



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a number of special days and fundraising events coming up and would like to share the details with you.

Firstly, at school, we have been saddened to see the dreadful images in the news of the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey and would like to raise some money as quickly as possible to send over to the relief effort. On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, which is the last day of half term for pupils, we would like to hold a non-uniform day, with the option of pupils wearing pyjamas or onesies (if they would like to). A minimum donation of 50p per pupil will be placed on the non-uniform day, but there will be no maximum donation amount, so if you would like to send more, all funds will go straight to the Disasters Emergency Committee. We will also be holding a cake sale on Thursday and would greatly appreciate donations of cakes, bought or homemade, to be able to sell during the day. Please send cakes to school on Thursday morning and send pupils with 20 pence-pieces to buy the cakes!

After half term, on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, we will, as usual, be celebrating World Book Day. Our school council have decided on the following celebrations:

- Dressing as a book character – this does not need to be a bought fancy dress costume – homemade costumes or pieced together outfits are welcomed! There will be a prize for the best costume in each class!
- Reading prizes – there will also be prizes for the pupil in each class who has read the most over half term until book day. The competition will take place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the pupil who has evidenced the most reading in their diaries (school reading books or home reading books) with a parent signature, in each class, will be rewarded with a prize!
- There will also be a short story writing competition. Half term homework will be to use your imagination to write a story of your choice with any characters, settings or plot lines! For pupils in Early Years, they can join in by drawing a picture of a story! Prizes again will be allocated on World Book Day, so get your entries in by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- After the success of last year, there will a book swap taking place in school. All pupils can bring a book to school that they have outgrown or have already read and swap it for a new book. Please make sure that books are still of a good quality. Last year, thanks to people sending in multiple books, every child got to take home a book free of charge, which was just amazing and really promoted our desire to get everyone reading.
- Mrs Jones will hold some reading workshops in school. At 9am, KS1 parents are welcome to come and visit our new library and have some time reading with their child. At 9:20, Mrs Jones will then hold a reading advice session for parents to listen to which will support techniques for reading with your child at home. This will be repeated at 2:45pm for KS2 parents.

There will be a Spring disco with a DJ after school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The disco for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be 3:30-4:15pm and will be £2.50 payable on the door (which includes a drink of squash) and the disco for Year 3-Year 6 pupils will be 4:30-5:30pm with an entry fee payable on the door of £3.00 (again including a drink of squash). Money made will go into the school fund.

Later in March, on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-5pm**, we will be holding a jumble sale in school, to raise money for school funds. We are giving you advance notice so you can have a bit of a clear-out of clothes and shoes! Please bring any jumble into the school office by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The Jumble Sale will have a 50p entrance fee for each adult and items will be 10p each – it's the perfect opportunity to cater for those constant growth spurts at a time when the cost of living makes buying constant new clothes and shoes challenging!

As always, many thanks for your amazing support! Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jones'.

Mrs L Jones (Deputy Headteacher)