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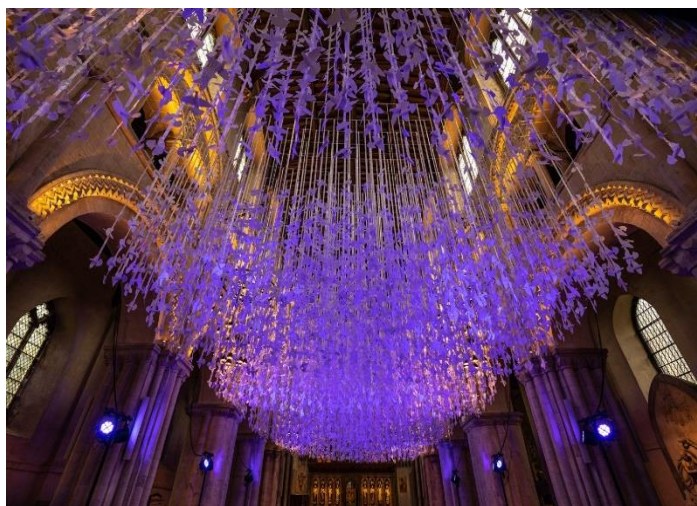
Dear Parents

World Book Day

It was a joy to see the different book characters pupils chose to dress up in on Thursday in celebration of World Book Day. I hope the children enjoyed wearing their costumes and sharing their books as much as we enjoyed seeing them. Please don't forget to use your World Book Day token before the 26th March to claim a free book or get £1 off towards any full price book at a number of local retailers.

Year 2 Trip to Rochester Cathedral

A reminder that all consent slips, payments and lunch requests for the Year 2 trip to Rochester Cathedral must be with us by Monday 6th March at the very latest. Thank you to those of you who have already sent these in. Please note that due to supply issues, if we do not receive your request for a school lunch by the 6th March we may not be able to provide a lunch for you.



Wear Your Own Clothes Day for Chocolate

Don't forget that we are holding a tag day on Friday 10th March. Children are able to wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation of chocolate, sweets or other Easter goodies to go towards our Easter raffle. Please send all items into school with your child on the day. Thank you.

Class Photographs

Braiswick, our school photographers, will be visiting us on Monday 13th March to take class photographs which will then be available for you to purchase. Remember to bring your best smiles!



Road Safety

Year 1 pupils will be learning about road safety and will be going on a short walk around the local area on Monday 20th March to increase their knowledge of roadside behaviours when walking, identify pavements, kerbs, traffic and safe places to cross the road, understand the importance of holding hands and knowing how to cross the road using the Green Cross Code (Stop Look Listen Think).



Wear Red for Red Nose Day

Children are invited to wear red for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. There will be a collection bucket in the playground before and after school to collect donations that will go to Red Nose Charities who work towards ending child poverty.



Mad for Maths

You are invited into school to play maths games with your child. Please sign up with your child's class for either the morning or afternoon session on the following dates. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate younger siblings at these sessions due to lack of space.

Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Year R – Thursday 23rd March 2023

Year 1 – Friday 24th March 2023



Extended School Hours

In our newsletter last week we highlighted the government requirement for all state funded maintained schools to provide a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This means that from September our school day must be extended. From September the school gate will open at 8.30a.m. with registration at 8.40a.m. The school day will end at 3.10p.m. for all year groups. These timings have been decided so that they fit in with those of Balfour Junior Academy, allowing parents with children at both schools to drop off and collect their children and also to allow families to make use of the before and after school provision run by MFSE at the junior school.

Top Attenders

Congratulations to Robin Class who were our top attenders last week with 100% attendance. This means that every single child in the class attended school every day. Well done Robins!



Last Day of Term

The last day of Term 4 is Friday 31st March. Children may wear their own clothes to school for a voluntary £1 donation towards our school fund.

Regards

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