



Barby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

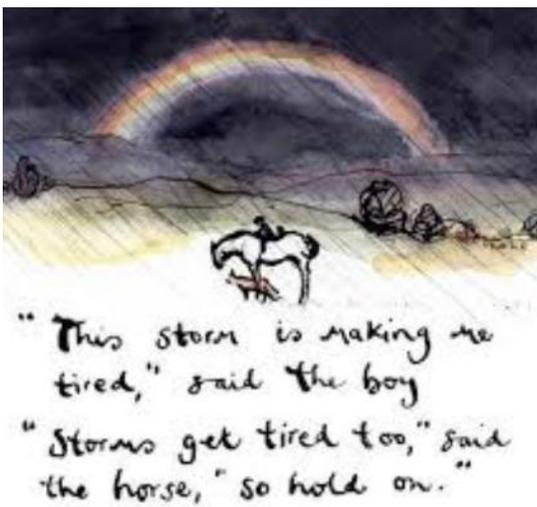
It was lovely to see our whole school community join together for today's assembly.

I would like to echo the sentiments shared by our teachers once more in thanking you and your children for your support, camaraderie and resolve in adapting to a new approach to school this term.

We are so very proud of the children's commitment and effort in their learning; we also appreciate that you play a crucial part in this, often juggling many roles in doing so.

The staff team at Barby send a huge and heart-felt thank you to you all.

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse by Charles Mackesy



As we are finding the current restrictions so limiting why not find the time, during this half-term break, to enjoy the book shared in today's assembly:

'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy.

It may be a simple fable about a young child and his adventures with some animal friends, but I am sure the wise words and sentiments will strike a chord with many of you. There are numerous relevant messages contained within the story line, for example: take courage, listen to your dreams, show resilience and embrace hope. There is no doubt all of our school values can be found too.

I have attached today's 'Collective Worship' powerpoint should you choose to talk about it with your children at home.

Training day

Please remember **Monday 22nd February is a Training Day** for staff.

School will re-open 'remotely' to all pupils on Tuesday 23rd February. The children who have been attending school site during this current lockdown may return on Tuesday too.

Saying Goodbye to...

Mrs Costa will be leaving us just after half term, taking up a role as a nanny to a young family. We wish her every success in her future role.

Miss Lauren Mahoney who is currently supporting our Conkers class has been appointed to the school, please join me in making her very welcome.

Captain Sir Tom Moore – 100 Challenge



'We will get through it in the end but it might take time, at the end of the day we shall all be ok again ... the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'

Captain Sir Tom Moore

We have been reflecting on the significance of Captain Tom's words and actions over the past week. Please do take the time over half term to join in with our 100 challenge to commemorate his achievements and continue his legacy. Please upload films and photos of your 100 Challenge achievements to Class Dojo - we look forward to seeing what you have managed to do!

Computers, i-pads and devices appeal

We would like to extend a huge thank you to those of you who donated or sourced devices for redistribution to our families to support with home learning. We were overwhelmed by the response and are working with our technician to set them up ready for distribution.

If there are any specific barriers to accessing home learning, we can offer support to try and overcome these. If families are finding that they are needing help with digital hardware we may be able to help. Please make contact with the school if necessary.

Shrove Tuesday, Tuesday 16th February

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day falls in half term this year, find out more about Shrove Tuesday and why we eat pancakes by following the link below:

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/shrove-tuesday-a-day-of-forgiveness-and-pancakes>

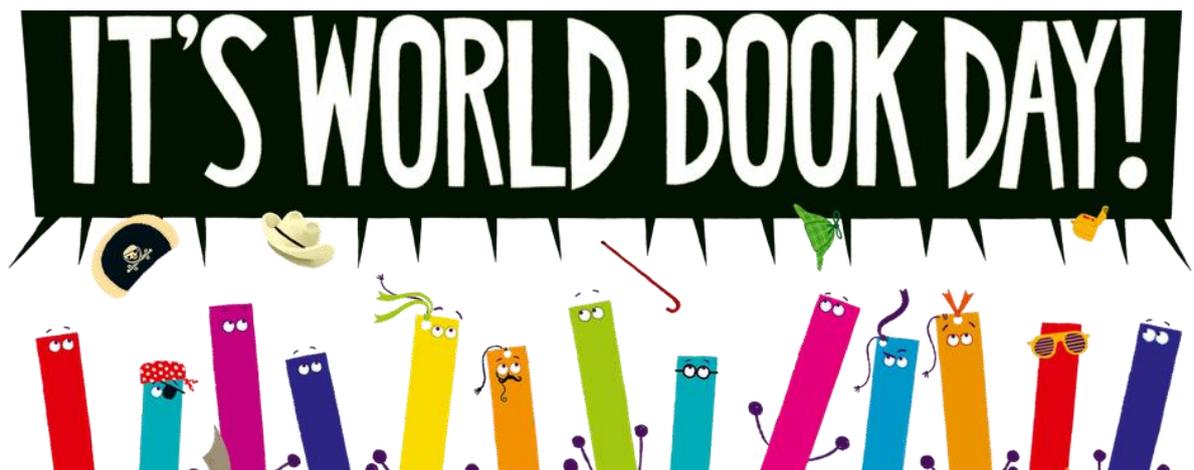


As the Crème Egg advert used to say... 'How do you eat yours?'

We would love you to share short videos of pancake making, pancake racing with your family or photos of your pancake creations with us on Class Dojo.

We're feeling hungry at the thought...!

Celebrating world Book Day, Thursday 4th March



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March!

Children, both learning at home and in school, are invited to attend their lessons dressed as a character from a fairy story or traditional tale.

We will be sharing stories read by adults in our school throughout the day (more information to follow) and hope that you will join the fun and share our enjoyment of reading.

Get planning those outfits ... you may not recognise some of our staff team!!!

As always, if there are any aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful break.

Sally Beaton

Headteacher