way we would appreciate your assistance. Children are more than welcome to attend.



Tools needed will be wheelbarrows and big mallets. If we have a good turn out there are plenty of other jobs that can be done including the construction of our new Spiritual Garden.

Many thanks in advance

### **PTFA:**

Many thanks to all those who attended the disco. It was a lovely event and great to see the children clearly enjoying themselves!

## Diary Dates:

Book week + Book Fair – **Week Beginning 26/2/18**

World book day (Dress up as a book character) – **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Reports to parents – **9/3/18**

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) - **14<sup>th</sup> March** KS2 1:30 – 7:30 KS13:30-7:30

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) -**15<sup>th</sup> March** KS1 1:30 – 6.30 KS23:30-6.30

Year 6 Bike ability – dates in Term 3

KS1 SATs parent's meeting – **25/4/18 2pm** MB/JJ - followed by KS2 parents meeting **4.00pm** AL

## Other useful information/Dates

Week beg **14/5/18** SATs/formal testing week

May -Year 2 SATs

Sports day – **22/5/18** followed by Tray share **3.15-4.30pm**

Years 1/3/4/5 Test week – **11<sup>th</sup> June**

Week beg **11/6/18** – Year 1 Phonics Screening check

PESE parent's meeting – **13/6/18 4.00pm**

Parent's appointments (Yr R) - **3/7/18**

New Year R entrants in **5<sup>th</sup> July**

Achievement sheets home - **13/7/18**

Book Fair – **Week Beginning 16/7/18**

Walkabout –**16/7/18**

**Governors Meetings :-** 8 February 2018, 22 March 2018, 24 May 2018, 5 July 2018

## **Term dates for the year September 2017 - July 2018**

Term1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Term2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December2017
Term3	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February2018
Term4	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Term5	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May2018
Term 6	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018



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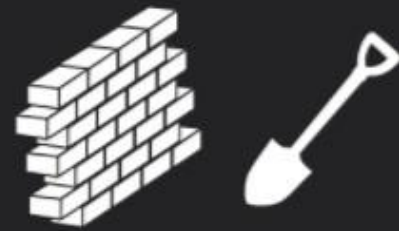
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