



## Welcome back to the second half of the spring term!

I'm sure you're all enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings – we are counting the days until the children can enjoy play times on the field again...which isn't yet as the rain just hasn't stopped! We still try to get the children outside as much as we can and most actually enjoy being out even when it is drizzly. If it is safe and we have staff able to supervise, we will still use the playground. Please could you make sure your child brings suitable outerwear, ideally a waterproof coat with a hood, so they can stay comfortable in all weather.

This term has got off to a great start. Today Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Workhouse Museum, which links to their history topic on Victorian life and our choir entertained local community members when they sang at the Coffee Shop at the Thomas Cranmer Centre this morning. This was part of our Ripples of Hope project and was so successful we hope to revisit the Friday café.

Also this week, Foundation and Year 1 held a cake sale in aid of their chosen charity Toilet Twinning. The children worked together brilliantly and carefully counted the proceeds themselves. They are now excited to move on to the next stage of their Toilet Twinning project and we will keep you updated.

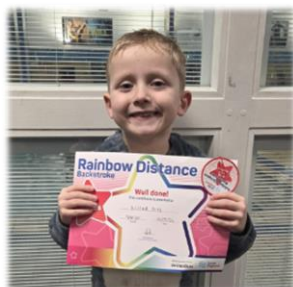
It has been wonderful to see them acting as courageous advocates and beginning to understand how their actions can make a difference to others around the world. A big thank you to you for supporting our visits out and for your cake donations - we appreciate your help.



Our choir loved singing in front of an audience at the TCC! We hope to be back soon



## Feeling Proud



Well done to all our active superstars and value award winners who were celebrated in assembly today! We are very proud of you.



- ★ Ffion had a great time taking part in the Wildcats football Winter Olympics.
- ★ Dan won the Nottinghamshire County Table Tennis competition and the Nottinghamshire School's County Championships He will be going to the National School's Championships in April in Wolverhampton.
- ★ Finn is proud to have been made a lodge leader at Bottesford Beavers
- ★ Alex and the u10 Hoods won both their games by a significant margin and leaving their undefeated record for the season intact. Alex has also been asked to play for the u12 Hoods and assisted them in yet another victory.
- ★ Jake used his half term break time to play in the Lunar New Year at the old people's home.
- ★ Wilfred passed his 10m backstroke at swimming last week
- ★ Esther and Benji had an unforgettable half term when their family visited the Winter Olympics in Cortina. While exploring the town they met members of the men's curling team the day before the team went on to win their silver medal. What an amazing experience and a brilliant memory to share with everyone at school.



## Focus Value This Half Term: Respect

- ★ We are guiding our children to treat others as they would like to be treated, recognising that kindness, understanding and celebrating differences make our community stronger. We are looking to recruit some new Equity and Diversity Pupil Leads, from years 3,4 5,6 to support our work on this. Teachers will be asking the children if they are interested in the role, next week.
- ★ At our school, we believe that words shape the world around us. Choose kindness, build others up, and create a community where everyone can thrive! We teach children to use kind words, kind hands and kind actions to show respect in their daily interactions. Our restorative approach to behaviour encourages children to take responsibility, listen to others, and move forward positively—because true respect means learning from mistakes and working together.
- ★ By respecting each other's differences and talents, we create an environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to be their best. Thank you for reinforcing this message at home. Activities to support this are [here](#).



## Parent Consultations & Feedback

We hope you found last half term's parent consultations useful. If you have questions or more to discuss at any time during the school year, please do contact the school office or your child's teacher, who will always be happy to arrange time to talk.

We are also going to hold the first of what will be a termly 'drop-in' session for parents and carers. This is simply an opportunity to pop in for a chat, ask a question, share an idea or seek clarification about any aspect of school life. Mrs Hodgson and I will be available and there will of course be tea and coffee! You are very welcome whether you have something specific to discuss or just want to say hello.

The first drop-in will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 2:45 pm and will last around 45 minutes.

Diary Dates	
Mon 2nd March	w/c Poetry recitals – class heats.
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Off By Heart Grand Finale (by invitation)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4&5 residential to Conover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Nottinghamshire County Show
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week starts
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ks2 summer show pm & eve
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 summer show eve
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day

