

# EXWICK HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term– March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

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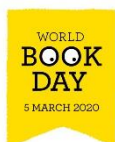
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## Dear Parents & Carers

I thought a short newsletter might be useful to inform you all about the many events on our calendar this half term. Whilst I recognise that many of these have been in recent newsletters, I would prefer to give you too much information than not enough!

Please don't hesitate to contact us here at school if you have any questions...

**World Book Day:** World Book Day is this Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. We would like to invite all children (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character to help us celebrate this event (we are not asking for any monetary donations; this is just an opportunity for the children to dress up). Please speak to any of our teachers if you would like any inspiration or ideas for inexpensive costumes! Each year group will complete an array of exciting activities to mark World Book Day, helping them to recognize the importance of reading for pleasure.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> March, all pupils will then have the opportunity to work alongside author Tanya Landman, who is the Carnegie Medal winning author of more than thirty books for children and young adults. We will also be visited by a local author, Anne Parsons, during World Book Day. Anne will be working with our Year 2 children, sharing her book, 'Archie, Jump,' and will hold a book sale and signing after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the front entrance to the Main Building.

**Book Fair:** Our Book Fair will be arriving in time for World Book Day and will be on site for six days. It will be open for families to visit and browse from 3.15pm until 4pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Book Fair will be open from 3.15pm until 6.15pm. If our book fair is delivered in time for the end of the school day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March, we will also open it then from 3.15pm until 4pm. The book fair will be located in the Community Room on the main site.

**Timid to Tiger:** We are very excited to announce that Louise Phillips, our Family Support Worker, along with Ms Stuart and Mrs Bradford, members of our teaching assistant team, will be running a course called Timid To Tiger. It is a 10 week group intervention for parents/carers of children of primary school age who present with some anxiety. The Programme was developed by Clinical Psychologists and is specifically designed to support families of children with a range of primary anxiety disorders including separation anxiety, social anxiety, generalised anxiety, panic, agoraphobia and specific phobias. A letter with more information will be sent out shortly but if you are interested, don't hesitate to speak to us!

**Spring Parent/Carer Meetings - half yearly pupil attainment and expected end of year outcomes:** These meetings offer parents the opportunity to discuss their child's work, learning attitudes, progress and relationships. Appointment request slips were sent out on the first day of the half term, and teachers are now busily scheduling appointments. If you have not yet sent your request for an appointment into school, please be aware that appointments at the beginning and end of parent evenings have already been in high demand! Our teachers endeavour to make appointments for every parent and so it is not always possible to align with every parent's first choice, however we will do our very best!

**Years 2,3,4,5 and 6:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 between 3:30pm – 6:30pm

**RSD only:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 between 3:30pm – 6:30pm

**Reception (not RSD) & Yr 1:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 3:30pm – 6:30pm

**Nursery:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 3:30pm – 6:30pm (in the Early Years building); Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 - 12 noon and 1:00 – 5:00pm (in the Main building)

**Sport Relief:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school in their own sporty clothes for a suggested donation of £1 to raise money for this charity, which our School Council have selected as one of five charities we will support this academic year. There will be a range of sporting activities for the children to enjoy.

**School Disco:** Our next PTA school disco will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – FS/KS1 (with a parent/carers please) 5:00 – 6:15pm; KS2 6:30 – 7:45pm. All tickets for the disco cost £1 and the funds raised all come back into school to support our children. Pupils attending the FS/KS1 disco need to be supervised throughout by a designated adult who will require a ticket. Pupils attending the KS2 disco will be supported by members of the PTA and staff from our school. They will need to be collected after the disco, directly from the hall. Please can I politely remind all parents that if your child is being collected by someone other than their usual parent/carers after the KS2 disco, the school office must be informed in advance.

**Read to Succeed:** I would like to congratulate all of our recent READ TO SUCCEED winners. Each week, children who have a reading journal showing that they have read three times or more outside of school are given a ticket to enter the Read to Succeed termly raffle. One winner is drawn from each class and receives a book of their choice from our prize selection. I

would like to share a special well done to pupils in classes 5GT, 1JM and 5LS, who currently top our school leader board for regularly reading outside of school. The next draw will be on Friday 27th March.

**Art Workshop:** We were delighted by the active participation during our Art Workshop yesterday and would like to send a big thank you to the attending parents for their support! They played lots of fun drawing games and experimented with printing techniques. It was great to see such creativity and enthusiasm and I know that the children really enjoyed it!

**Year 4 Assembly:** Our talented Year 4 pupils are busy preparing for their assembly about British Values – and Paddington Bear! The assembly will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. We warmly invite the families of our Year 4 children to join us to celebrate their hard work.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** A quick reminder that there will be no Drama, Knitting or Art club on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March as a result of our Parent Evenings. Home Learning Club will not be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. This was communicated in the original club letter, which offers an overview of all of the dates that clubs are run.

Finally, I am delighted to announce our **newly elected Parent Governors** are Mrs Rachel Milton and Mr David Stephenson. A parent ballot was held at the end of last year and, following a successful induction period, both have now become fully fledged Governors.

Mrs C Neal  
Headteacher

### Term Dates and Activities

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half term
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Y2 Parent SATs meeting at 5:00pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – invited to dress up as a favourite book character
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y2-6 parent consultation meetings 3:30 – 6:30pm (RSD on the Mon & Tues)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Author visit
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 assembly at 2:30pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 heights and weight checks
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sport Relief – dress in sports clothes for a £1 donation
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6 London Residential
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	FS (not RSD)/Y1 parent consultation meetings 3:30 – 6:30pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery parent consultations on main site
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No swimming lessons today
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Year 3 Explorer Dome in school –letter to follow
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Y6 Parent SATs meeting at 5:30pm
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School discos: 5-6:15pm FS/Y1 + parents; 6:30-7:45pm KS2 children
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y3 Easter assembly at 2:30pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last day of term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar- 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter holiday
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Non pupil day
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children return to school
Throughout May	Y2 SATs
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	V E Day Bank holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Return to school after bank holiday weekend
Wk beg Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Non pupil day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Wk beg 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 phonics
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete 3pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 5 Grenville House Residential Week
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Occasional day
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Citywide transfer day for Y6 pupils
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	School discos: 5-6:15pm FS/Y1 + parents; 6:30-7:45pm KS2 children
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term for children and staff
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Occasional day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer holiday begins