

Newsletter – 8 March 2024

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This Thursday was as you all know, World Book Day (WBD), your children were able to come to school in cosy and comfortable clothes and enjoy a range of reading or book activities. Each teacher selected a favourite book, and the children could choose which they would like to listen to. These options included: 'Dr Xargles', 'The Tiger who came to Tea', 'Fearless Fairytales', 'Dragon Sitter', 'Furp the fish' from 'The Worlds' Worst Pets' and 'The Great Cheese Robbery.'

Our children loved working across the age groups and sharing in a story either completely new to them or an old favourite.

As always at Caton St Paul's, we want to promote and encourage reading not just on WBD but every day, as such we thank you as parents who support your children to become fluent and happy readers. We hope you all manage to find the time to enjoy a good book too!

Job opportunity

The closing date for our TA2 1:1 job vacancy is Monday. Please click the link here to see more information. This is an ideal opportunity for someone to join our team on a permanent basis, working 1:1 with a child who is well behaved and keen to learn. If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them our way.

The Big Walk and Wheel

For the next two weeks, we are encouraging all children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as part of as national initiative. It would be great for you all to get involved, especially as the weather is now nicer and the nights lighter. If you travel from far away, park on Brookhouse Road and walk up. Look out for Mr G on his bicycle and give him a wave. This will all help to keep our children healthy and safe.

Tik Tok challenge

You may have heard the awful news of a boy in Lancaster losing his life at the weekend after taking part in a Tik Tok challenge.

We strongly recommend that none of our children access Tik Tok as the age limit is 13. If your child is on Tik Tok, please ensure you are aware of the content they are accessing, and have a serious conversation with them about how to safely negotiate the dangers of social media.

We are making arrangements to hold an online safety evening for parents which we would encourage you to attend.

We will also be continuing to educate our children in school about social media, online safety and the importance of understanding the content they may be accessing.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to this child, his family and his school community.



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Busy sporty week

Next week is an incredibly busy sporting week as we continue our commitment to provide exciting opportunities to all our children. We have 8 Y5/6 children at the Morecambe and Heysham football tournament on Monday, 17 Y3/4/5/6 children at the Lune Valley tournament on Tuesday, 8 Y3/4 children at the Lancaster korfball tournament on Thursday, 14 Y3/4 children at the Lancaster and Morecambe indoor athletics tournament on Thursday and 10 Y5/6 children at the Lancaster and Morecambe swimming gala on Thursday. Good luck to everyone who is involved – do your best and enjoy. Thank you to parents who are transporting to these events and a huge thank you to staff for giving up their time to make these things happen. For a school of our size, we are proud of the opportunities we afford to our children.

Salvation Army donation

Thank you very much for your kind donations for the Salvation Army, we have sent a cheque for £226.59. We are very proud of how charitable our school community is! Also, well done to the SPY group for organising this fundraising day.

Parking

Please can we remind you to park and drive considerately outside school? This is vital to the safety of our children and community. There is no excuse to ever park on the zigzags, especially around school drop off and pick up time.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

Diamond - Felicity for super creative drawings of World Book Day Characters, well done Felicity.

Ruby – Nica for writing paragraphs about Beatrix Potter. She worked hard to apply capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Topaz – Alice for always working really hard in maths and independently using resources to help her learning. Well done!

Emerald - Elizabeth for excellent work in maths this week and an amazing monster Kenning on Friday too.

Sapphire – Leyla B For accepting challenges in maths with a positive learning attitude.

Amethyst — Sonny for having a superb attitude to learning — giving 100% in class and for always being a kind friend to others.

Parents' evening

We will be holding parents' evenings on Monday 25 March and Tuesday 26 March. To make life easier for working parents, we are offering Monday 25 March as an online option, with Tuesday 26 March face-to-face. This gives parents flexibility to be able to arrange a parents' meeting even if they cannot attend in person. Each appointment is limited to 10 minutes and we ask that parents abide by these timings: it is not fair on other parents if your appointment runs over. If you need longer than 10 minutes, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this after parents evening.