

READING VOLUNTEERS

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended our Reading Volunteer training. We were overwhelmed with the response and are looking forward to having volunteers in school to support the development of reading. Mrs Burkinshaw and Mrs Green will be in touch with the volunteers with timetables of readers after the half-term holiday.



LOST PROPERTY

As some of you may know we have a significant amount of lost property that we would like to be returned to their owners.



Could I please ask that your child's name is written/ sewn into all items of uniform as this ensures that clothing items left around school can be returned to the rightful owner.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Can we please remind parents/carers that breakfast club starts at 8.00am and due to health & safety reasons, we can not let children in school prior to this time.



At breakfast club food does have to be purchased and food orders will not be taken after 8.30am as children need to be escorted to classrooms ready for 8.40am.

We have also noticed that children in some year groups are bringing toys, jewellery and stationary items into school. Please could you ask your child to keep these belongings at home as we often have items getting broken, lost or damaged. This results in upset children and staff spending time trying to resolve any issues. Children are provided with all the

PTA FASHION SHOW

We would like to thank the PTA for organising the recent Fashion Show in school which raised £173 for school.



Thank you to all of you who attended and who bought raffle tickets at the event. The next PTA fundraiser will be the Spring Fling discos on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER..

It has been a busy half-term which has included lots of wonderful experiences for parents & children. I am enjoying getting to know you and your children and I am learning more names as the weeks fly by! I can't believe that we are half way through the academic year!!! The following activities have taken place in Spring 1:

MEDICINES

Could we please remind parents/carers that as a school we have a policy of not administering medicines to pupils.



We acknowledge that some children may need to take medicines during school hours however, if this is the case, can you please send the medicine to school, each day, in a pre-measured dose which your child can take themselves.

We suggest that this is done with a syringe that has the medicine contained which the child can push the plunger down themselves. Obviously, you may need to practice this with your child at home beforehand.

Please ensure the syringe is placed in a container (perhaps an old plastic takeaway box) with your child's name on it and the time they need to take it. If they need multiple doses in the same day, please put enough syringes in the box to cover the daily dose as our office staff cannot refill the syringes.

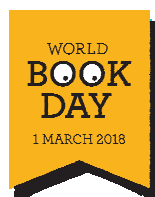
- ♦ Y1 Sports Hall Athletics
- ♦ Y1 Puppet making workshop
- ♦ Y1 Phonics workshop
- ♦ Y6 Crucial Crew visit
- ♦ A visit from The Star newspaper
- ♦ A family learning course
- ♦ Basketball tournament
- ♦ Gymnastics competition
- ♦ Drumming lessons
- ♦ Reading volunteers training
- ♦ Safer Internet day
- ♦ Online safety workshop
- ♦ Handball competition
- ♦ Winter Olympics theme week

In Spring 2 we have our annual visit from students in Georgia, book week, Y4 Thornbridge residential, Y3 Cave day and Y5 Viking day to look forward to!

If you have any queries, questions or suggestions please do contact me as I appreciate any feedback.

Please remember that **Monday 26th February** is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 27th February.

World Book Day is Thursday 1st March when we would like children to **dress up as a book character**. The children will receive a free £1 World Book Day voucher.



Please find attached a copy of the calendar of school holidays for the next academic year. I wish you all an enjoyable half-term holiday and once again I thank you for your support.

Amanda Smith