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Book Character Day

Last Friday the children (and parents) made sure the day was an absolute success by dressing up as their favourite book character. Our winners and runners up were awarded book vouchers and prizes, it was a very hard decision! Thank you so much for all your hard work with costumes, it is always a day to remember. There are more exciting things happening this week to celebrate Book Week and we will give a full report in our next newsletter.



Fun with Numbers

There has been an air of excitement in the classroom! For the past two weeks Reception children have enjoyed playing number games with parents. If you would like to join us on Mondays between 9.00 - 9.45am, you are very welcome.



The children would love to work with you and be supported with their learning.





Stonewall

As a school we have decided to get involved with the Stonewall programme. The programme provides support to create a safe and inclusive learning environment to tackle homophobic bullying and language. This fits in with the wider work we already do in school around inclusion and respect. We see this as an important part of preparing our pupils to be good citizens. Mrs Lambert has attended training and we are now a 'Champion School' for Stonewall as reported in the Northern Echo on Wednesday 11th March. Mrs Lambert will be working with staff and the whole school community to dispel prejudice and challenge stereotyping.



Next week we are holding an Early Bird week to promote punctuality and the importance of getting to school on time to ensure the children have a good start to the day and are prepared for learning. If children are on time for school all next week they will have their names put into a draw for a chance to win a prize. A winner will be drawn from each class in assembly on Monday 23rd March. Remember you will have to be in it to win it! Look forward to seeing you all bright and early!

Mrs Baker (Home/School Support)



Bike-it Breakfast

We held a very successful 'Bike it' breakfast on Tuesday led by Kevin from the 'Big Pedal'. Many thanks to all those parents who joined us and brought their bikes too.

Don't forget, the more times you come to school on your bike or scooter, the better chance we have of winning the Big Pedal race!



Many thanks to parents for their patience whilst our building work was going on. The

children in Year 2 are delighted with their new spacious classroom and we now have a new intervention room. Lots of parents have commented that the foyer is now much more welcoming, spacious and buggy friendly!

Tomorrow Friday 13th March

BLING YOUR BIKE (or Scooter) to promote 'Big Pedal'.

Decorate your bike or scooter. Winner and runners up prizes to be won for each class. Could you be a winner? Let your creative side go wild!



DATES FOR DIARIES

17.3.15	Y3 & 4 Bedes World visit
19.3.15	Open afternoon (KS1) and evening (whole school)
20.3.15	Open afternoon (KS2)
23.3.15	Dance Festival at the Civic Theatre
25.3.15	Nursery visit the Library
27.3.15	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 13.4.15	Children return to school



Friday 13 March

The children and Mr Boyd have put together a joke book for Red Nose Day. They will be on sale tomorrow for £1 and all the proceeds go to Comic Relief who help those in need in the UK and abroad.