

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a lovely week in school. Year 2 experienced the trip of a lifetime and jetted off to Africa on Monday as part of the topic launch for their new class book Meerkat Mail. Year 1 have taken part in a materials hunt around the school grounds and Reception loved making (and eating!) pancakes and learning all about Shrove Tuesday.

The whole school LOVED Funky Hair Funday on Thursday this week—thank you for your support. It was also lovely to see so many children in their Guiding and Scouting uniforms to celebrate World Thinking Day.

Next week parents and carers in Reception are invited in for their play and stay sessions—please see the dates section of the newsletter for morning information. KS1 also have their Stay and Count sessions coming up this term!

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Tumelty

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March this year. The day will start with the opportunity to come to Broadway hall from 8am till 8.30 for '**Bridgeway Breakfast with a Book**', where parents and children can come and have a bacon roll, and share some books together the booking for this event is via Arbor and the cost is £1 each. There are limited spaces so early booking is recommended! Booking will open this evening (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 7pm and will close on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

There will be lots of exciting activities happening throughout the day. The children will be taking part in a joint Broadway and Ridge Book Treasure Hunt where the children will find book and character clues and questions around the school grounds. As usual, we will be sending home a challenge for families to take part in if they would like to. This year, we will be sending home blank postcards for you to design, decorate and write (these are in children's book bags today). Children can decide to write to a character in a book, write as if they are the character themselves, write about their favourite book – anything they like! We will make a display of all the postcards in school.



## Messages from...

### Reception

We have noticed that name labels in cardigans and jumpers are falling out or fading, please double check that they are all named.

### Y1

Please can children not bring in any toys, jewellery of other items from home. They can get lost or broken which is upsetting for them.

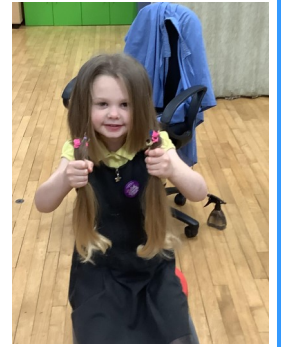
### Y2

There is a new grid in their homework books.

# Funky Hair Funday!



Thank you to all the families who got involved with our Funky Hair Funday this week. This children looked amazing and we saw some really interesting funky hair styles across the two schools. As you know this day was to raise money for The Little Princess Trust because Marnie-Rose in Reception wanted to donate her hair to this fantastic charity. Miss Derrick cut Marnie's hair in front of her friends and some family members. Thank you to all the donations made so far, if you haven't yet donated and wanted to here is the link: [www.justgiving.com/page/marnies-little-princess-trust](http://www.justgiving.com/page/marnies-little-princess-trust) Well done Marnie-Rose!



## Breakfast Club

It is vital that you book your child onto Breakfast club via Arbor at least 16 hours before the session you require. We have had a number of instances where children have arrived to Breakfast club without being booked on. We have a maximum number of children allowed at Breakfast club to adhere to adult/child ratios for safety. We will not be able to breach numbers if you arrive with your child and they haven't been booked onto the session and the session is full. Booking for the whole of Term 4 is open and all parents are able to book via Arbor.

## Parking

Parking remains to be a serious issue around the schools. We know it is busy at drop off and pick up times however please **DO NOT** park over residents drive ways or unsafely on corners or blocking pavements.

We have also had some parents who have reported to us that other parents have been very rude to them when parking has been mentioned. Please do show respect to all members of our school community and speak to others how you would want to be spoken to.

As a reminder our advice is to park in the cinema car park and walk the short distance to school—this helps us to keep our whole school community safe.



## Safer Internet Day

Today we have been celebrating Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is 'Inspiring change?' Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online. The children have been thinking about the changes in technology over time, how their feelings can change when they're online, changes in their environment and what to do if something 'pops up' on their screen. We're sure you will agree with us about the importance of teaching our children how to navigate the ever changing technological world. With that said below are some websites that you may find useful to support you in keeping your children safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

## Champion Readers

Daily reading practise helps make your child a better reader. Practising little and often makes the biggest impact on your child's progress.

**Well done to xx for being the winners this week!**

Red	22	Yellow	18
Green	17	Orange	24
Purple	17	Blue	23

# Communication Volunteers

We are always trying to increase the numbers of parents and carers who are reading the school newsletter and receiving the important information included. We are hoping to get a parent volunteer who would be a communication volunteer for their year group and agree to share the newsletter on their year group Facebook / WhatsApp groups and also any reminders relevant to their year groups. If you are interested in supporting us to do this please contact school!

## Important Dates

Tuesday 27th February	Reception Stay and Play—2-3pm
Thursday 29th February	Reception Stay and Play—9.15-10.15am
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—see today's newsletter
Tuesday 12th March	Vision, Height and Weight check for Reception
Tuesday 12th March	Y2 Stay and Count—2.15-3.15pm
Tuesday 12th March	Library visiting Y1 in school
Wednesday 13th March	Vision, Height and Weight check for Reception
Thursday 14th March	Y2 Stay and Count—9-10am
Thursday 14th March	Y1 Geography Field Trip to Yate—see attached letter. Volunteers needed
Monday 18th March	Y1 Stay and Count—2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 21st March	Y1 Stay and Count—9-10am
Thursday 28th March	Easter Hat parade—2.45-3.20pm
Thursday 28th March	Easter Challenge in the hall 3.30-4.00pm
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4
Monday 15th April	Inset Day, School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16th April	First Day of Term 5

## Attendance

**Our target is 97%**

The whole school attendance for this week is 93%

<b>Red</b>	95.3%	<b>Yellow</b>	88.3%
<b>Green</b>	92.2%	<b>Orange</b>	94.6%
<b>Purple</b>	95.6%	<b>Blue</b>	92.6%

There is a strong link between good school attendance and academic learning and progress.

**Please note that holidays in term time are very unlikely to be authorised and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.**

## Birthdays!

Birthday wishes go to...

Reception: Finley

Year 1: Hugo, Oscar H, Harvey

Year 2: Toby

WISHING  
YOU A  
VERY  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY