

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,

World Book day: NEXT THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH 2019

To celebrate we are offering a range of activities for the children to CHOOSE from:

- 1) Dress up as a character from a book
- 2) Bring in your favourite book to share with others in school
- 3) Complete the star challenge by sharing a story in strange and wonderful ways.

Book tokens for each child will be given out on World Book Day. You have until 31st March to use your book token to either swap it for a World Book Day Free book or get £1 off a book worth £2.99 or more. We will be having a stall in school on World Book Day stocked with the 'free' books for children to swap their vouchers for.

Comic Relief Day - Friday, 15th March:

In school we will be raising awareness of this charitable cause throughout our learning. To celebrate this charity day children can:

- 1) Wear something red to school along with their red nose or other Comic Relief accessories and pay a donation which we will give to Comic Relief (suggested amount £1)
- 2) Prepare a small act for our Comedy Show which will take place during the afternoon (Rec-Y6 only). Acts could be anything funny: jokes, comedy sketch, silly magic tricks, anything so long as it lasts no more than 3 minutes!

Welcome

Later this month we will welcome a student teacher, Miss Kennedy, to Shankhill to complete her final student teaching placement. She will be teaching mainly in Class 2 until the end of June.

Robinwood Residential Visit January 2020

The education visit is booked for all Year 3 and Year 4 children (those who are currently in Y2&Y3). Thank you to everyone who returned their booking form and deposit by the closing date which was yesterday. Please can any remaining bookings be made as soon as possible?

York Residential Visit - June 2019

Payment cards will follow soon to support a monthly payment scheme of around £30/40. Please speak with Mrs Batey should you require further information about payments and how we can help.

U Dance Performance Evening - Friday, 22nd March

Class 2 will be performing their dance at The Sands Centre on the evening of the 22nd. The event usually begins at 6pm and ends around 8pm. All parents were notified about the strict ticket sales from The Sands centre in January. Please contact them direct should you require a ticket. We will be performing the dance for you at school events following this main event, should you miss the ticket allocation.

School will provide the vast majority of the costumes for the performance but we would like home to provide black leggings for their child. Please send these into school by Friday 15th March so that we can check costumes in plenty of time.

"This is a good school ... Activities capture pupils' interests and inspire confidence and enjoyment ...

Excellent relationships between adults and pupils create a positive climate where pupils want to learn and do well." Ofsted 2015



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Final dress rehearsals will take place during the day with children staying on through to the performance. We will send out further details once these have been finalised.

SPRING BREAK then EASTER WEEKEND

This is the first time that our Easter Holiday is different to our two week spring break. So please note that the Spring Break begins Friday 29th March for two weeks, returning to school on Monday, 15th April. We then have a long weekend for the Easter break beginning after our Easter Church Service on Thursday, 18th April and returning on Tuesday, 23rd April.

FORWARD PLANNING

Details of our Mother's Day Service on 29th March and Easter Egg Competition and Easter Service on 18th April will be sent out nearer the time.

PTA & Great North Air Ambulance Collection - Wednesday, 24th April

Our PTA have organised another clothing and electronic collection in aid of Shankhill PTA and the GNAA. A collection bag will be sent home later this month or you can pick one up from outside the office, but in the meantime, please remember to put unwanted items to one side when you Spring Clean ready for the big collection day!

Assessment Season

When we enter the summer term, we drift into Statutory National Assessment time. Please take note of the dates given to us by the Government and respect these as children are not permitted to have time off during these dates:

May	Year 2 - National Tests (SATs) throughout month - NO ABSENCES OR HOLIDAYS PERMITTED.	Year 2
13 th - 16 th May	Year 6 National Testing Week (KS2 SATs) - NO ABSENCES OR HOLIDAYS PERMITTED	Year 6
20 th - 24 th May	School end of year assessments (Observations, tasks and tests)	Year 1, 3, 4 and 5.
w/c Mon 11 th June	YEAR 1 - National Phonics Screening Week - NO ABSENCES OR HOLIDAYS PERMITTED	Year 1
June	School end of year assessments (Observations and tasks)	Nursery and Reception.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Batey, Head Teacher

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read the letter and information attached to this newsletter in the envelope.