

SCHOOL NEWS

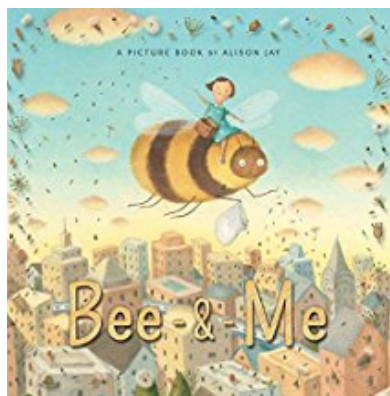
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World Book Day



We are looking forward to World Book Day which is taking place on Thursday 1st March. This is the first Thursday back after half term and so we are hoping the half term can be used to organise a costume. In last week's news I gave a website link with lots of easy and cost-free ideas; please refer back to this if you need to.

On the day itself, the whole school, from Nursery to Year 6, will be studying and enjoying the same book: "Bee - & - Me". Please don't look at the book in advance as we would like the children to enjoy it for the first time in their classes.



If you would like to use a bee theme for the dressing up costume this would be an option too. We will leave it up to you to decide.



Mrs Lambert will also be launching the Key Stage 2 Book Factor on World Book Day. Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 have selected some books which will be read and voted for by each member of the class over the course of the next few months. We will share them here when the titles have been finalised.

Attendance

2W	96.6
4R	96.6
5R	96.6
5W	96
6L	96
1H	95.9
6M	95.1
2PV	94.8
3TL	94.7
1P	94.5
3C	92.5
4M	91.9

Congratulations to classes 2W, 4R and 5R who have earned a non-uniform day today for the highest attendance this half term. Unfortunately, as the table shows, our attendance is falling below National Average with only 5 of our classes on or above 96%. The overall school attendance figure now stands at 95% which is the lowest it's been for long time.

Too many families are taking term time holidays and some children are being kept off ill when they don't need to be. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children attend school. Poor attendance will be followed up by the Local Authority.



Online Safety Workshop

Many thanks to all the parents from Year 5 and 6 who came to the Online Safety Workshop last Monday. It was a really useful session with lots of discussion and learning. It is a very worthwhile opportunity for parents and children to share concerns and talk about online safety.



An issue that came up on Safer Internet day with a number of classes is the suitability of our young children using social media Apps such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram or Musical.ly. The Terms and Conditions should be read carefully and understood by parents. Snapchat for example, state that if a picture is posted, permission is therefore given for anyone to share the image anywhere in the world. It is important that age guidelines are respected and with older children, parents keep a close eye on conversation threads as well as unsuitable adverts etc which may well be popping up onto timelines. We urge parents to take online safety seriously.



Please remember not to send nuts or any foods containing nuts into school as this is life threatening for some of our pupils.

Homework

We are trying to make use of our website facility to upload homework. Not all tasks will need uploading in this way - only those specified by the class teacher. After the half term, pupil logins will be re-issued to classes so that children are confident in how to access the homework page. We have strict guidelines to not bring in USB memory sticks or flash drives as there is a risk of putting a virus onto the school system. This rule is the same for all schools across Stockport. If you are unable to upload homework please see your class teacher.

Parents' Evening



A reminder that Parents' Evening is being held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March. If you

haven't already done so, please use the school website and log on to the parent area to make an appointment. I will be available to talk to during both evenings - just drop in. Mrs Kind is also available to speak to parents with concerns or questions with regard to Special Educational Needs. If you would let to make an appointment with Mrs Kind, please phone the school office.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see everyone back at 8.50am on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

