

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Parents' Evening

We will be holding parent consultation meetings on Wednesday 7th March 3.30 - 7.30pm and Thursday 8th March 3.30 - 6pm. It is really important for all parents to attend in order to find out how your child is progressing and how well they are doing with their work. It gives you the opportunity to ask any questions and for teachers to raise any other concerns they may have.

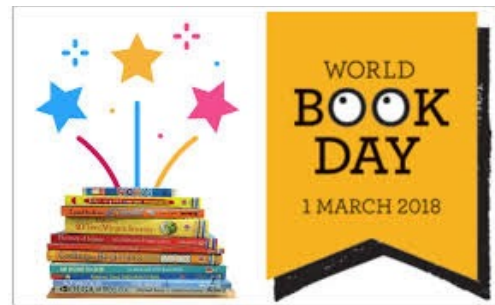
We ask that children do not come to these meetings; we can only allocate 10 minutes for each parent and we need the time to be focused on the discussion. Children should not be left unattended in the corridors.

Appointments can be booked by visiting the school website and logging into the parents area. The booking area will become live on Saturday morning at 9am.

You will be given a mid-term report to read prior to the meeting - please read this and bring it with you to talk through with the teacher.

## Home School Agreement

We have recently updated our Home-School Agreement. We will be sharing this with all parents at the start of every year. You will be asked to keep a copy at home and return a signed copy to school. The agreement is being sent home with the mid-term report, and we are requesting for these to be signed and handed to your class teacher during your Parents' Evening appointment.



## World Book Day

In order to promote positive attitudes to reading and increase enjoyment, we always like to take part in this national annual event. We will be planning lots of book related activities in school and inviting the children to come dressed as a book character. There will be no themes this year and so children can have a free choice and maybe go with their favourite character.

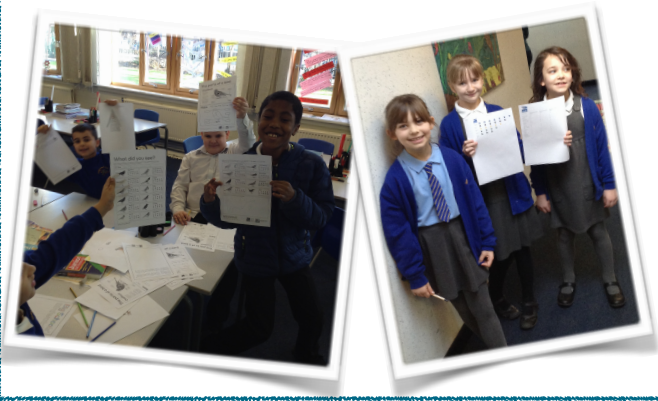
We stress that no expense should be made when preparing costumes and we certainly don't expect any expensive costumes to be purchased from the internet. There are lots of character costumes that can be assembled from bits and pieces in wardrobes at home. Some really helpful ideas (including those for characters who just wear normal clothes!) can be found on the following website page:

<https://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas>



# Big Schools' Birdwatch

Our fabulous Eco Team have once again taken part in the RSPB annual birdwatch to help gain a picture of bird population in our local area. They have submitted their results and have informed me that there has been a noticeable increase in small birds, especially blue tits. We look forward to getting our new bird hide, purchased by the PTA, in action to help us keep a close eye on bird life in our school grounds all year round.



We have had a very successful focus on the safe use of the internet this week and put on some really engaging activities for the children to promote their understanding. There has been a focus on the sharing of images and how this can be damaging. Year 5 used a photo booth to get their messages across:



Year 3 put together some helpful messages which are relevant for us all:

Remember to always make time for you family!  
Switch off your devices at night.

Make Sure You  
Don't Talk To  
Strangers Online.

NEVER Tell People your real name, phone number or address!

NEVER  
Don't Leave your privacy on public (Tumblr friend only) because the will see your name, personal info, email address.

## Scarlet Fever

We have been asked by the Local Authority to raise parents' awareness of scarlet fever as there has been an increase in notifications of the illness which are above the seasonal expected levels. It is important to be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever as it is extremely contagious. Once diagnosed, the doctor will prescribe antibiotics and after 24 hours of taking these, children can return to school. For more information, please look at the link below and ensure you know what to look out for:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/)

Kind regards,

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and the Etchells staff

