



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a busy week in school! On Wednesday, we had our 'Clean Air Day.' Kate Salter, from Sustrans, led assemblies for each Key Stage. The children found out a lot about the importance of clean air, and some of the ways in which we can work towards cleaner air in our local area. Kate brought along a smoothie maker, which was powered by pedal-power! Well done to Mrs Williams for trying it out. It was great that so many of you were able to come into the hall after school to see the work the children had been doing. Yagmur and Hope write: *'In the clean air assembly, we talked about what we did in Year 6 to see if our air is as clean as it could be. We also talked about why air pollution is bad for us. After school, on the 6/3/24 we had a clean air exhibition where parents saw our work. Some of us made smoothies on a bike! We had a station where you could try the microscope that Year 6 used.'* Many thanks to Mr Browne for organising this event.



On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day! The children (and staff) looked great in their costumes – thank you for all your support. Luca in 1WH says: *'I dressed up as a pirate from the Magic Tree House. We had to find characters in books with our Prayer Buddies. It was lots of fun.'* Chloe in 1WH says: *'I loved dressing up for World Book Day. I made stick puppets of the characters from 'The Tiger who came to tea.'* Aria in 1JC says: *'I loved dressing up for World Book Day! My favourite book is Little Red Riding Hood. I love the Nannie character in it because I love my Nannie!'* Jamie in 1JC says: *'My favourite book is George and the Dragon. The dragon is scared of mice! I loved meeting up with my Prayer Buddy to do a Book Character Scavenger Hunt!'* Our first ever Chocolate raffle was a huge success – thank you to everyone who helped get it ready, especially to the office staff who pulled it all together on the day! We are delighted to tell you that we raised a total of £408 for PSA funds. If your child had a winning golden sticker inside their bar, please make sure they bring it in to the office to claim their prize. 7 prizes have been claimed so far but there are still 3 golden tickets out there somewhere and prizes waiting to be claimed.....!

### Uniform news

I have had a couple of responses to our request for help with the uniform sales. I am hoping that we can get some dates in the diary for sales going forward, and perhaps people will be able to offer their help at one or two of the sales over the course of the year. The first job is to sort through the uniform donations that we already have. Next **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**, we are going to make a start, and would be grateful if any of you were able to help! If you can spare any time at all, please come to the office after drop off on Friday. We have also pencilled in the first uniform sale for Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 onwards – please let us know if you are able to help at this time.

### Reading Den

It was lovely to see some of our Key Stage 1 parents making use of the Reading Den to share a book with their child at the end of the day last week. We will continue to open the Reading Den on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until 3.15pm – it won't be restricted by year group, so any KS1 parent/carer and children can come in at that time!

### Book Fair

Just a reminder that we have the Book Fair in school next week on Weds 13<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> and Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2.50-3.15pm. You can help the school by visiting with your child and purchasing a book – we receive commission on everything sold. Thanks to those of you who have already offered to help staff and help set up the fair – if you haven't offered yet and you can do one or more sessions, please contact the office if you would be able to help, or let Mrs Crutchley or me know on the gate.

### Mental Health

Well done and thanks to Mrs Hills, who has collated some excellent advice and information about supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing. Thanks to the Wellbeing Ambassadors – Hope and Esme – who helped with this. You can find the pages on our website: <https://www.stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

### Lenten fundraising and activities

It is great to see the Foodbank collections building up in the classrooms, thank you all for your generosity. Hopefully, your child has been able to get some sponsors for our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. You should have received a letter about the times for the walk, which will be taking place at BSB on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – you are most welcome to come down and cheer your child on!

### NSPCC learning

Please see the important attached letter – in the next two weeks the children will be taking part in the NSPCC learning programme 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. Keeping children safe, and ensuring that they have the skills and confidence to ask for help if they need it is of paramount importance. The attached letter tells you more, and provides a link to the assembly we will be sharing with the children.

This morning, we celebrated International Women's Day in our assembly, and thanked God for all the significant women in our lives!

### Stars of the week.

**Super Role Model:** RP: Lilly Grace; RJ:Izzabelle; 1JC: Zac; 1WH: Aimee; 2NW: Archie; 2ML: Isaac; 3BM: Finn; 3NL: Clara; 4CY:Ollie; 4CR:Alexsia; 5JC:Esther; 5RH:Kathleen; 6KB:Leo; 6PM:Ava R.

**Learning Champion:** RP:Leon; RJ:Jude; 1JC:Aria; 1WH:Zara; 2NW:Robbie; 2ML:Bahar; 3BM:Ella; 3NL:Leo; 4CY:Julian; 4CR:Mason; 5JC:Julia; 5RH:Rosabella; 6KB:Lanna; 6PM: Mariyam .

### Dates for your diary:

Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.50pm	Book Fair
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15pm	RP Liturgy – <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15pm	RJ Liturgy - <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	All day	Dream Jobs Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Am	Big Lent Walk at BSB
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Year 5 Easter service at the Annunciation church – <i>more info to follow</i>
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All Day	Year 4 Trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.50pm	Term ends for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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