



NEWSLETTER

9TH FEBRUARY 2024

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "P.E".



Reception -	Ernie and Clemence
Year One -	Yousef, George and Orla
Year Two -	Nell and Sam
Year Three -	Millie and Samuel
Year Four -	Tom and Otto
Year Five -	Daisy and James
Year Six -	Ned and Jess

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Times Tables Awards

Congratulations to Louis, Beth, and Katie in Year 4, who have achieved Maths Mastery in their times tables and division facts.

To achieve the Maths Mastery certificate the children have to be able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 without hesitation.

Well done!



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is an event organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology.

This week all pupils took part in assemblies which took a closer look at this years theme which was 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Information about internet safety and how you can protect your children can be found on our school website.



Little Oaks and 8am Charges

Many apologies but the invoices for February Before and After School Care have not been sent out for February. They will be issued towards the end of the half term break and will be for February and March combined.



Year 2 ZooLab Visit

Just a reminder that on Friday 23rd February our Year 2 children will be visited in school by ZooLab.

This is now live on ParentPay.

If we receive insufficient contributions the visit may have to be cancelled.

Many thanks.

Year Four

Pyramid Concert

Please note that swimming will not be on 21st February as our Year 4 class are taking part in the Pyramid Concert rehearsals.



Polar Bear Charity Event

Year 5 and 6 have been learning all about climate change and have even adopted a Polar Bear. On Wednesday they held a fund raising event to support climate change which included a raffle with a wonderful prize!

We are very proud of our children for organising this event themselves. And the event has enabled each class to adopt their very own Polar Bear.

Thank you to those parents that attended. We hope you enjoyed it!



Chinese New Year

The children in Nursery have been learning all about Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon. They have been very busy making Chinese lanterns, Red Money envelopes and been using a variety of paint and collage materials to create small and large scale dragons. We finished the week by participating in a dragon dance, ribbon dancing and tasting Chinese food.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who came to Parents Evening earlier this week and keeping to your appointment times.

Parents
Evening

KS1 Multi Sports

After half term we will be running a KS1 multi sports club during lunchtime from 12-12.30pm.

More information will follow shortly from Mr Rowell.



Parking on Silvester Way

Could we please ask that you are considerate of other road users and pedestrians when driving to and parking outside the school.

The zig zags lines outside our school are to protect the safety of our children as they come and go into school. Stopping, waiting and parking on these lines is prohibited and we would ask you not to use the area to drop off children.

In addition to the zig zag lines there are also single yellow lines on the corners at both sides of Silvester Way. These mean there should be no waiting, parking or unloading at the times shown on the signs.

We take the safety of our children very seriously and would be grateful if you could help us by thinking about where you park when you arrive at school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

The attendance since September is **95.1%** which is **below** our school target.

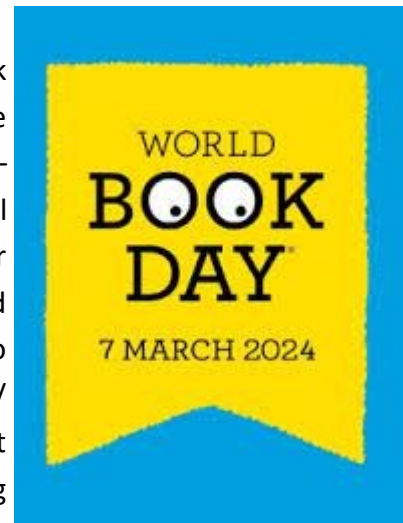
Reception	93.7%
Year One	95.6%
Year Two	95.1%
Year Three	96.3%
Year Four	94.3%
Year Five	95.7%
Year Six	95.0%

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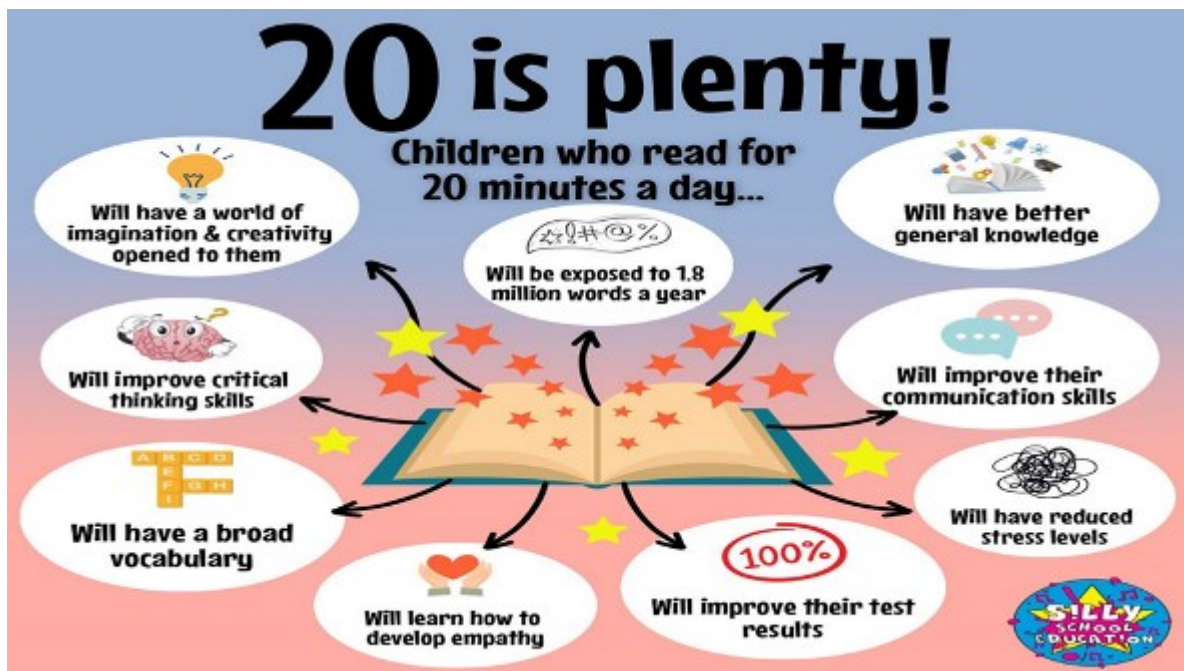
Half Term Next Week
12th to 16th February
We return to school on
Monday 19th February

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of our celebration the children have the option to dress up if they wish. This can be as a book character – either fiction or non-fiction for book theme. Please don't feel that it has to be a purchased costume it can be home made or child inspired. Each class will explore authors, books and celebrate reading through a range of activities. We are also planning on signing up to live performances from the author/illustrator Helen Stephens for KS1 and the legendary poet Michael Rosen for KS2. The day will be full on valuable reading experiences and promoting reading for pleasure.



<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Sporting Clubs

Sporting clubs will remain the same after half term, with the exception of Girls Football On Tuesdays.

Girls' football will not continue due to 4 sporting fixtures, involving football and cross-country, on four consecutive Tuesdays.



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Poem of the Week

The Word Party

by Richard Edwards.

Loving words clutch crimson roses,
Rude words sniff and pick their noses,
Sly words come dressed up as foxes,
Short words stand on cardboard boxes,
Common words tell jokes and gabble,
Complicated words play Scrabble,
Swear words stamp around and shout,
Hard words stare each other out,
Foreign words look lost and shrug,
Careless words trip on the rug,
Long words slouch with stooping shoulders,
Code words carry secret folders,
Silly words flick rubber bands,
Hyphenated words hold hands,
Strong words show off, bending metal,
Sweet words call each other 'petal',
Small words yawn and suck their thumbs
Till at last the morning comes.
Kind words give out farewell posies...
Snap! The dictionary closes.

Half-term Activities



Stafford Green Arts Festival
'There Is No Planet B'
Environmental Art Exhibition
St. Chad's Church, Stafford
10th to 17th Feb 2024
An Exhibition of
artwork, school displays, poetry
craft workshops
Free Entry!
For More Information: noplanetbstafford.blogspot.com
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