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# **Two Rivers Federation**

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

**World Book Day 02 March 2023:** A big 'thank you' to everyone who came to school yesterday dressed as their favourite character from a book, and brought the book into school with them too. During the day, our older children listened to, or read to, our younger children making the most of our outdoor space in the sunshine, with a lunchtime 'Blanket BookClub' being a popular choice. All children will bring home a £1 National Book Tokens voucher which can be swapped for one of the World Book Days books or used towards any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more. Please visit your local book store or supermarket before 26 March 2023 to use the vouchers. We hope that everyone who took part in 'World Book Day' enjoyed the day.

# School Money and Parent App

For some people the School Money App hasn't been working correctly since yesterday afternoon. We understand the frustrations and we have reported this. School Money are aware of the error.

We are experiencing some service issues on the T2P/Eduspot App at the moment, meaning that parents on IOS and Android devices may be unable to log in for a short time. Rest assured our technical teams have been mobilised to resolve this, please bear with us if you are experiencing problems. SchoolMoney Support

We suggest over the weekend that if you are still experiencing an error code when accessing Eduspot that uninstalling and then reinstalling may resolve the error. We will update you if we receive any more information. (You may need to do this for both the Eduspot and ParentApp).

### **Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The children can come to school in non-uniform with crazy hair! This can be gelled, plaited, sprayed...the choice is yours! If crazy hair isn't their thing, they could wear a crazy hat! Donations to be <u>paid via</u> <u>Just Giving</u>. We are aware that Just Giving now only allows a minimum donation of £2 via their page. Please donate if you can.

### **Red and Green Family Group Reward**

The red and green family groups will have their reward time on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. They can wear non-uniform and will be taken to the park for an additional play and an ice lolly.

### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to those of you who attended the parent forum. The minutes are now available on the website.

### Petroc Maths course

Petroc are running a course to support parents helping their children with Maths. It will be running on Thursday mornings. Please see the flyer on our <u>website</u>.

### **Really Wild Bug Man**

On Tuesday, we will be having a visit from the Really Wild Bug Man. He will be working across the school to support the children's learning in science.

### Stay and Read (STAR) Club

From next week, parents will be welcome to come into school from 8.30am-8.50am on Tuesdays and/or 3.30pm - 3.50pm on Thursdays to read with their children in the hall. There will be benches, chairs and cushions available. This allows you quiet time away from distractions to enjoy a book with your child. This could be time to read your child's phonics reading book (classes F/1), a book from home or to choose a book from the school library.

**Tempest Photography: Class Photos: Wednesday 23 March** Emily from Tempest Photography will be visiting to take class photos during the morning. If you would prefer your child not to be included, please let class teachers or the school office know NO LATER than 3.30pm on Tuesday 22 March. We will let you know as soon as proof copies are available to view and order online.

## Fran Shortridge

We have been asked to let families know that sadly, after a long illness and stay in a nursing home, Fran has recently passed away following a long illness and care in a nursing home. For those families who have been with Langtree for a few years, you will remember Fran being part of the staff team as a School Counsellor, working with and supporting here in school. Our thoughts go to her daughter and family during the coming weeks.

Advance Notice: Road Closure: 24-28 April 2023 South West Water have let us know that Fore Street, the main road through Langtree, will be closed for repairs on the above dates. There will be a diversion in place while the repair is completed as quickly as possible to minimise disruption.

#### Dates

Term dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the <u>website</u>. Wednesday 23 March: Tempest photography Friday 31st March - Last day of term Monday 17th April - First day of term Monday 1st May - Bank holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June - Half Term Monday 5th June – Non pupil day Tuesday 6th June – Non pupil day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term

### Parent & Teacher Association PTA

### NEWSLETTER

Chair: Sarah Dowson, Secretary: Hayley Bond, Treasurer: Fiona Elliott, Vice Chair: Emily Stevens

We raise money for the school to improve things for our children through various fund raising events and grant applications. We couldn't achieve this without the support of the parents and families of the children so I thank you all for your ongoing support.

#### PTA events update

Our school lottery – Thank you to everyone that has already signed up to <u>yourschoollottery</u>. Our first draw was last Saturday and we had our first winner. This is a new fundraiser that we plan to continue to run, please sign up if you are able by clicking on the link above. It is a weekly draw but paid monthly by Direct debit or card payment, although you can cancel at any time if you wish. The school PTA earns 40p for every £1 ticket bought every week that works out to £1.60 each month for each £1 ticket bought. Why not invite Grandparent's to join too, everyone loves a lottery. Please help us to make this a great fundraiser, Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm look out for posters.

Car Treasure Hunt during May Half term (Date change) – Look out for posters.

Holsworthy Golf Club have kindly chosen to support the PTA at their May cash BINGO night. If you are able to provide a raffle prize for this please can you drop into school office. You can also pop along and support the event if you wish. See their Facebook page for details on how to book.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support without you all the events the PTA organise or support would not be worthwhile. The school and our children benefit from your support.

### Date of next PTA meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Hayley Bonds house or via zoom.

All welcome.

Best wishes Sarah Dowson - PTA Chair