



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

With the longer days and the extra little bit of sunshine, we are all ready to enjoy our Easter break. The Spring term is always full of packed learning experiences and we know that the children have worked very hard this term.

### **Reading news!**

Thank you so much for all of your support during our **Scholastic Book Fair** in February. The total spent on books exceeded £1000 – thank you! We have already spent our rewards on a great selection of books that will support our summer zoo project.

**If anybody has any good quality, pre-loved children's books, we would love you to donate them to our ever-expanding library! It is going from strength to strength.**

The children had another fantastic World Book Day! This year, the whole school focused on one text: 'The Lost Words' by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris. This book contains beautiful verse and illustrations that depict the wonderful natural environment of the British Isles. If you would like your own copy, find it here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lost-Words-Robert-Macfarlane/dp/0241253586>

We have been trying hard to use our love of Twitter to connect with some of our current authors and illustrators in focus. Jackie Morris sent Y5 a fabulous comment about their art and Jeremy Strong loved our children's versions of his story. Try this at home – tweet us if you get a reply from your favourite author!

We have recently invested time and resources into establishing a new approach to reading that has been nationally recognised as having a significant impact on reading ages, fluency and accuracy. Accelerated Reader is now in place from Y3 to Y6 and is working effectively as a result of our pupils having 1:1 iPads in conjunction with our well-stocked library. You may be hearing your children talking about their 'ZPD' and 'being ready to test'. Chat to your children to see what they can tell you about it. We aim to hold a meeting for parents and carers in the summer term.

### **ZOOPs and ZOOPLES**

There is much excitement in school at the moment as we prepare for our whole school summer curriculum project. This project will have global themes focusing on sustainability and conservation. As always, we are aiming to include as many representatives from our school community as possible. Our pupil 'ZOOPLES' have applied and been selected and we have also had a number of family members who would like to be ZOOPPs!

We will be showcasing the work that the children create during an event in July and may ask for your support in finding/loaning materials and objects that will help us to display the children's work. Carpet rolls and green fabric are currently on our 'to find' list! If you can help, please contact our main office on 0151 432 7100.

### **PCP Family News**

Over the Easter holiday, Miss McCann will be getting married! The whole school send our best wishes and hope her and her husband-to-be have a very special day. Miss McCann will return with a new name – Mrs Collis! (That makes two members of staff with a Collis surname – try not to get confused!)

Mrs Ward-Thompson in Y6 starts her maternity leave today. She will miss her class incredibly but will pop in when she can. Mrs Scott will be stepping into Y6W for the period running to the end of SATs.

We will be welcoming two new temporary members of staff to work within the Y5 and Y6 team until Summer. Miss Brown will start in Y5S, then move to Y6W. Mrs Everett-French will also support the Y6 Team.

### **Maryville Parking**

As ever, we would like to remind you all about parking restrictions that are in place to protect our children. Maryville Road is 'Residents Parking Only'. This is now permanent and will be rigorously enforced by Knowsley Traffic Management. We are still receiving reports from parents and residents that some parents are parking/driving dangerously at drop-off and pick-up times. We would once again repeat our request that you do not drive down Maryville Road in order to drop children off. Please put the safety of our children first.



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### EYFS News

It has been a busy term in our EYFS. Our 'Stay and play' sessions were very well attended and we loved showing off your children's learning environments with you – thank you for the many complimentary tweets, they were much appreciated.

In nursery we had a wonderful experience of seeing first hand the life cycle of a duckling. The children (and staff) fell in love with Jemima, Daffy, Daisy and Donald and the children learnt so much, they soaked up the information! I know our tweets about them were the talk of our school community and we had group after group of children popping over to visit them.

We will be welcoming more children and their families to our school after Easter, when our new nursery children start. If you know anyone who's child turns 3 before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, get them to come to our EYFS open night on 25<sup>th</sup> April, as we will be allocating our September nursery places very soon.

### Attendance

We value good attendance and can see just how much an absence can impact on learning. However, we do understand if your child is genuinely ill and ask that you notify us with a reason on the first day of your child's absence. **Persistent absentees** are children who have less than 90% attendance. We have a proactive strategy to engage with parents in order to improve attendance however failure to co-operate may result in fines being issued. Please contact Rosemary Moffatt or Frances Collis if you would like to discuss any concerns about attendance that you may have.

### A supportive team

We are very proud of our school community. You always show your support for the various events that we promote. Sports Relief 18 was a fun event with serious messages and all children threw themselves into running a mile around our track or joining in with challenges during assembly.

However, this term in particular is one that has seen us ask for a little bit extra. Our 'Tesco Bags of help' project to bid for a grant that will help to transform our EYFS grounds was extremely successful and we were delighted to hear that we have won the top prize of £4000! Work should start over the Easter holidays; a new fenced area will be created and sloping ground leveled. We are busy planning how we will develop this new area. If anyone has links with companies who match funds or can help in anyway please let us know.

Also, our RocketFund pitch to raise money to buy Spheros, (programmable robotic balls), has raised £650 so far. There is a minimum donation of £1 and we hope to reach a target that will buy 12 devices to support our coding curriculum. The closing date is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – please take a look and donate or share with as many people as you can: <https://rocket.fund/p/projectsphero/dashboard/>

For all of the above – and for your stream of positive tweets, we thank you. It is very much appreciated.

### Important notice

- Please note that the Y6 children will take their SATs during the week beginning **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. It is vital that they attend school every day but please let us know if you have any health concerns that may prevent full attendance during this week. **Breakfast Club is offering places to all Y6 children during their test week. It is a good opportunity to relax with friends before the day begins.**

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that you all have a lovely break with hopefully a little bit of Spring sunshine.

Kind regards,

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