



March Newsletter 2024



A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our Book Fair and Book Café events last week! As well as promoting a love of reading which, research tells, us has a highly beneficial effect on children's development, attainment and wellbeing, these events help us to purchase vital additional books and reading resources across school. Many thanks to Mrs McNeal and our other staff volunteers for working so hard to make these events such a success.

This week sees another hugely important literacy date in our school calendar - **World Book Day** will be celebrated in school on **Thursday, 7th March**. On this day, the children are welcome to come dressed up as a book character and there will be lots of reading related activities going on. Please note that we do not expect parents to spend money on new, shop-bought costumes: recycled, home-made or simple 'child character' costumes are fine, as is no costume at all! If anyone has any old costumes they would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office so they can be distributed.

Start of the School Day

A huge thank you to parents for your support with ensuring that children arrive at school for the doors opening (Lower School 8.40am, Upper School 8.45 am.)

Please remember that any children arriving after this time will have to enter school via our Main Reception and be signed in by a parent, carer or guardian. These children will be marked as late.



Key Dates

Further dates and information will follow as we continue through the year but please find below an outline of key diary dates.

- Tues 5th March – Coffee and Chat
- Wed 6th Mar – 5pm Year 4 Multiplication Check parents meeting 5pm
- Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day
- Fri 22nd Mar – Break up for Easter
- Mon 8th Apr – Return to School
- W/c 13th May – KS2 SATs week
- Wed 22nd May – Break up for Half Term
- Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th May - PD Days
- Mon 3rd June – Return to school
- W/c 10th June – KS1 phonics check
- Tue 11th June – School Olympic Event
- Fri 19th Julv - Break up for Summer



Comic Relief Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March this year. This year we are holding a non uniform day on that date and asking the children to bring £1 into school in order to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Please note that red noses and other Comic Relief merchandise will NOT be available to purchase in school.



Coffee and Chat at Captain Cook

Next session Tomorrow - Tuesday 5th March

A reminder that Mrs Lake, our Pastoral Lead, is hosting a monthly coffee morning in Lower School on the first Tuesday of the month from 8.50am to 10am. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet up informally for a chat and also to access any support they may need. Mrs Lake has already been able to make valuable links through these sessions and hopes to build up a network to support all members of the school community. If any parents thinks they may be able to assist with this, please contact Mrs Lake at school.

Walking Bus Scheme.

Following a meeting with Middlesbrough Council, we are hopeful that our proposed Walking Bus schemes will be viable. We would like to invite any parent who is willing to volunteer for this to a meeting on THURSDAY 14TH MARCH AT 8.50AM in Upper School. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Clay in the school office.

Many thanks in advance for your support, as the scheme will be unable to run without sufficient volunteers.

Summer Holiday Club.

Just a reminder that anyone who would like to express an interest in a new Summer Holiday Club running for the first 4 weeks of the summer holiday should email Mrs Clay at emma.clay@mcschools.org.uk by Friday 8th March.