



### Head Teacher's Welcome

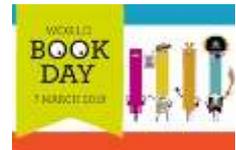


I hope you all had a good half term. We now look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring term – hopefully we will see some sunshine! We have lots of exciting events taking place again this term so another busy time ahead.

**Richard Culham**

### World Book Day

Tomorrow sees our celebration of reading! To be fair we have made quite a focus of celebrating books and reading over the last few years particularly, but this will be a lovely opportunity for a whole school event.



I do hope that in dressing up your children that you have not spent too much money. I would much rather see the children dressed in home made creative outfits where possible, ultimately we hope for a lovely day enjoying books and their characters, rounded off with our bedtime story reading with hot chocolate and biscuits from 6 pm – 7 pm.

### Breakfast and Tea Time Club

Our school population continues to grow and if you include our number on roll in our Pre-School, we now number nearly 500 children.

Most of the time this is easily manageable except that space can become a problem. This is the case for our extended hours provision – Breakfast and Tea Time clubs as numbers for both of these continue to grow.

This does mean, due to the size of the space available in the 'hut' that numbers will have to be capped and on occasions we will have to say 'no' to a request. Apologies for this – best to book early!

### Haircuts

We have started to notice an increase in the number of patterns in the boys shaved heads. Personally this is not my favourite option so, with Governors approval, we are requesting that hair styles remain a little more conventional please.

### Football Training Equipment

We have received a very generous donation of football equipment from the *Adam Stansfield Foundation*. Adam Stansfield played for Yeovil Town, Hereford and Exeter football clubs but died in 2010. The Foundation wish to encourage football in schools and we are very lucky to have received this equipment.

## RE Day



Hopefully your children will have told you about our RE focus day last Wednesday. The whole school took the opportunity to explore, understand and celebrate a range of religions from across the world. It

was a fabulous day rounded off with an assembly on Friday. We celebrated a Christian wedding, made some Jewish bread, prepared some Hindu prayers, made a mosque and learnt many more interesting facts.

It is lovely to be able to have these whole school focus days when we can learn and celebrate together. Further days of this kind are planned later in the summer.

## Community Cafe



A new community café has been set up at Yarlington Community Hub, St John's Road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. This is an opportunity to meet new people, find out about local events and activities. There will be free refreshments. For more information contact Jordi at Spark Somerset 07951 944420

## Pastoral Support

Many of you will know Danielle Barter, our Pastoral Lead, and you may also know that she has just started her maternity leave.

We have appointed *Tony Waller* as Danielle's maternity cover. We were able to arrange a handover period and now Tony is fully up and running! Please feel free to come and say 'hello!'

Sarah Cox remains as our PFSA so between them our Pastoral provision will continue.

## Dates for your Diary

**Thurs 7 March:** World Book Day and  
6 – 7 pm Reading Evening

**Fri 15 March:** Red Nose Day

**Fri 22 March:** School Disco

**Wed 27 – Fri 29 March:** Y3 Residential trip

**Tues 2 – Thurs 4 April:** Parent Consultation  
meetings 3.40 pm – 6.30 pm

**Wed 3 April:** Y5 Viking Boat morning

**Thurs 4 April:** Non-school uniform day in lieu of  
gifts for Bingo prizes (26 April)

**Fri 5 April:** INSET

**Mon 8 April – Mon 22 April:** Easter holidays

**Tues 23 April:** School re-opens

**Fri 26 April:** Bingo evening

**Fri 3 May:** Book Bus (further information to follow)  
Donuts on sale from 3 pm

**Mon 6 May:** May Day – school closed for the day