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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a busy spring half term coming up, so the diary dates are going to be important to keep on top of!

### **Celebration Assembly**

This week the normal celebration assembly will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb and **not** the Friday. All parents are very welcome to come along for 9.05am start in the hall.



### **New School Dinners**

We have a new school dinner provider starting after Easter. We thank Elite Catering (our previous supplier) for keeping us all fed for the last few years and welcome 'Cater Cater' as our new provider. Please look out for fresh menus over the next couple of weeks.

### **School Council**

The School Council organised a cake sale on Friday which raised £104. We are very pleased to be able to donate the money to the Air Ambulance service. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

### **TT Rockstars Competition (Yr2 – Yr6)**

We are taking part in a TT Rockstars Competition with Primary Quest Trust (starting today), where children compete online at home. **There is a separate letter explaining this.**



### **Readathon!**

All children will be coming home with a **Readathon** challenge sheet. This is an opportunity for them to capture all the wonderful reading they do and to challenge themselves further in this.

We are asking Children in Class 1 and Class 2 to complete up to challenge 5 (or beyond if they wish), we appreciate younger children may need a little help with challenge 5. If they complete this they will get to choose a book to keep from school. Class 3 children have are challenged to Challenge 10 and again will receive a book from school when it is completed. We are really seeing a great response to our reading challenges this year (regular reading and reading raffle). Thank you to all those parents who continue to hear their children read at home.

Recent Government research clearly shows that **children who read more are better readers**. Being a better reader means you can access the rest of the curriculum. Every subject needs reading. If your child struggles with reading, due to a specific need (e.g. Dyslexia) they may not be at the same level as their peers, however, all that lovely reading at home is going to mean that they make progress and narrow the gap in learning. We appreciate and know that this is hard and know the dedication and commitment our children and parents of children with additional needs have to put in here.



Some hints and tips for the reluctant or 'struggling' reader- mix it up!

- You read a line (with expression and intonation) and your child copies you. This is called echo reading.
- You read together in tandem (this is called choral reading)
- You read one line/ paragraph and the child the next

We are completely happy to model reading sessions if this is helpful. Please ask your child's teacher if this is something you may be interested in.

### Friends of Bromesberrow

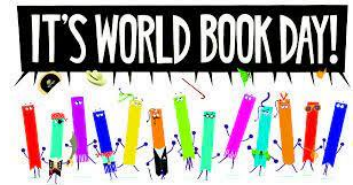
The children had a wonderful time at the Valentine's disco on 9th February and raised £159. Thank you to Friends of Bromesberrow and of course our fantastic DJ!

Please come along to the next Friends meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm** at school if you possibly can. All parents (and grandparents) are very welcome.

### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Please bring in your competition plate by 1<sup>st</sup> March if you have finished it, for a chance to win a reading hamper.

On the day we invite children to dress up as their favourite hero or villain if they would like to.



### British Science Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate this and enrich our science curriculum, we will be running two events:



#### 1) Science Celebration Event Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.30pm

We invite you to take part in some great, hands on science sessions with your child/children. This promises to be lots of fun, a time to connect with your child and be a part of their learning in science.

Miss Oakes would be very grateful if Class 1 could bring a shoebox into school asap for this. If anyone else has a spare shoebox at home that would also be helpful.

#### 2) Science Club lunchtime

Mrs Hankins and Miss Blewitt are joining forces to offer 2 science investigations on the playground this week (weather dependent). We are hoping this gets the children active in a fun, science way.

### Think Tank (Whole School) Trip -20<sup>th</sup> March

You should have already received a separate letter about this visit. It is a whole school trip so all members of staff and classes need to go to enable this to happen. This is a wonderful experience, which the children will love and may not get to experience otherwise, involving Planetariums, theatre shows and hands on science investigating! We have worked hard to keep this as affordable as possible. The cost of a coach alone is over £600, so we do need as many Voluntary Contributions as possible in order for this to happen.

### Phonics Meeting (Class 1 and 2 \*) Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 3pm – 3.30pm

We are offering a phonics after school session to explain phonics and the Y1 phonics screening check. All parents in class 1 (and some in class 2) and invited to attend. If your child did not reach the phonics screening check pass mark at the end of Y1 last year, they will be re doing it this year. Please do come along as this will show you how to support and hopefully give you a better understanding of what it all involves. If you are unsure if your child passed the check, please check in with your child's teacher.

### Y6 SATS meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 3pm – 3.30pm

We are offering Year 6 parents (and children) a SATS meeting. This is a chance to learn a little more about the expectations of SATS, what this means for your child and how you can support them in preparation for these. Just as a reminder SATS are 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May.



## Ledbury Poetry Festival

The event organisers have been in touch with us and are offering the following wonderful literary opportunities for children and families.

### 1) Ledbury Poetry Afterschool Arts club

Ledbury Poetry are hosting after school fun and food at Ledbury Poetry House every Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 4pm - 6pm. There will be an arts activity with a hot meal for primary aged children and their parents/carers. Sessions are FREE, just book your place on the Ledbury Poetry website [What's On - Ledbury Poetry](#).

### 2) The Word Crew Workshop at Ledbury Poetry

Everyone from 10-16 is welcome to join The Word Crew on the first Saturday of each month at Ledbury Poetry House. You can develop your writing with support from professional poetry teacher Sara-Jane Arbury. Monthly sessions coming up in 2024 are on: 23rd Mar, 20th Apr, 18th May, 15th Jun, 13th Jul from 10.00am—12.00noon. Book your place on [What's On - Ledbury Poetry](#)

## Dates for Diary

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends Meeting in school for parents	3.30pm
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents invited to school to take part in Science Celebration Event	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school trip to Think Tank- Birmingham	
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Church Service – Parents welcome at St Mary's Church - Bromesberrow	3pm-3.30pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last day of term at 3.30pm as usual	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back in school for Summer Term	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Meeting Yr6 Sats	3pm- 3.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Meeting – Phonics	3pm -3.30pm

