

# Newsletter

## February 7th 2017



Dear Parent / Carer

Remarkably, we are now nearly half way through this academic year and the children have continued to work extremely hard during this term. Hopefully, this newsletter should have reached you by ParentMail - if you still wish to set up ParentMail, please speak to a member of staff in the front office. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to us.

### **Non-uniform day**

This Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money to buy playground equipment. If your child would like to wear non-school uniform, they will need to pay £1.

### **School Term Dates**

School closes for this half term on **Friday 10th February** and reopens on **Monday 20th February**.

**Friday 31st March** - school closes for the Easter holiday.

**Tuesday 18th April** - school closed for staff training day.

**Wednesday 19th April** - school open to pupils.

**Friday 26th May** - school closes for half term.

**Monday 5th June** - school opens to pupils.

**Friday 21st July** - school closes for the summer holiday.

### **School uniform**

We have noticed that some children are currently not wearing the correct school uniform and many are wearing trainers instead of black school shoes. May I remind you that children should be wearing a red jumper or cardigan, a white polo shirt, grey trousers or skirts, grey, black or red tights / leggings and a red hijab.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Just a reminder that children's snacks at break time must be healthy - fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar.

### **Spring Lane School Bank**

New applications to open a bank account will be taken shortly after half term. The school bank will be open before school and a member of HSBC staff will be there to answer any questions. Mrs Brown will confirm the date in due course.

# WORLD BOOK DAY

On **Thursday 2nd March**, the children and staff at Spring Lane will be celebrating 'World Book Day.' Throughout the day the children will be completing a variety of activities to promote a love of reading.

After last year's successful day, we would like to invite all children (and staff!) to 'dress up' again for the day as their favourite book character. You do not need to buy any costumes, unless of course you wish to do so - there are many creative ideas out there on the internet. You can find out more about World Book Day on the following website: <http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/>

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day and the different events we have planned and feel sure the children will too.

### **Mock SATs week**

Year 6 pupils will be having a mock SATs tests on the week commencing 6th March. It is essential that all children in Year 6 attend school during that week..

### **Accelerated Reader (AR) in Key Stage 2**

The introduction of Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2 has proved to be extremely popular. Many children are completing reading books in one or two days and are keen to take the quizzes to see how well they are doing. We have been introducing weekly prizes in the celebration assembly to highlight the children who have read the most for that week. The following children have been awarded with the weekly awards so far:

### **January's Individual AR Winners:**

**Year 3:** Dilan, Marvin, Mahamadamin

**Year 4:** Victor, Jojo (won twice)

**Year 5:** Natalia, Hanan, Logan

**Year 6:** Nedas, Rayan (won twice)

**Congratulations to Year 6.** They have read the most number of words for the month of January. As a year group, they read a combined total of 5,618,739 words. What a fantastic effort!