



January and February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Spring term is always a busy one in school and there's been lots of lovely things going on...

## Everyone reading for pleasure!

As part of a big drive on reading for pleasure, we have launched Book Week in school. You should have received information about all the things we have going on in school this week already but here's a few reminders:



Join us to celebrate our love and enthusiasm for reading! Please see below for the proposed schedule of events taking place that you can opt in and out of during the week!

**There will be books available to buy after school from the Scholastic Book Fair. Please come to the KS2 playground after school where you will be welcomed into the school library to explore the range of books on sale from 3.15-4pm.**

### Wednesday 7th February

#### Book Bake Sale!

*Where? School hall 3.15-4pm.*

Can you design a fantastic 'book themed' cake or bake?

Bring cakes to school for judging (with name and class attached please). They **will be sold at a grand cake sale after school, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, to raise money

for even more school books! Small cakes or biscuits often work the best.



### Thursday 8th February

Please send your child's favourite book into school with them. They will have the opportunity across the day to share it with their friends in their reading retreats!



### BY Friday 9th February

#### **Family online competition—EXTREME Reading**

Want a chance to win a prize for the whole family? Join in with our fun extreme reading competition.

Your challenge is to **read in as many unusual place (or positions!) as you can**. Upload your entries to our school Facebook page, where a judgement will be made on Friday 9th March



### BY Tuesday 13th February

#### **Would you like your book artwork to be displayed in our school library?**

Your challenge is to **design a poster of your favourite book/ book character**.

Hand in your entries to your class teacher where a judgement will be made on Tuesday 13th February.

Prizes will be given to the top 6 posters during our assembly on the Friday.

**Please look out for information regarding World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March!**

**In other reading news:** Our Y6 reading role models conducted a survey into reading habits in school and presented findings at staff meeting. They did a great job and it's lovely to hear their view which in turn helps us teachers to reflect and improve reading across school. One of the things we've introduced is more visits to our super village library!





**King Arthur Performance:** Thanks to our brilliant PTA, children got to watch a performance of King Arthur by a traveling theatre group. It was a very interactive show and the children joined in and had lots of laughs!

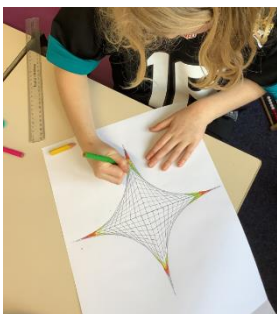
### Computing and internet safety workshop:

We were pleased to have a great turn-out to our e-safety and computing workshop for KS2 parents. Thank you to our KS2 digital leaders who helped organise the session and thank you to all those who attended. Having listened to your feedback, we will be holding another parent workshop in the near future.



### Sports Update:

We've had various competitions already this term. A large group of Y3/4 children and another group of Y5/6s represented the school at indoor athletics competitions. As always, they did themselves, and the school proud! We also had three cross country runners representing us at county finals having qualified from the district and regional competitions. This Monday just gone, we also sent a team for a swimming competition. They did very well to come 4<sup>th</sup> in the local area. Go Team Lakenheath!



**Number Day:** We had a fantastic day exploring different aspects of Maths! Children had a data-handling scavenger hunt, completed Maths art and estimated measurements. It was great to see some fabulous number costumes but best of all, watching the whole school community mix up together with older and younger children supporting one another!



### Our link with South Africa:

We are beginning to establish a link with the school council's chosen charity, Clouds of Hope, in South Africa. I received an email from the head of the charity (an orphanage and sanctuary for children in extreme poverty in KwaZulu-Natal) who was pleasantly surprised that a school in England had chosen to support them. Our fantastic Y6 community champions have now written a letter to the children at the orphanage and are producing a video all about our school which we will send over. The charity have asked to have a report in their local newspaper in their region all about our school and the link so LCPS will reach fame in the southern hemi-sphere soon!



We are hoping that the children in the orphanage will be able to send us letters and videos back so we can learn more about life in South Africa and see where our donations are being spent.

For more information: <https://cloudsofhope.com/>

### Important dates for the diary:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - EPIC Dad Wellbeing store (fill a bag of essentials)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 9am Coffee and Chat group (all welcome): This month's theme is mental health and wellbeing
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - PTA Disco
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Half Term
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Early Years Trip to Hunstanton Sea-life centre
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5/6 Trip to West Stow

### Our 10 point Attendance Reminders:

1. Please take family holidays during the school holidays. Holidays in term time will result in a fine (£60 per adult, per child)
2. Please call in before 9am if your child is not going to be at school. It saves us having to call you
3. If your child is regularly off due to illness, we will call you for a meeting to see how we can help
4. Absence due to illness can be unauthorised if we suspect your child is well enough to come to school
5. If your child comes into school after 9am, the registers are closed and it counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence
6. Too many unauthorised absences will result in a fine or a referral to our School Attendance Support Officer at Suffolk County Council

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7. If your child has a medical appointment, please give school a copy of the appointment so we can authorise the absence

8. If you know there is an unusual or unexpected reason for your child's absence, please talk to us ahead of time (if possible). We may agree to authorise the absence.

9. 90% - or below - is classed as persistently absent / poor attendance (this is equivalent to a day off every 2 weeks!)

10. If you or your child have any worries about what's happening or has happened in school please bring your child in to school and talk to us about it. Please do not give your child a day off.

**Of course, lots of bugs do go round this time of year which does effect our attendance significantly. However, if in doubt, please do send children into school - we will always send the children home if we feel they're too ill to be in school and we can give them Calpol if you give us written permission.**

**Please also remember, our registration points for attendance are 8:45-8:50am and 1-1:15pm.**

### **Polite Reminders:**

- Breakfast Club - please do not park on the school grounds (including visitor bays) when dropping off your children. It is not safe with so many cars coming in and out and children walking into the club.
- Please follow the payment plans for school trips. If you're struggling financially to keep up with these, please do communicate with us so we can stop chasing these and make arrangements with you on an individual basis.
- Please avoid parking on School Close (private road) and on the yellow lines out the front of school.
- We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies in school. We do not allow any nuts in school so please avoid these in snacks and lunch boxes.
- **Please avoid using mobile phones when on the school site e.g. when dropping off and collecting children - this is for safeguarding our pupils.**

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey