



# Middleton St Mary's News 10



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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

This Thursday we will be celebrating **World Book Day** by asking our staff and children to come dressed as a book character. If your child does not want to dress up, they can come to school in non-uniform. There is no charge for this day. Children may bring their favourite book from home to share!

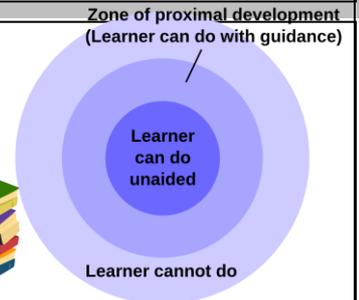
We will be selling some old reading scheme books on this day at the price of 20p. Year 6 will be selling the books at breaktime in the playground. Proceeds to go towards new books. Any book donations welcome, thank you. 😊



## Reading in School

We would like to encourage your child to read **each day** for 5 - 10 minutes. Please praise and encourage their efforts, we will also in school, but we will also set them targets to develop their practice – *ie. read with expression, pause at the punctuation, slow down, read faster...*

Please do not take this as a criticism of your child's reading ability, it is to assist you in knowing what your child needs to do to improve. We will discuss and model this with your child in school also. We want all children to become confident readers. Please listen to your child read, dating, commenting and signing as often as possible. In Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2), if your child has finished their book, encourage them to put their book bag in the blue box so that this can be changed daily where possible. In KS2, children need to 'quiz' first...this can be done at home once they have read their book with their log in by logging onto: <https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6660285/> and answering the questions and then logging their percentage in their diary. In KS2, each morning, children may then change their book as they enter school, before 8.55am.



In school, we aim to listen to your child read to us weekly, in Key Stage 1 twice a week. This has altered somewhat over the past couple of years as we are now listening to all children read within lessons, in whole class reading and shared reading sessions, which happen daily.

In KS2, children have a reading book which has been logged on the Accelerated Reader Scheme. All children have undertaken a short test which has given your child a ZPD score (Zone of Proximal Development). This is the difference between what a learner can do without help, and what they can't do. All of the books are graded e.g. 3.4 - 4.7. Your child chooses a book from their range, reads it and then completes a short quiz on an iPad about the book they have just read to check their understanding. (We now have ten iPads in each KS2 class). Your child's book should challenge them slightly in order to accelerate their progress. So get reading! 😊

We would also like to ask for some parent/carer reading volunteers in school to come in at 2pm once or twice a week to listen to children read. All volunteers will need to fill in a form and have a DBS police check carried out. If interested, please phone the office and Mrs Wood will be in touch.

## Diary Dates

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 Trip to Thackray Medical Museum – lunch provided

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – Dress up as a book character, bring in your favourite book to share with your class.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Y3 Trip to York Chocolate Story

Y5/6 selected pupils to Quick Sticks Hockey Competition

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – NURSERY CLOSED – TRAINING DAY**

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Red noses on sale in school at break £1.25

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Comic Relief - wear red/non-uniform - £1 donation

Bun Sale at break – 30p an item (bun donations welcome)

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

School breaks up for Easter – 2 weeks

## A HUGE Congratulations to our Cheer Club

On Wednesday 27th February children from KS2 took part in the annual Primary Cheerleading Competition, this was held at the White Rose Cheer Training Venue. Over a hundred children from local primary participated in this event.

Our children have been preparing for this competition every Wednesday since September. The children's performance was amazing, every step, movement and rotation was spot on, it was great to see them all with a smile on their faces throughout. The school is really proud of each and everyone of them, they showed everybody watching how professional and well behaved they are.

Children also had the opportunity to take part in small workshops following their performance, some of these included: free style dance, copying dance routines, team stunts.

School would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Murray in our school office who runs the club, all parents who came to watch and encourage the children and Mrs Little for accompanying, we appreciate all of your continued support.

Miss Kellet, Sports Coach



## Parents' Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the parents' appointments on Wednesday and Thursday this week. I am sure you'll agree, it was great to see your child's books and their progress since last term. If you could not make the meeting, please speak to your child's class teacher asap.

**Curriculum letters are on our school website.**

## Comic Relief in School - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The School Council would like to support Red Nose Day again this year. Red noses will be on sale by the school Council at break time for £1.25 from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. On Friday, we are asking that every child donates £1 for wearing non-uniform/red. We will also be selling buns at break – 30p each. Please send in bun donations, Thursday/Friday... thank you!

