



STOP PRESS...

**Thursday 3rd March – Non-Uniform Day
Children to dress as a book character**

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back after half term! It is hard to believe that after this week we only have 4 more weeks until the Easter holidays!

It has been another action packed week in school with lots going on. As I say after every holiday, it seems as if the children were never away.

It was pleasing to see so many parents/carers attend the Maths Parent Workshops for Early Years and Years 1 & 2. We received lots of positive feedback and the objective was to share the expectations of the children for each year group. The children also enjoyed working with you all too. Letters for the Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 workshops were sent out this week and I am hoping they will be as popular.




You may have noticed some changes to the corner of St. James Avenue West. Following a request to Thurrock Highways Agency we were able to secure a wider path on the corner and hand rails further down the path. In addition the Main Reception area has a lovely new welcome sign above the main entrance doors – make sure you pop in to have a look when you can.



Everyone in school is looking forward to next week as it is Book Week. There are a number of exciting activities planned including all of the children taking part in a workshop with the popular 'PantoBus'. On Wednesday the children are welcome back to school for 'Bedtime Stories' and I am pleased to say that we have over 150 children coming to this very exciting event. World Book Day falls on Thursday and this is set as a non-uniform day with the children and staff dressing up as a book character. I can't wait to tell you all about it in the newsletter next week.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 1	Miss Pugh	100%
	KS2	Class 13	Mrs Green	100%
	Congratulations to both classes!			
	Whole School Attendance			96.3%



Bronze Headteacher Award

Today I presented Bronze Headteacher Awards and a special ruler for earning 5 Headteacher Awards to the Phoebe Olney and Nathan Gill-Cogan Well done to both children!



Football

Results from the Friday before half term:

Girls Team lost 8-0 against Woodside
Boys A Team won 9-2 against St. Josephs

The Boys A team are in action tonight against Bulphan in the Semi-Final of the cup – Good luck!



Quiz Night

Don't forget that the PTA have organised their next event which will be a Quiz Night on Friday 11th March. A letter has been sent home with further information – it would be great to see as many families from our school community at the event. Please do your best to support the PTA. All money raised will go towards buying new staging for the school.



Southend Wrist Bands

The PTA have secured a great deal on the Southend Wristbands again this year. The prices are as follows:

Junior Bands - £16
Little Bands - £12.50
Golf Tickets- £5 (Limited tickets)
Sealife Centre Tickets- £5 (Limited tickets)
Please contact Lisa Luke for more information.



Lost Property

All lost property is now stored in a green box in the main corridor. If you ever need to look in it please go to the Main Office and they will get the box out for you to look in. Please also ensure that all items of clothes are labelled with your child's name. Thanks for your support with this matter.



Milk Bottle Tops

A huge thank you to everyone who has supplied the school with plastic milk bottle tops. Joshua in Year 5 is still collecting these so please keep handing these into the office. Thanks for your support.



LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

Bikeability Balance Bikes – Early Years – 23rd February.
 Maths Workshops – Years 3-4 and 5-6 – 24th February.
 Swimming – Year 3 – 26th February.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



February	
Monday 29 th – Friday 4 th March	Book Week
March	
Tuesday 1 st	St David's Day
	Book Week Workshop with the 'Pantobus'
Wednesday 2 nd	Book Week Workshop with the 'Pantobus'
	Bedtime Stories
	Early Years / KS1 4.30 – 5.30 KS2 – 5.15 – 6.15
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day (Non Uniform Day)
Monday 7 th	Year 3/4 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5/6 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
Thursday 10 th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
	Year 5/6 Library Visit (AM)
	Year 5 Walk Online Roadshow (PM)
Friday 11 th	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 16 th	NON PUPIL DAY
	Parent Consultations (9am – 7pm) Art Exhibition in School (More information to follow)
Thursday 17 th	St Patrick's Day
Monday 21 st	KS2 Disco
Tuesday 22 nd	Easter Celebrations
	Early Years / KS1 Easter Parties
Thursday 24 th	Year 4 Easter Assembly (1.45pm)
Friday 25 th	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 28 th – Friday 8 th April	Holiday