



Join us
on 4th March 2021
Share A Story with World Book Day

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School Reopening!

On Monday evening the Prime Minister announced that all schools will be reopening to children on Monday 8th March! We are delighted that we can welcome all of our children back to school! Whilst I'm sure you will be pleased with this news, some of you may also feel anxious about the reopening. We can assure you that we will put all measures in place to try and keep the children as safe as possible and reduce the risk of Covid-19. Next week we will send details about the organisation of the return to school such as start/finish times, safety procedures and lunches.

Next Week – Changes to timetable:

On Monday and Tuesday, home learning will run as normal.

On Wednesday and Thursday there will be live home learning in the mornings only. Tasks will be set for the afternoons which will be explained by the teacher beforehand.

On Friday school is closed to all pupils (including critical worker children). There will be no live lessons but teachers will set tasks via Purple Mash.

Exciting Events this Term!

Thank you to our staff for organising many exciting events for this term:

- The Science Festival (Miss Millar)
- World Book Week (Miss Hargreaves)
- Weekly PE Provision (Mr Spencer)
- Forest Schools (Mrs Batson)
- Dance Lessons (Liam from Show Off Dance)
- Poetry Day (Miss Smith)
- Easter Activity Morning (Miss Cummins)

World Book Day Events! From Miss Hargreaves:

Monday 1st March:

You are invited to join your teacher and class for a bedtime story at 6pm. This event is optional but if you'd like to listen to a bedtime story, log into teams and join your class teacher. Make sure you are nice and cosy and you can wear your pyjamas if you like. A bedtime story is so important for children to help develop their vocabulary and to have the experiences of reading books that might be above their level. If your child is currently attending school, please ensure that you know their Microsoft Teams log-in details prior to Monday evening!

Thursday 4th March:

We are going to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. Please come online or to school (if you are in school anyway) dressed as a book character and please bring along your favourite book. We will be having a whole day of activities linked to Reading and we will be sharing our favourite stories. There is a very exciting new activity for 2021 which the teachers have been busy working on...but we will keep that secret until the day!



Jordan Wylie – Kindle Fire Donation

Thank you to friend of Zouch Jordan for kindly donating 10 Kindle Fire tablets for use in our school libraries. These will be amazing for inspiring reading in school.

Year 3 and 4 Dance!

Dance looked a little bit different this week but it was amazing to have Liam from Show Off Dance teaching all of the children online!

Science Festival:

Thank you to Miss Millar who organised this year's Science Week. The children in school and at home all enjoyed *Invisible Worlds* and *Firework Spectacular!* I have had great feedback from the children in school about this. Thank you to parents for organising their children at home to access this.

Dates for Term:

Monday 1st March – Bedtime story (see above)

Thursday 4th March – Dress up for World Book Day (see above)

Friday 5th March – School Closed to all children

Monday 8th March – Return to school (details to follow)

Thursday 1st April – Final Day of Term – early finish

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 10 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 10 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Critical Workers

A reminder that children of critical workers can only attend school when:

- **both parents are critical workers**
- **both parents are in work that day**
- **there is no alternative childcare option**

The timings are:

Lower School (Nursery-Year 2): 9.00am – 2.55pm

Upper School (Years 3-6): 8.50am – 3.05pm