



Spring 3

Newsletter

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**World
Book Day**

News, News, News

First of all, many thanks to all of you who were able to come to our Peace Garden Blessing and then enjoy a “cuppa” and cake afterwards. We had lots of positive feedback about the tea and cakes that we will be trying to fit this into next term’s calendar and make it a termly or half termly event. If you haven’t seen the lovely newspaper article yet, do check out our school Facebook page or the Diss Express website, where we have a prominent position.

This week, we have also had our SIAMS Inspection. This is an Inspection for church schools that happens every 5 years regardless of our Ofsted grade. The inspector was very impressed with the school and our children. I am hoping the final report will be with us after half term and I can give you more details then. Many thanks to the parents who kindly agreed to stay behind and chat to the inspector, I really appreciated your support.

NSPCC Dress Green Day

Next Thursday 14th February, the school will be supporting the NSPCC, who are coming into school to take assembly and hold workshops for Years 5 and 6. This day is part of my continued Safeguarding programme for your children. A separate letter is coming home to explain all about it in more detail. However, this is a charity and for these important sessions to continue to happen, they do need funding. So, we have agreed to dress up **Green** for the day and to bring in a donation of £1 to support the NSPCC. Thank you for your continued support.

Toilet Twinning

You may have heard something from your children about this. Sam Watt, who runs our Musical Theatre Group on a Wednesday, asked us to support her collection, at her recent pantomime, for donations for a charity called Toilet Twinning. The children have been particularly enthusiastic and supportive of this and by using our school name, she managed to raise enough money for us to twin 2 of our toilets with a latrine in Rwanda and 1 in Zambia. By doing this, we are helping to ensure somewhere safe and hygienic for children and women to go to the toilet in some of the poorest areas in the world. Something we just take for granted. Our children are amazing and want to continue to support this fantastic cause. So, this is something that the School Council will be working on later in the year.

Some of you will already know that **Thursday 7th March** is World Book Day. We would like to take part in this, this year and our School Council and lovely ladies in FODS have come up with a great plan to promote reading and to raise some funds to buy new books for our library and classes.

So, for a donation of £1, the children are welcome to come into school dressed as a book character, but must also bring the book in which the character appears. There will be opportunities, throughout the day, to read their book. Please no football kits or superhero characters. Princes and Princesses are fine if they come from an original traditional tale such as Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel etc. Any book that was around before the Disney Film! So sorry, no Elsa from Frozen! In the afternoon, there will be a book quiz in team colours, and prizes for the team who get the most correct. Also, June will be baking some Gingerbread Men biscuits for 50p and there will be a second-hand book sale after school in the playground. Please look out for more info coming from FODS soon.

Half Term

Please don't forget half term week is from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February.

Parking-sorry, yes again! I now need to ask you not to pull up at our school gate for your children to jump out for school in the mornings. Last week, a large 4 x 4 car did just that, promptly followed by a speedy 3-point turn, almost hitting one of our parents who was walking to school with a child and a buggy. Then a second car parked up in front of the gate, blocking our access for emergency vehicles. There are yellow zig-zags and "Keep Clear" notices painted at the front. I am afraid that the inconsideration of 1 or 2 parents has now been reported to the school Governors and they have taken the decision that there can be no dropping off or picking up from that front gate. All cars and taxis need to stop in the village carpark.



I am really pleased to report an increase in our attendance over the last few weeks bringing the overall percentage from September to Friday 1st February to **98%**. This is my target for our school for the end of the year, so, thank you for your continued support with this.

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