



Newsletter

February 2019

Unbelievably, we are now half way through the school year! We are looking forward to a busy half term and hopefully more signs of Spring weather. We look forward to seeing you at events such as Parents' Evenings, Spring Fair and Easter Egg decorating later this term.

Author Visit

Author, **Saviour Pirotta**, visited school for our World Book day linked event on 28th February. We were amazed by the stories that Saviour told us; first in assembly where he tested out ideas for his new book on us. If pupils write any of their ideas about the lion and the tiger who hunted Hakim and Ahmed down on the mountainside and return them to school, then they could earn a signed book when we send them off to Saviour! Every class had author workshops during the day, where we heard more stories and had the chance to ask questions about what it is like to be an author. At the end of the day children even had the chance to purchase a personalised, signed book to keep as a reminder of their wonderful day. Saviour Pirotta was very impressed with our children and their knowledge about books. He was thrilled with their story ideas and asked us to share with you all that he thought our school community was a lovely place to learn. Well done everyone!



Witton World Book Day – Friday 1st March

As you know, we celebrated World Book Day in school on Friday and as part of our celebrations we held a dress-up day and enjoyed a range of reading activities during the day. All children were given a £1 Book Day voucher each towards a book from our book fair or for sale in participating shops.

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on Monday (4th) and Tuesday (5th) after school and Tuesday morning at 8.30am. It'll be in the hall so will be available during Parents' Evenings.

Parents' Evenings

As you know, Parents' Evenings are on Monday and Tuesday this week. Books will be available to look at in the school hall.

Thank you!

Following the vandalism in our school grounds earlier last term, we were overwhelmed by offers of help and support from families and members of the community. **Thank you so much.** We are very lucky to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Breakfast Club dropping off

We are delighted that breakfast club is so popular with many of our families and pleased that our earlier opening of 7.30am is being well used.

Could we please ask that when parents and carers drop off, they say goodbye to the children in the hall and don't accompany them into corridors and around school. This is an increasingly busy time, with staff preparing lessons and classrooms, and children accessing different areas. For safeguarding reasons, we need to know which adults are in school, just as we would during the main school hours. Children must put their own belongings on their coat pegs, which helps develop their independence in line with other children who come into school at 8.50am.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please go to the main office and we will be happy to let them know.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Spring Fair

We are currently planning our Spring Fair, which takes place on

Friday 29th March, 2pm-4pm

On the day of the fair, parents can choose to collect their child/children from the classroom at 2.00pm and take them to the fair, or collect at normal time. Please note, children can only be picked up by their usual adult eg mam, dad, grandparent, childminder, unless written permission has been given for a different adult to pick up.

We will soon be asking for your help with sending in items to make the Fair a success – more details to follow. If anyone would like to help with organising or setting up and helping out on the day, we'd love to hear from you!

Proceeds from the Fair will go towards activities and resources for our Enrichment Week at the end of May.



Dates for your diary

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Monday 4 th March & Tuesday 5 th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 28 th March	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Friday 29 th March 2pm-4pm	Spring Fair
Tuesday 2 nd April (pm)	Easter Egg decorating with families (Reception/KS1 only) KS2 decorate eggs in classrooms
Friday 5 th April	Non uniform and Year 1 cakes Last day of term
8th April – Tuesday 23rd April 2019	EASTER HOLIDAYS
May	Year 2 SATs take place throughout the month
Thursday 2 nd May 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Year 1 parents invited
Friday 3 rd May	Non-Uniform day and Reception cake sales
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Week beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Week beginning 20 th May	Enrichment Week Harmony Day – Mon 20 th STEAM Day – Tues 21 st OPAL Day – Wednesday 22 nd Sports Day Option 1 – Thurs 23 rd May (Weather dependent) Sports Day Option 2 – Friday 24 th May (Weather dependent)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
27th May – 4th June 2019	HALF TERM
Friday 7 th June	Non-uniform day
Week beginning 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Thursday 27 th June 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Reception parents invited
Wednesday 3 rd July	Framwellgate School Transition Day
Friday 5 th July	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 11 th July 2.00pm and 5.30pm Friday 12 th July 10.00am	KS2 Performance
Thursday 18 th July – Time to be confirmed	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
19th July – 4th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School holidays 2018-2019

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Easter holidays	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer half term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
2019-2020 Academic Year		
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn half term	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Staff Training Day (Friday 22 nd Nov)	Thursday 21 st November 2019	Monday 25 th November 2019
Christmas holidays	Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring half term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2020	Tuesday 5 th May 2020
Summer half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer holidays	Friday 17 th July	To be confirmed