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**"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Book Week**

We have had a very busy week with all the children in KS1 and 2 visiting the Bookshop in Abingdon to spend their World Book Day voucher. It was lovely to see how excited the children were with the books they had chosen.

Today the school has been overrun with characters from lots of different books. We have had a lot of fun seeing all the costumes which were shared in a whole school assembly this morning.

So far we have shared well over 1000 stories as part of the World Book Day 'Share a Million Stories' initiative. On the way to the bookshop, Years 1 and 5 have hidden books for the Abingdon community to find. Next week the other classes will hide their books in other areas around Abingdon as listed below



- Year 2: Tuesday afternoon
- Year 3: Thursday afternoon
- Year 4: Thursday afternoon
- Year 6: To be confirmed.

Please can parents/carers ensure children have a coat and appropriate shoes at school for the day of their visit. Any children we have listed as suffering from asthma must have their inhaler with them.

Children in Years 5&6 collected World Book Day books for the children in Nursery and Reception from the Bookshop. These were hidden around school for the children to find.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to the staff at The Bookshop for once again allowing so many of our children visit their shop in just 4 days. Thank you too to all our parents/carers who volunteered to accompany classes on the visits to the bookshop; donated books to be hidden and for all your support with the children's costumes.

## **Nursery and Reception Profile Sharing**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to come in this week to the EYFS profile sharing sessions. It was wonderful that so many of you were able to share their child's Learning Journey and to add new milestones to it. I hope you were proud of the progress your child has made since the start of the year.

## **PTA**

The bingo night was a great success and raised £325.87. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and all those who helped. We are hoping to have our next Bingo night sometime in May.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a Mother's Day afternoon tea in the main hall at 3.00pm. This is for Mums or other special people to come along with the children and enjoy sandwiches, cakes and drinks. Tickets need to be bought in advance and the children will bring home a letter about the event today.

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### **Coronavirus update**

We are continuing to closely monitor information from Public Health England and the Department for Education and will let parents/carers know if the advice to school's changes. At school we are focusing on the advice given on hygiene, the main focus of this is making sure children wash their hands regularly.

### **Automatic Gates**

There have been a few teething problems with the new gates, we are hoping that they will be up and running by Thursday next week. In the morning and at the end of the school day the vehicle gates will be closed and both pedestrian gates will be open for access until 9.00am. After this between 11.20-11.45, 3.50-4.10 and 4.50-5.10pm the left hand pedestrian gate will be unlocked and can be opened by parents/carers who are collecting children from morning Nursery sessions and after school clubs. At all other times parents/carers or visitors will need to press the buzzer on the intercom to be let in. Please bear with us to begin with while we are all getting used to the new system.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice  
Headteacher