



Kilburn Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year, but the recent signs of spring have definitely been put on hold with the cold weather we're experiencing.

It was great to see the children enjoying the snowy conditions and I am really grateful to everyone for going the extra mile and braving such harsh conditions to keep the school open for our pupils on Thursday.

Please read the information below about many of the things happening in school this half-term.

Open Book Night

Our first open book night proved very successful with 75% of parents in attendance.

It was really positive to hear your comments and questions about your child's books and the progress you feel they are making.

We want you to discuss and challenge us to ensure our pupils make as much progress as possible and look forward to seeing you again at our parent consultations at the end of the month.

Reading & World Book Day

Learning to read is the foundation for future educational success and being able to read is the most important skill children will learn during their early schooling as it has far-

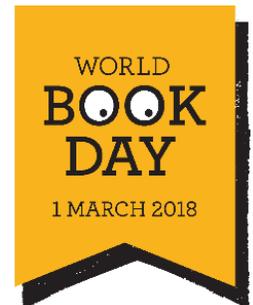
reaching implications for lifelong confidence and well-being.

It has been really pleasing to hear of children reading regularly at home and the support they are given from you. Please continue to listen to your children and record any comments in their homework planner.

Last week, we celebrated World Book Day but unfortunately had to postpone the dress up day due to the poor weather. To this end, we would like to invite pupils to dress up as a character from a book on **Wednesday 7th March**. During the day, the children will

be given the opportunity to use the book token they were given last Thursday at the Usborne Book stall. This will be in the hall from 3.15, so please come along and take a look.

As you know, reading is vital to the success of pupils.



PTFA

Our Parent Teacher Fund Association (PTFA) are in desperate need of new members.

The small group of volunteers organise events and raise money for the direct benefit of our pupils.

They meet six times a year in school for about an hour and are an integral part of our school community, so if you feel you would like to help and be part of the team, please speak to Kirsty Fox or a member of the school office.



TESCO

Our PTFA have recently been successful in their application for support from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

In certain Tesco stores the public can use the token



given at the till to support one of three different organisations.

The group awarded the most votes will receive £3000, second place £2000 and third place £1000, so we are guaranteed to receive at least that amount for our pupils.

Voting will take place from 1st March until 30th April and can be registered in Tesco Express at Belper, Codnor, Eastwood and West Hallam, so please start collecting your tokens and talk to other relatives and friends.

Sport Relief

We are supporting Sport Relief again this year and inviting pupils to take part again in our Mini-Mukka Killer Kilometre.

This gruelling challenge proved a huge hit last year as the children scrambled, crawled, climbed and dragged themselves over our exciting 'Tough Mudder' style, 1km obstacle course.

The children raised over £3000 in sponsorship and this year we are looking to make it even more exciting, with new and more challenging obstacles.

Further details will be out soon but please help support your child and come down on the day.



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School inspections are required by law. They provide an independent assessment of the quality and standards of education in schools,

and check whether pupils are achieving as well as they can.

As it is almost four years since our last inspection, in which we were graded as a 'Good' school; we could therefore be inspected at any time with less than one day's notice.

Part of the inspection process involves seeking the important views of parents about the school. This is done via an online survey which can be completed by parents at any time, not just during an inspection.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would complete the short survey of 12 questions on the Ofsted Parent View website by visiting:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Term Dates

2017/18 Academic Year

- 27th February – 23rd March 2018
- 9th April – 25th May 2018
- 4th June – 26th July 2018



Key Dates this Term

Date:	Event:
1 st Mar	World book Day
7 th Mar	Usborne Book Sale 3.15pm
12 th Mar	Year 5 Bikeability week @ school
13 th Mar	Derby County Girls Football Comp
14 th Mar	Lower School visit to Derby Museum
16 th Mar	School Quiz Night- 7.30 @ School
19 th Mar	Parents' Evening
21 st Mar	Parents' Evening
22 nd Mar	Sport Relief Mini-Mukka Killer Kilometre
23 rd Mar	Achievement Assembly 9.15am
23 rd Mar	End of Term

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. If you wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter, or indeed any other business, please do get in touch.

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