



## Newsletter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

	<b>377</b>		<b>375</b>
	<b>341</b>		<b>343</b>

### Message from Mrs Grainger

It has again been a challenging half term for us in school given the levels of staff absence that we have experienced. I hope that where possible, the education provided for your children has been relatively unaffected and they have still been able to experience the things in school that make primary schools such wonderful places to be – the staff and I are very proud of this. We have and will continue to do everything we can to keep children in school wherever possible, while it remains safe to do so. A range of approaches have been taken to cover absence and thank you for understanding that absences cause a greater workload for all staff in school. Your kind and thoughtful words at Parent's Evenings were appreciated.

Thank you to so many of you who made the effort to attend Parent's Evening. It was great to see you. It was wonderful to be able to share the children's work with you.

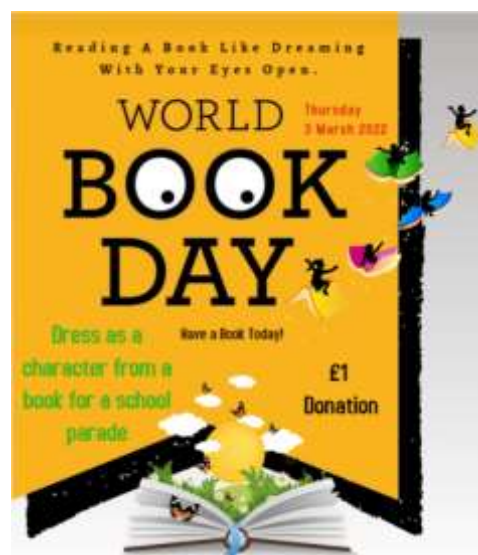
I am sure that your children are all ready for a break and although the period since Christmas seems to have rattled past, I know that many of you have all been juggling COVID symptoms, illness, LFD / PCR tests and self-isolation along with your families and your work. Well done – you've made it, and have a wonderful half term week!

### Punctuality and being on time

Thank you to all those families who get your children to school on time. A very small number of families are still arriving after registration though. Important, key work takes place in the first few minutes of the school day. Please do get your children into school on time so that they DO NOT MISS OUT. Thank you.

### World Book Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. At pupil request, we will be dressing up as our favourite book character and having a whole school parade. Making your costume could be a great half term project and does not need to be an expensive affair. If possible, bring a copy of the book to share in class. The children will watch the National World Book Day Assembly and take part in guessing who our masked readers are! We thank you for the £1 donation which will contribute to an author visit in the future.



### Half Term Reminder

School closes for the half term on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the normal end of day time. School will reopen for us all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 after the half term break.



## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

### Years 1 & 2

It has been a super final half term week in KS1. We have completed our theme work for 'Street Detectives' by learning about significant people from Lichfield and comparing Lichfield past and present. We have also compared Lichfield with the contrasting city of Nairobi in Kenya in Africa.

Year 2 have finished learning about time and Year 1 have started to learn about the value of tens and ones in teen numbers.

In writing, we have finished creating our own leaflets about Lichfield.

We have completed our science investigation to find out which materials degrade best in salt water. Can you believe that paper degraded the best?

### Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have worked hard this week and have finished their work on our theme Potions.

We have had some amazing discussions on the water cycle where we have used key vocabulary accurately. We now understand and can use, evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection as ways of explaining the water cycle. In our writing, we have used causal conjunctions to explain cause and effect and CONSEQUENTLY our writing is improving!

In science this week, we carried out an investigation into different types of chocolate melting. First we made predictions and then did an experiment involving milk, dark and white chocolate. What made this interesting was the amount of cocoa solids in the chocolate and how long they took to melt. Ask your child for an explanation!

Next half term, Year 4 will be swimming so thanks to parents and carers for returning letters. Even if your child is a little worried about this please reassure them that we have all abilities of swimmers and non-swimmers and they will be so pleased when they make progress in the pool. It is always good to see.

Our next theme is 'I am Warrior' which is a Roman history theme. Please see the creative homework for home learning on this.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have completed their text 'Street Child', then identified what they liked/disliked about it. They have also highlighted what it helped them to understand about the Victorian period. In writing, pupils have continued to work on varied sentence openings and have read a one final nonsense poem by Edward Lear.

Maths has been focussed on multiplication and division including worded problems.

Our theme has culminated with a science investigation using electrical circuits and some artwork involving printing of some William Morris inspired designs.

Thank you to those parents and carers that support with spellings/homework, it is important the children continue to work hard now, especially as we approach SATs.

Try to have a good break though, we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to work after half term.



### ParentPay

Please login to your

ParentPay account to clear your Dinner Money balance before we return to school on Monday 28th February. Any negative balances remaining may impact your child having a school lunch. If you are experiencing any difficulty with this, please speak to the school office.

### School Uniform

Do you have any spare uniform items that you can donate? We are always looking for good quality donations of uniform items in all ages, including skirts, trousers, socks, tights, shoes, plimsolls and logo branded cardigans and jumpers. Please bring any freshly laundered items to the office. We are ever so grateful for all donations.

### PTFA Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone that took part in the quiz last week. There were 9 teams in total and it was wonderful to see so many people having fun. Well done to the winners The Boris Dancers. The next quiz is Friday 10th June. We hope to see you there.



## Dates for the Spring & Summer Terms 2022

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term Break
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Years 1 & 2 Animal Man Visit
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	World Book Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays – back to school Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS1 SATS
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Polling Day – School closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term Break
w.c. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w.c. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Chadsmead's Got Talent 6.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 6 High School Transition Days
w.c. 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Creative Arts Week
w.c. Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sports Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	School Reports sent home to parents/carers
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Meet the New Teacher 5-6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last Day of Term