



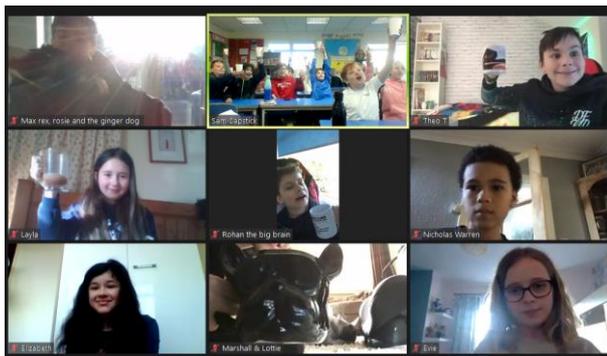
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Newsletter –February 2021

We hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday and were able to enjoy some special family time. We really look forward to welcoming all of the children back into school on Monday 8th March and will communicate further details for the full reopening of school over the coming days. We will continue to provide home learning for the children who are not currently in school until this date and we thank you for your continued efforts in supporting your child with their learning at home. Before the half term holiday we sent out a Well-being Matters Parent Support Guide and we have attached it again with this newsletter in case you did not see it, or you didn't have chance to read it prior to the holiday. We continue to be here for the whole school community and want to support in any way we can, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further support.



Oak Class Social Zoom!



Hawthorn Class performing a play script

Latest News

We are Curators-making a better future- we continue our whole school theme 'We are Curators' this half term, but we will be moving our focus to the future and how we can all have a positive impact on the world and the people in it. We will continue to keep you updated on our new project-Eco Schools Green Flag Award, which we have begun work on this term. As part of this project, we have placed orders for new bins for our school grounds and litter pickers so that the children can all contribute to keeping our school grounds tidy. We will be organising a meeting with the School Council in the next couple of weeks to talk through the project with them and get them involved. Please do get in touch if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Assembly and Worship- a huge well done and thank you to the staff and children in Oak Class who did a wonderful job of leading their sharing assembly at the end of last half term. It was brilliant to see the whole class working together on this, even whilst being apart! Thank you to Miss Capstick for supporting the





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children with this. We hope that the children at home are continuing to enjoy accessing the video assemblies. The 'On the Sofa' videos will continue this half term and we will also be starting a series of worship videos produced by the Diocese of Leeds this half term, 'The Rhythm of Life Lent Journey'.

Well-being and Mindfulness Challenge- well done to all of the children who have been completing the well-being challenge that was shared before half term. We hope your children (and you) have enjoyed these challenges. Please could you send a photo of the completed challenge sheets on Seesaw/Evidence Me, or bring them into school by this coming **Wednesday (24th February)**, so that we can award House Points and announce the winning House in our 'Celebrating Achievements Bulletin' on Friday.

World Book Day- next Thursday (4th March) is World Book Day. To celebrate books and reading this year, thanks to the PTA, we have an author visit (virtual) booked for **Monday 1st March**. The author Charlotte Guillain and her husband Adam Guillain will be holding a Zoom session for the children both in and out of school during the morning. These will replace the usual Zoom lessons on this day. The Zoom sessions will be at the following times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	9am-9.45am
Year 3 & Year 4	10am-10.45am
Year 5 & Year 6	11.00-11.45am

There will also be a pre-recorded video session for each class to watch during the day. We will share the Zoom link and the link to the pre-recorded video session in the home learning information which will be sent out this coming Friday. In advance of Monday, please could you go to the website <http://www.adamandcharlotteguillain.co.uk/> so that your child is familiar with the author and the books her and her husband have written. During the Zoom sessions there will be an opportunity for the children to ask them questions about their books and about being an author. Thank you to the PTA for funding this author visit for the children. It will be an exciting experience for them to be a part of and will hopefully inspire them in their own reading and writing journeys.

On World Book Day itself (**Thursday 4th March**) the children will have a reading focused Zoom session with their Class Teacher and I will also share a Whole School Assembly about World Book Day on the Thursday, rather than the Monday. We would like to invite the children to take part in a '**Lockdown Reading Challenge**' in which they share a photo of themselves reading one of their favourite books in an unusual or out-of-the ordinary place (following Covid restrictions of course!). An example could be up a climbing frame in their garden, or in their own reading den that they have created. The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Children can share their photo on Seesaw/Evidence Me, bring in a hard copy of their photograph or email them to office@thornerschool.org.uk by **Friday 12th March**. All of the pictures will be added to what we hope will be a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places and there will be a prize for the best photo in each class.





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As in previous years, children will be given a £1 book token for World Book Day. For anyone who collects home learning packs, these will be in the children's pack this coming Friday. For all other children who aren't currently in school, these will be given to the children when they return to school on the 8th March. The book tokens can be used up until the 28th March.

Comic Relief- we are finalising plans for Comic Relief and will share these with you in the next couple of weeks, but the day will definitely include our House Dance Competition. Details of the dance that each class will be learning for this will be shared in the home learning information this coming Friday so that the children at home can start practising!

Key Diary Dates – Spring Term

March

- 1 Author Visit Day (Charlotte Guillian) (Via Zoom)
- 4 World Book Day
- 12 Y2 Class Assembly (via video)
- 18 Values Awards Assembly-9:00am
- 19 Comic Relief (inc. house dance competition)
- 25 Easter Service- (Y3 led via video)
- 26 School closes for Easter holidays at staggered times-2.10pm/2.20pm (one hour earlier than child's current pick up time)

With our very best wishes,

Gemma Whawell (Acting Headteacher), Sharon Robertson (Executive Headteacher) and Sam Capstick (Senior Leader)