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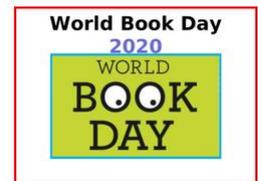
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NEWSLETTER – Friday 6 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## World Book Day

Well done to all of our pupils who worked so diligently on this year's World Book day project. This year, we invited the children to design a Story Box. The story boxes showed different miniature settings relating to a specific book or story. We were overwhelmed with the range of different books used and the high level of creativity demonstrated by the children. Please have a look on the website to see some of the fantastic examples of the children's ideas. Additionally, we also invited the children to take part in a second school activity for World Book Day 2020. The pupils were invited to take a photo of their favourite books arranged on a shelf and print it out to share at school. The challenge involved guessing the identity of the person from the books chosen. Mr. Smith led dedicated assemblies for World Book Day and shared the photos with the children. All of the staff participated as well. We were very impressed how quickly the children identified the teachers from their Shelfie photographs!



## Lent

During Lent, we are focusing on the Lenten theme of “**Caring for God's Creation**”.

God has entrusted us to look after his wonderful creation. This Lent, we are focusing on rebuilding our relationship with the planet by learning more about this remarkable world we have been given. During Worship, we will be rejoicing in the beauty of God's creation through reflection and prayer. Many Christians use Lent as an opportunity to give something up in order to remember that Christ went without during his time in the wilderness. At LEH, we are focusing on protecting and conserving our environment by giving up using so much of our environment's resources. We have agreed to use less plastic, less water or simply save electricity by turning off lights in the school. We believe that if many of us do these little things, they can add up to a big difference in caring for God's creation.

## Spiritual Garden

Last Friday, work began in earnest in our Spiritual Garden. In the pouring rain, Class 4 and Class 5 worked all day to clear the debris from the long winter's effects. The children demonstrated their stamina and perseverance despite the dismal weather conditions. Already, the garden is beginning to take shape. Adam, our project manager has worked with the children to ensure they have had direction and guidance. As ever, our teachers have driven the project alongside the children through their enthusiasm and energy. Today Class 3 and Class 2 have had their session developing the garden. However, they have been a little more fortunate with the weather!

Our Key Stage Two pupils were bag packing in Morrisons on Saturday 29 February. A huge vote of thanks to all of the parents, pupils and Mrs Gill who supported this fundraising activity. The total raised was £683.58 which is a wonderful testament to the children's hard work and commitment. The children's politeness and warmth were commented on positively by both customers and staff at Morrisons. We are very proud of all of them and thank everyone again for their support. This contribution will help us to acquire seating for the Spiritual Garden.

## Skipping Festival

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, C4 took part in the Sports Partnership Skipping Festival at Temple Learning Academy. The children represented the school admirably both through their performances in each skipping event and their behaviour. We came 3rd in the skip dance.

## FoS

Friends of the School Movie Night will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The movie choice is Paddington 2. The cost for admission will be £3.00. The movie will start at 5.30pm and end at 7.30pm. Any further queries can be directed to Friend of the School members.

## Sport Relief

Next week, LEH are celebrating Sports Relief. All the children will be taking part in a range of activities across the week as part of the 'Tom Daley Challenge'. To raise funds for Sports Relief, the children have been sent home a sponsorship form for completing these daily challenges. Please return all completed sponsorship forms, including any funds, by Friday 13 March 2020. The money will be used to help people across the UK and the world to lead better lives.

On Friday 13 March, there will also be a non-uniform day where the children can come to school dressed as their favourite sports star or dressed in their favourite sports clothing. As we are already asking the children to send in sponsorship forms, they will not need to bring a contribution for the non-uniform day. Please read the letter sent home earlier in the week for more details.



## Carlton Lodge Residential

Parents of all Y5 children are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March @6pm where details of the 2020 Y6 residential visit to Carlton Lodge will be shared. The dates for this year's residential are Monday 21 September – Friday 25 September 2020.

## Faith Visitors

Throughout this term all children in C1, C2, C3 and C4 will have the opportunity to engage and learn from a Jewish Faith Visitor, Sikh Faith Visitor and Muslim Faith visitor. We are committed to using skilled people from the Bradford Interfaith Centre recommended by City of York Diocese. At LEH, we believe that meeting these visitors from different faith communities is a key learning experience for all LEH pupils. It adds another dimension to RE by providing pupils with the opportunity of experiencing religion as a living vibrant community.

We recognise that encounter and dialogue with people from different religions and beliefs is a key way of encouraging and developing respect. It is also a key way of building understanding of the role religion and belief plays in the lives of individuals and communities. Both are important aims of Religious Education at LEH and both diversity and community are two of the Drivers which underpin our school curriculum.

## Parking

We have a very limited number of disabled parking spaces in our carpark. I would politely ask that people only use these if they have a disabled parking badge. We would strongly recommend that Pax Inn car park is used as much as possible when parking before and after school. We must ensure that we are respectful of all our residents in the local community who have expressed some concerns with regards to obstructive parking.

## Information to the school office

Please could you **telephone**, rather than email the office with information that is **important for that school day** such as reporting absence or letting us know about home time arrangements for that day.



## MyBus

If you wish to make any amendments to journeys for your children, please continue to contact Metro in the first instance on 0113 348 1122, and then school. As the driver holds the daily list, it is important that any changes go via Metro, and then they can advise him of any updates – **this would also include any days of the week which your child attends an after-school club**. Thank you.

## Worship

Parents, carers and grandparents, are welcome at worship to join us for worship on certain days. These are the dates when you are invited to join us for worship this half term:

Thursday 12 March @ 9am – led by member of the clergy  
Wednesday 18 March @ 9am - Celebrating our work worship  
Thursday 19 March @ 9am – led by member of the clergy  
Thursday 26 March @ 9am – led by member of the clergy



## Dates for the Year

Please check the calendar on the school website for the latest, up to date information.

**These dates are correct at this time however, they are subject to change depending on the changes of circumstances in school**

Monday 9 March	Sports Relief week
Wednesday 11 March	Jewish visitor in C1 & C2
Wednesday 11 March	Church Group meeting @11am
Friday 13 March	Quick sticks Hockey Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 18 March	Celebrating our work worship @ 9am
Tuesday 24 March	Tag Rugby Y5 & Y6 @Wetherby High School
Wednesday 25 March	Year 5 Carlton Lodge residential meeting @6pm
Thursday 26 March	FoS Movie night 5.30pm
Tuesday 31 March	No swimming lesson
Wednesday 1 April	C2 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 2 April	C3 leading worship @ 9am
Friday 3 April	Parent & Carer forum
<b>Friday 3 April</b>	<b>School closes for the Easter Holidays @ 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 20 April</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils @ 8.50am</b>
Tuesday 28 April	Swimming lesson
Thursday 30 April	Yorkshire Wildlife C1
Thursday 7 May	School used as a Polling station
Wednesday 13 May	Celebrating our work worship
Thursday 21 May	C1 leading worship



Yours sincerely

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