

## **Newsletter**

#### **Ballymena Festival**

Best wishes to all children taking part in the Ballymena Festival over the next two weeks whether it's the choir singing or children performing in the Speech and Drama section – we wish you the best of luck!

#### World Book Day/ Book Fair

This year we are celebrating WBD on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Every child can come to school dressed up as a favourite character relating to following themes:

Room 1 – Nursery Rhymes

Room2 – Traditional/ Fairy Tales

Room 4 - Roald Dahl

Room 5 - David Walliams

Lots of book related activities will be happening during the day and photos will be posted on seesaw/ website/ social media.

#### Readathon

Please remember our Readathon taking place on WBD throughout all the classes as we raise money to purchase more books. We would appreciate all monies raised to be in school for 28<sup>th</sup> as we announce the class that has raised the most money on WBD.

**Fair Trade** Fair Trade Fortnight begins on 26<sup>th</sup> February and this year again parents are invited to join us in the school assembly hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm to finish the fortnight with a cup of tea/coffee and a Fairtrade bun made by the children! Children won't be taking part, only our Eco Council will present some information on Fairtrade. This afternoon is for parents to relax and share in their children's learning.

#### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair (Scholastic) arrives in school on 7<sup>th</sup> March so books go on sale on 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March. Teachers will keep parents informed via seesaw which day their class is visiting the book fair so parents can send in money if they wish to purchase a book. Parents are also welcome to browse the book fair with their child at the following times from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

8.30 - 8.50am

1.55 - 2.20pm

2.55 - 3.20pm

#### **Peace Proms**

We trust the children will have a great day performing at the SSE Arena Belfast with thousands of other children in Peace Proms. The event takes place on the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and details were issued to all parents of pupils performing.

#### **School Governance**

We welcome our two new parent representatives on to our School Governing Body – Mrs Lynne McIlmoyle and Mr Mark Johnston as voted by our parents. Thank you everyone for your participation in this election.

#### **Cash for Clobber**

The closing date for any clobber is 9<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support in our recycling efforts.



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### **Dates for the Dairy**

Dates are also available to view on the calendar section of our website.

- 19th February School Closed for all pupils Staff Development Day
- 20th February Meeting for parents of children attending Residential Trip 7.30pm
- 22nd February PSNI Visit Room 4
- 26th February Choir sing at Ballymena Festival 9.30am
- 26th February 2nd March Parent Teacher meetings. School finishes for all pupils at 2.00pm but HOP continues daily until 3.00pm.
- 28<sup>th</sup> February World Book Day/ Readathon
- 2nd March Walking Bus
- 7th March World Maths Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair in School
- 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm Fairtrade afternoon in school for parents, Closing date Cash for Clobber
- 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March Residential to Shannaghmore

- 19<sup>th</sup> March Mathletics Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> March Hope for Youth Ministries in School
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March School finishes for Easter at 2.00pm for all pupils
- 9<sup>th</sup> April new term begins

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