

# CHARITY NEWS

On Friday 15th March we held a wear red day to raise money for Comic Relief. Thanks to your generosity we raised £202.89.



## Marie Curie Cancer Care

We have been raising money through the Great Daffodil Appeal for Marie Curie Cancer Care. We will continue for the first week back after the Spring Break, so don't forget to bring in your donations for this very worthwhile



## Name the Easter Bunny

After the Spring Break we will be holding a competition to name and win the Easter Bunny. If you would like to win our wonderful Easter Bunny, call into the school office and have a go at naming our gorgeous rabbit.

£1 a go



If you are not able to call into the office, put £1 in an envelope and send into school with your child and Mrs Fisher will help them to pick a name from the list.

Good luck and hope our Bunny finds a home in time for Easter.

## The Chris Salmon Foundation

We are delighted to announce that Emily Gilligan-Wilde, Luke Holden and Luca Walsh were awarded prizes in the Chris Salmon Poetry Extravaganza Competition and attended the awards evening on 22nd March. Their poems were around the theme of Heroes. The children also attended a poetry workshop with the local poet Levi Tafari. We are all so proud of their achievements.



### Current Class Attendance

2JB 97.3%

2KF 97.1% 1CP 96.4%  
1SC 95.8% FEH 95.0% FLS 95.0%

The National Average for attendance is 96%, half of our classes are above this. Keep up the hard work!



March 2019

# GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoy the Spring Break and the children have a well deserved rest. It's been a busy half term. I hope that when we come back to school, we have some good weather and that the children can make the most of our wonderful outdoor learning areas.

Mrs J. Hall

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### APRIL

1st-12th

Spring Break

15th

Start of the Summer Term

19th

Good Friday Bank Holiday—school closed

22nd

Bank Holiday—school closed

26th

Non-uniform day—Chocolates and bottles donation

### MAY

2nd

School Closed—Election Day

3rd

Non-uniform day—books and toys donation

6th

Bank Holiday—school closed

10th

Non-uniform day—cakes & bakes donation

11th

Spring Fair 11.30-2.30

14th

Year 2 to Greasby Juniors—sorting hat assembly

24th

Year 2 to Greasby Junior Sports Afternoon

27th-31st

Half Term Holiday

### JUNE

3rd

Children return after half term

Week beginning 10th

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonic Screening

18th

Year 2 Infant School Proms

19th

Sports Afternoon—weather permitting

### Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments

As I am sure you are aware, the Year 2 children will soon be completing their end of Key Stage Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). These will take place throughout the month of May and we aim to keep class routines as normal as possible. The children will continue to work as a whole class, in groups and as individuals to complete a range of assessments across Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The assessments do not have to be completed on set days and there will be days when the children do not complete any assessments and they may not even realise when they actually do!

The teachers aim to keep routines as normal as possible and we will not discuss the SATs with the children and we would appreciate it if parents did the same. We try to keep these assessments as low key as possible to prevent children from worrying about the tests especially as they only form a small part of a child's assessment profile. We will inform parents when all assessments have been completed.

At the end of the year, parents will be informed of their child's assessment results together with their end of year report. These results are a combination of the SATs and the regular on going assessments which take place throughout the year.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 2 staff or Mrs Hall.

### Governor Update

I am delighted to announce that Mr David Massey was elected as our new Parent Governor and attended his first meetings this term. He replaces Mrs Paula Mylett who remains on the Governing Body as our new Local Authority Governor.

### Reading Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to everyone who responded to the reading questionnaire that Mrs Cooper sent out before Christmas. The feedback has been very positive with 99% of parents seeing progress being made in reading and phonic skills over the first term. 83% of parents said that their child enjoyed reading their school book with 92% stating that their child's confidence with reading had improved during this time. 98% of KS1 parents felt that their child's fluency had improved, although only 63% felt that their child enjoyed the speedy reading challenge. As a result of this we are looking at different ways to improve fluency rather than through speedy reading.

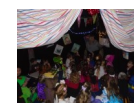
86% of parents thought that their children were able to use their phonic understanding when reading and that good progress was being made in Read Write Inc lessons. Only 63% of parents found the reading record book informative, so this is something we are looking to change for next year. If parents have any ideas or suggestions to improve reading communication, please let Mrs Cooper or Mrs Hall know.

### Recent Events

**Literacy Week**—the children had lots of fun throughout our recent Literacy week with a wide range of book related activities.



The whole school dressed up as characters from their favourite books on **World Book Day** and had lots of fun sharing their stories as well as listening to stories read by our mystery readers in our special story tent. Thank you to all the mystery readers, you were amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed your visits.



**Year 2** went to visit Black Horse Hill Infant School to hear the author Rosie Wellesley read and discuss her books. The children had a wonderful morning and were impeccably behaved. We hope to host an author visit in the near future and invite the children from Black Horse Hill Infants to join us.



Our **Tales at Teatime** after school club, went to visit Birkenhead High School for a morning with the author Alex T Smith. He read stories to the children and explained his inspiration for writing the Claude books. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and again were a credit to our school.

We had a wonderful evening at our **Onsie-upon-a-time** story telling session on 8th March. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event and also the Friends of Greasby Infant School volunteers who read stories or helped with the refreshments and organisation. The children really enjoyed all the exciting stories.

**Underwater Street**—All the Pre-School and Foundation 2 children had a wonderful time when they visited Underwater Street on 18th March. They enjoyed all the different activities and their behaviour was a credit to the school. Thank you to everyone who came with us on the trip, your help is really appreciated.

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent book fair. We took over £500, so we have £126.59 to spend on more books for the school library.



**Mother's Day Gifts** —Thank you to all the Friends of Greasby Infant School volunteers who helped children to make their Mother's Day gifts. We hope that all our Mums like their special gift and have a lovely time on Mothering Sunday.

