



# Family News

March 2019

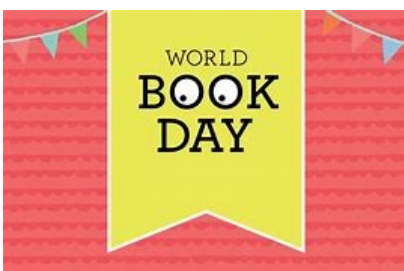
## Smoke Free School

We are proud to be a Smoke-free School! This means we recognise that pupils, staff and visitors have the right to breathe in smoke free air around school and when entering/exiting. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all and are pleased to be taking part in the Little Lungs initiative. You will see these signs up and around school and we will ensure that information on smoking and tobacco is included as part of the wider curriculum. Please help us by continuing to not smoke in and around our school. If you feel you would like support on this matter then you can find more information at: [www.nhs.uk/smokefree](http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree)



## World Book Day

We will be taking part in World book Day on **Friday 8th March!** Children can come to school dressed as their favourite characters and we will



have lots of fun reading and book themed activities for them to take part in. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class - we can't wait to see your fantastic ideas!

## Dates for your Diary

*More detailed information will be given closer to the dates .*

**Friday 8th March - World Book Day**

**Wednesday 13th March - Y6 Science Workshop**

**Monday 8th April - Y3-Y6 Achievement Assembly 2pm**

**Tuesday 9th April - YR-Y2 Achievement Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday 10th April - Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm for YR- Y2**

**Thursday 11th April - Y3-Y6 egg decorating entries to be received**

**Friday 12th April - Church service 9am**

**Friday 12th April - Nursery Easter Bonnet parade 10am**

**Friday 12th April - Break up 1pm**

# Easter Events

Our annual **Easter Bonnet Parades** are as follows:

**All Nursery** - To **attend AM session** on Friday 12th April (8.45am) with Easter Bonnet Parade at 10am

**YR-Y2** - Wednesday 10th April 1.30pm

Please help your child to make their bonnet at home & bring them in on the morning in a named bag. We look forward to seeing every child in their bonnet & you are welcome to come along! Parents who attend can take their children home after the parade.



**Y3 - Y6** - Egg-citing competition to **design your own Easter Egg** using a hard-boiled egg (not raw!) All entries must be in school by **9am on Thursday 11th April** and the winners will be announced at Church.

**KS1 Achievement Assembly** - Tuesday 9th April 2pm

Celebrate the achievements of children in Reception to Y2 for the Spring Term. Parents who attend can take their children home after the assembly.

**KS2 Achievement Assembly** - Monday 8th April 2pm

Celebrate the achievements of children in Reception to Y2 for the Spring Term. Parents who attend can take their children home after the assembly.

**Church Service** - Friday 12th April at 9.00am

Please join us at St Thomas' for our Easter Church Service



**Break up** - 1pm on Friday 12th April. We hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and will see you back in school on **Monday 29th April**

## EYFS

Congratulations to **Mrs Kellas** who has recently been appointed as our EYFS lead and **Mrs Owen** who is now our Nursery teacher.

# Momo - Information for Parents

There has recently been a lot of news coverage about Momo, a scary 'challenge' which appears in apps and videos such as Facebook, Youtube, Whatsapp and YouTube Kids. It has been reported that the scary looking doll/puppet figure sends violent images and asks people watching to take part in dangerous challenges, and that children's videos on youtube have been edited by unknown people to include these clips. **At the moment there's only hearsay and second-hand accounts, and no reports from official sources that the 'Momo challenge' has led to children harming themselves. Be aware that the image, and surrounding media coverage, might still be frightening to children.**

National Online Safety have released some internet safety top tips for parents:



- ★ **Tell them it's not real**, it is important that children understand that Momo is not a real person and can't physically harm them. Individuals or groups may jump on the bandwagon and create their own versions of the 'Momo challenge' as pranks which is raising the news coverage.
- ★ **Be present when your child is online** so that you know what they are accessing and which sites/apps they are using. This gives you chance to discuss any concerns they have and for you to stop them viewing certain things.
- ★ It's really important to **look out for changes in your child's behaviour** as many online challenges encourage secrecy.
- ★ Make sure that you have **parental settings in place**. Although it may not necessarily stop them viewing Momo it should help to reduce the likelihood. You can also **turn off the suggested auto-play on youtube** to stop it playing videos that your child has not directly clicked on.
- ★ Talk to your child about **peer pressure** and how they shouldn't do anything they are not comfortable with, whether this is online or in person.
- ★ Make sure to **flag or report any inappropriate material** so that it can be removed as soon as possible. You can also block the content to stop your child from viewing it again.
- ★ **If your child sees something distressing it is really important that they know where to go to get help and who they can talk to about it.** They can always talk to anyone at school about anything they are worried about or call Childline on 0800 1111 where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that is worrying them.



# Dates for your Diary

## March 2019

**8th** - World Book Day

**13th** - Y6 science workshop in school with Mr Bickley

## April 2019

**8th** - Y3-Y6 Achievement Assembly 2pm

**9th** - YR-Y2 Achievement Assembly 2pm

**9th** - Session with Queen Mary's at Jubilee for Y6

**10th** - Easter Bonnet Parade YR-Y2 1.30pm

**11th** - Easter Egg Decorating Competition entries to be in for Y3-Y6

**12th** - Church Service 9am

**12th** - Nursery Easter Bonnets 10am

**12th** - Break up for Easter

**29th** - Return to school for Summer 1

## May 2019

**Throughout May** - Y2 SATS

**6th** - May Day

**13th** - Year 4 begin swimming

**13th - 16th** - Year 6 SATs week

**24th** - Break up for Whit Week

## June 2019

**3rd** - Academy opens for Summer 2 Half Term

**24th** - Inset Day

**26th** - Summer Fete

## July 2019

**1st** - Y1&Y2 provisional Sports Day

**2nd** - Y3-Y6 provisional Sports Day

**3rd** - Nursery and Reception Provisional Sports Day

**W/C 15th** - Y6 Leavers Party

**19th** - Break up for Summer holiday

**22nd** - Inset Day