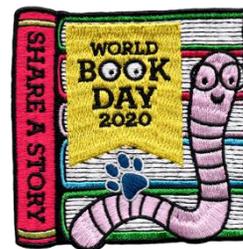




Newsletter

Thank you for all your support for World Book Day – it was fantastic to see so many children (and staff!) participating! Well done!

Let's keep promoting that love of reading that we want to foster for all children and adults.



Coronavirus Public Health England and Gov.uk provide us daily with School (Education Establishment) briefings to inform us of the actions we'd need to take if we noticed the symptoms of the virus.

The overriding advice is to cough and sneeze into tissues which are then thrown away and hands washed. **CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT!**



Handwashing often is key – as on last month's newsletter. Staff are encouraging everyone to wash hands first thing in the morning, during the day, at the end of the day and when sharing resources ...so for example, we are wiping computer keyboards and door handles often.

If you are (or know someone) who has recently returned from the countries currently mentioned on the news as being affected please tell us, so we can monitor any contact. Currently, advice is to continue as normal, paying attention to cleaning and handwashing. If we are required to close for any reason we will GroupCall you – so please ensure we have your correct current mobile phone number.

We are doing constant Risk Assessments – so, for example, we will postpone our Arts Evening (which was due for 2nd April) so we don't have many parents from across several classes together in the hall. Remember it's 2LL's class assembly at 9am on Wednesday so parents from 2LL are welcome. We will update you about future class assemblies.

Children going on local trips will be washing hands before leaving and upon their return (as I am sure those of you who are out and about in Rainham are doing so).

We will look at the most recent situation before going out on trips further afield.

Sport Relief



It's Sport Relief Day on Friday 13th March. It's a non-uniform day – wear your Sports Wear (but no football shirts – its too emotive!) – for £1 donations to the charity. In addition, this year during our February Activity Week – Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds – we had a fundraising sponsor event and these proceeds will also go towards the charity. Whilst the money is all due in by 28th March, if you could send it in by next

Wednesday we'd like to try to get a mention on TV on the night with our running total. We've had £310.36 brought in so far. Thank you.

FoRV Easter Bonnet Competition

FoRV will again be having their Easter Bonnet Competition on Thursday 2nd April.

It's £1 to enter (payable to the class teacher at registration time).

We cannot accept late entries as the bonnets are judged straight after assembly.

Good luck everyone! Remember, bonnets should be the children's work/effort please, so it's a fair competition for everyone.



World Book Day Costume Swap

Thanks you to the Eco Club for organising the swap. On this occasion we only had 10 costumes brought in! Perhaps we'll have more next year? It's only as good as the participation we have!

Nursery Intake for September 2020

The initial letter to confirm interest in a Nursery place will be sent to all parents/carers who have registered an interest for our Nursery on Monday. If you do not receive it in the next few days please contact Mrs. Alavoine in the School Office. Confirmation offer letters with details of the admission meeting will be sent after the Easter holidays.



Reception Intake for September 2020

The Local Authority (LA) allocate places for Reception classes. They make you an offer – National Offer Day is Thursday 16th April 2020 – you accept (or decline!). Then they tell us who has accepted a place here at Rainham Village and we then send you a letter in May (once all places are confirmed) to invite you to the Admission meeting.

Community Recipe Cookbook (Competition)

A screenshot of a competition form. The header reads 'Rainham Village Primary School and Nursery Community Recipe Cook Book Competition'. Below this, there are instructions for participants, including a list of items to include in their recipe entries: ingredients, a picture, a step-by-step guide, a list of ingredients, and a list of instructions. There is also a small image of a plate of food. The form is titled 'Recipe Title:' and has fields for 'Name of Person:', 'Class:', 'No. of Entries:', 'Prize (1st):', 'Prize (2nd):', 'Prize (3rd):', and 'Prize (4th):'. There is also a section for 'Ingredients' and 'Instructions'.

The competition closed last Friday. So far I have received 7 entries.

If you do happen to have your entry buried somewhere in a book bag – get it to me by Monday 9th March.

I shall share them with Catering and the School Council over the next few weeks.

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Policy

We will shortly be consulting on our new Policy, due to be implemented September 2020. Whilst we will have a new Policy, our Curriculum will remain the same. The Curriculum is (as always) available to look at on our website.

The overriding purpose of reviewing this policy is to ensure that all schools teach children about good physical and mental health, how to stay safe off and on-line and the importance of healthy relationships alongside providing a sex education programme informing children about how their body changes as they grow up and supporting them through this process... something, I hope, you feel we have always done.

The draft policy will be available shortly for you to comment on.

Diary Dates

Diary dates for this half term were on the February newsletter. Please check the website or mobile app calendars for these.

Last day of the Spring term is Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term starts on Monday 20th April 2020.

S.E. Carter
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