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Mrs Parry's Newsletter



The Furness Vale Ukulele Players

Well done Class B on your recent ukulele concert. I've had lots of positive comments from your parents about how much they enjoyed the event. Brilliant playing and singing, you made us very proud! The Monday recorder club is also in full swing and it's been lovely to hear so much music around school.



Library Relaunch

Over the last couple of months we have been working hard to relaunch the library. Librarian Lily opened the library to Y5 and Y6 children at lunchtime today and after half-term the library will also be open to Y3 and Y4 children on Friday lunchtimes.

In the summer term we are planning a fundraising event to improve our library stock. Promoting the love of reading is a real focus for us this year and we appreciate all you are doing at home to enjoy books and stories with your children.

Planned Industrial Action Wednesday 1st March - We will be closing Class D and Class B on this date, Class A and Class C will be open as usual.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March in school. Over recent years we feel that the essence of the day (which is to promote a love of books and reading) has been a little diluted by the dressing up/non-uniform side of the day. Therefore, this year we will be bringing the focus of books and reading right into the lime-light. We are giving the children the opportunity to either dress as a book character or come to school in full uniform, just to be clear, this is not a non-uniform day. We have set the same homework for the whole school over half term which is to produce a 'story in a box' to be shared on World Book Day. The poetry competition will be judged on World Book Day and on the day we plan for all children to make books and take part in buddy reading in school.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

It was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years.

Your child or children can get a Free School Meal if you, your partner or the child are in receipt of certain benefits. Please check the link below to see if you qualify.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school->

Friday 17th February – Last day of term

Monday 27th February – First day of term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Monday 13th March – Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th March – Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th March – Parents Evening

Friday 17th March – Comic Relief

Wednesday 22nd March – Governors Committee Meetings

Thursday 30th March – Class B's production of 'The Bee Musical' 2:00pm and 6:00 pm

Friday 31st March – Last day of term, Easter hat competition and PTFA Easter sale after school.

Safeguarding

The happiness and safety of our children is our number one priority. If you ever have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Procedures on the school website.

So lovely to find this on my desk the day after Andy Tooze's visit!

