

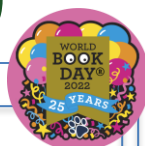


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# Newsletter | 20

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## Book Week

We are very excited about our annual Book Week in the first week back after half term – 28<sup>th</sup> February. We are planning some special events based on books and reading, finishing off with our dress-up day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (details below).

**We need your reading photos:** for our new reading display, we would like you to send us a picture of your child reading a favourite book outside of school. The theme is reading for well-being, so please take a photo of your child reading in a relaxing spot! **Please can photos be uploaded to Tapestry or Purple Mash by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Safeguarding Update - Safer Internet Day

This week we took part in national Safer Internet Day to learn more about keeping safe online. Please take some time to talk to your children about what websites and games they use online and what they should do to keep themselves safe.



## Uniform

A reminder that all children must be wearing smart school uniform each day. Trainers are not part of school uniform. Ties must be worn in Years 5 and 6.

## Covid Update

Although cases in school are now much lower, please continue to follow the following rules:

- Children should not come to school if they are unwell, even if their illness seems mild.
- Children must self-isolate for at least 5 clear days when testing positive and only return after 2 negative tests (and no temperature).
- Children must take a PCR test if they have a continuous cough, high-temperature or loss of taste/smell.
- Children should do daily LFTs when other members of the household test positive.

## Early Finish - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

A reminder that we always finish early on the last day of term. Next Friday we break up for half term:

**Lower school - 1.00pm**

**Upper school - 1.10pm.**

If your child has permission to walk home, they may walk home after the early finish, but please let us know if you have other arrangements in place for this day.

**Please note, there is no After School Club this day.**

## School Values – Honesty

Our school website has children's definitions of each value. Here's what children have said about honesty in our school:

*"Honesty is when you are telling the truth which is important so it doesn't make the situation worse."*

*"We all show the value of honesty to each other as lying is not acceptable or tolerated at Zouch and being honest is a value which is expected to be used by everyone in our school."*

*"A great idiom would be honesty is the best policy."*

## Next Friday – non-school uniform

A reminder that next Friday the children may wear non-uniform and bring £1 to contribute to books for our new library areas. The donations can be made on Parent Pay.

**Please see the attached Family Well-Being information.**

## Zouch 2022 Reading Challenge!

Congratulations to all of the children who read regularly over the past month of the reading challenge. Children will be awarded the following certificates next week:

**15 reads – Bronze certificate**

**18 reads – Silver certificate**

**22 reads – Gold certificate**



### School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our school Governing Body for a parent governor. This is a great opportunity to contribute to make our school even better. You do not need a background in education as all training is provided. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office.

### PE and Forest School Days this Term

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school for their PE, Forest School and Swimming sessions.

Class	PE	Forest School
Nursery	Daily Activity	Tuesdays
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Mondays	Mondays
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Fridays	Fridays
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Mondays	Wednesdays
Y4 (Ospreys* and Kestrels)	Wednesdays	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Thursdays	Thursdays
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Thursdays	

### Swimming - Ospreys

**\*Swimming for Osprey Class (Y4) is on Mondays – they will need swim kit.**

Kestrels will be swimming in Term 4.

### Meal Bookings for Term 4

Meal Bookings for next term can now be made on your child's Parent Pay Account. If your child is on the Allergy Specific Menu, please do not make any bookings to your parent pay, this has been processed separately.

Bookings will need to be made on Parent Pay by

**Midnight Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

**If no bookings are made by this date, your child must bring a packed lunch for the first week back after half term.**

### Science at Zouch!

Next week at Zouch, the children will be lucky enough to engage in some exciting online workshops to explore the world of Science!

Children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 have a Terrific Towers challenge that will see them talk to real engineers and explore how columns are used to give us light and space in the buildings we use every day. They will also take part in 'Logo Lift Off!' which is a competition by the UK Space Agency to design a logo that could go on the first rockets ever to be launched from the UK!

Children in KS2 will have a fantastic workshop with TV's Marty Jopson that will explore forces and states of matter through exciting demonstrations, such as the pendulum of doom and the maths of a karate chop. They will also engage in a workshop called Wonderstuck Forces and Energy, looking at how we can transform one type of energy to another.

Please ask your children lots of questions about these brilliant events that have been made possible by Festival of Tomorrow and see the attached flyer for half term opportunities.

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, Children can come back to school in pyjamas for a bedtime story with their class teacher. This will be from 5.00 till 5.45

### World Book Day – Early Reminder

On the first week back after half term, we're going to be celebrating World Book Day, but we're going to be doing events across the whole week! We are inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to school with them on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child will also receive a £1 book voucher that they can spend in the supermarket.

**Miss Hargreaves**



### **Main Pedestrian Gate**

We have been made aware of our main gate being left open by visitors or parents collecting or dropping off children. Also, that the bottom pin is being lowered and the bar moved.

Please be aware the gates are on an automatic timer. Please ensure the gate is closed after your visit and the pin at the bottom is left up and the bar left open. When we release the gate from the office it will release the magnetic lock.

### **Nursery Sept 2022**

If your child is turning three over the summer period, we have spaces available in our Nursery for the September term! Please see the link below to our website where you can complete our Nursery Pre-Admission. This will allow us to add your details to our waiting list.

<https://zouch-academy.twhf.org.uk/about/our-nursery-provision>

### **Dogs in School**

Dogs/Puppies are not permitted on the school premises at any time, even if they are carried. Please keep them outside the school gates. Thank you

### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Fri 18th Feb** – Break up at 1PM for Half Term,  
**Non-Uniform day for a donation**

**Mon 28th Feb** –Children come back to school  
**Kestrel Swimming Starts!**  
**5-5.45pm** Children to come back to school in pyjamas for a bedtime story

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Dress up for World Book Day!

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Schoolastic Book Fair, KS2 Hall