



# February Newsletter 2

Friday 17th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today brings us to the end of Creative Writing Week and the end of a busy half term. The children have all worked hard and can proudly talk about their learning and experiences in school. You will have the opportunity to learn more about their attitude, effort and progress on the Parent Consultation Day Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. You should have received your appointment time to see your child's teacher, please speak to them if you have not.

Last week the children in RD visited Pizza Express in Shirley. Jack explained to me what happened "The chef told us how to make pizza, we squashed the dough and threw it from hand to hand. Then we put on tomatoes, cheese and cabbage. We put it in a big oven and it only took 5 seconds to cook! We took it home and ate it."

Year 5 girls were invited to Swanshurst School this week to take part in a Harry Potter theme day, they loved the activities which included wand making, a sorting hat experience for Hogwarts, Harry Potter scrabble and dressing up for photographs.

A big thank you to 2HM who told us the story of The Little Red Hen for their class assembly. They reminded us about the importance working together and of helping each other.

There are so many creative writers in our school! The children have been inspired this week by our visiting authors and they have learnt some of the secrets to good story writing, we look forward to following this up next term and will be putting some examples on Pobble for all to read and also putting pieces together for the Wheelers Lane anthology.

Have a great half term.

## Attendance News

For the week 30<sup>th</sup> Jan-3<sup>rd</sup> February the following classes achieved our 97% target: RD, RP, 1B, 1HT, 3C, 3W, 4K, 6N. The winning classes were 4K and 6N with 100%, well done. Our overall attendance was 95.3% . The class with no lates was 6S.

For the week 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> February-our attendance week -the following classes achieved our 97% target: RLD, RP, 1B, 1H, 3C, 3W, 4K, 4M, 5B, 6M, 6N, 6S The winning class was 4M with 98.7% well done. Our overall attendance was 96.1% There were not any classes with no lates. The children who came to school every day and on time all received a small prize to say well done. **A total of 400 children received a reward for being in school on time every day during Attendance Week. Keep up the good work.**

Remember to check out our website [www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk](http://www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm RLD parent workshop
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> all children return to school	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> School Council trip to Sea Life Centre
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Chris Riddell in school for KS2	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 8.55 3C Class Assembly
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Readathon Week	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Comic Relief Day
<b>March</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 3F and 3C to Lapworth Museum
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nursery Inspire am and pm	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> 3W to Lapworth Museum
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> RLD to Pizza Express	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> at 8.55 1B Class Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Book Day in school	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Year 4 parent workshop
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Freshwater Theatre in school Year 4	<b>April</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year 4/5 football tournament at Yardley Wood	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year 4 to Think Tank
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Freshwater Theatre in school Year 5	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wheelies cake competition and cake sale
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 to Symphony Hall	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5S to Coast to Coast
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm RD parent workshop	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 5A to Coast to Coast
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Freshwater Theatre in school for Year 2	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> 5B to Coast to Coast
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nursery open morning	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Inspire
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nursery open afternoon	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> at 8.55 Class 1H assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> at 8.55am 3W Class Assembly	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm RP parent workshop	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Children return to school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Singing Playgrounds	<b>May</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 to Swanshurst to watch Hairspray	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> The Big Sing	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> at 8.55am 3F Class Assembly	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> break up for half term

### Readathon

The children have brought home a separate letter inviting them to take part in a sponsored read. This is to celebrate our own love of books and stories and to encourage them to think of others as the money raised buys new books for children who are ill in hospital.

### Book fair

We will be holding a book fair the first week back after half term (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. **It will be open on Parent Consultation Day and after school on.....**

### World Book day

We are celebrating world book day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, please see the separate letter with all the details of competitions. This is always a very enjoyable day and we look forward to seeing the children dressed as book characters (and staff too!)

### Chris Riddell

KS2 children will be meeting another inspirational figure. We are very pleased that Chris Riddell, who is the current Children's Laureate, will be visiting school after half term to talk about his illustrations. He is particularly known for his line drawings with their clever caricature and fascinating detail (The Edge Chronicles, Goth Girl).

### Safety Reminder

Please ensure your child does not ride their bicycle or scooter around the playground before or after school as some parents and younger siblings have almost been knocked over, thank you.



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