



Reception learning about Chinese New Year.

**Ofsted Inspection Letter and Next Steps**

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted Inspection Letter which we sent out to all families earlier this week. Although the letter is addressed to me as headteacher, it reflects the hard work and commitment of all staff and governors – both past and present. I want to say a special thank you to Miss Lawler who as the outgoing headteacher left the school in a very positive and secure place as a result of her hard work and dedication.

The Ofsted Inspector rightly identified improving home reading and attendance – both areas we identified ourselves and have taken many steps to improving before the Ofsted visit!

Thanks again to our wonderful staff team and governors. The highlight of the report for me was: **“One parent captured the views of many others when describing the school staff as ‘a fabulous team of dedicated, caring and talented individuals who ensure that all children are safe, happy and thriving’. This is clearly the case.”**

**Staffing changes**

After the half term, there will be some slight changes to staffing which will impact on classes when teachers take their PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) and/or leadership time. The main changes are that I will teach Computing on a Monday and Thursday afternoon and Mrs Boswell will only teach half a day in Y4 and Y6 allowing her to teach all day Friday in Y1.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Cover provided by:</b>	<b>Day and time</b>
Reception	Miss Dawson teaching PE and other areas	Thursday morning
Y1	Mrs Boswell teaching PE, Science and Grammar Mrs Robinson will increase her teaching commitment for the rest of the year to four full days (Mon → Thur).	Friday all day
Y2	Mr Smith teaching Computing and Miss Butler teaching PE	Monday afternoon
Y3	Miss Butler teaching PE and Mr Smith teaching Computing	Thursday afternoon
Y4	Miss Butler teaching PE and Mr Smith teaching Computing	Monday afternoon
Y5	Mrs Massey and Mrs Elwers releasing each other	Wednesday
Y6	Mr Smith teaching Computing and Miss Butler teaching PE	Thursday afternoon

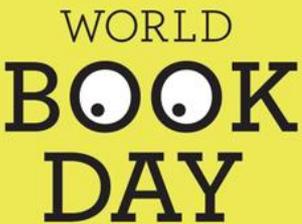
**Home reading**

Well done to all of the children who are currently achieving their reading target by reading three times a week. We have also had lots of children reading 4, 5 or more times in a week which is fantastic. Class doors are updated every Friday with photos of children who have met their reading target so please check and praise your child. We will also be posting photos of the displays on FB. Thank you for supporting us.

There has been some confusion about reading targets. To clarify, children must read their **school reading book at least 3 times a week** to achieve their weekly target. In addition to this, please record any other reading that your child has done as reading other types of texts means that children could be entered into a raffle to receive a book token at the end of the half term. Our aim is to promote a love of reading and we want to celebrate other reading in school and get children recommending books to each other.

### Storytelling day

We had a fantastic celebration of the learning during our Storytelling day last week. Each class chose a significant person to find out about and used this information to create their own song to a famous song. We had songs sung to The Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Livin' on a Prayer! We hope to share these songs with you on World Book Day – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March. The significant people studied were: Year 2 – Gandhi, Year 3 – Beatrix Potter, Year 4 – Christopher Columbus, Year 5 – Philippe Petit, Year 6 – Anne Frank.



### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. This year our theme for dressing up will be superheroes. This could be an existing superhero or a made up one and will link to us introducing our new reading superheroes to the children. We will be inviting parents into school from 1.15pm in the afternoon on the 5<sup>th</sup> to work with classes and to watch performances of our storytelling songs so we hope that you can make it.

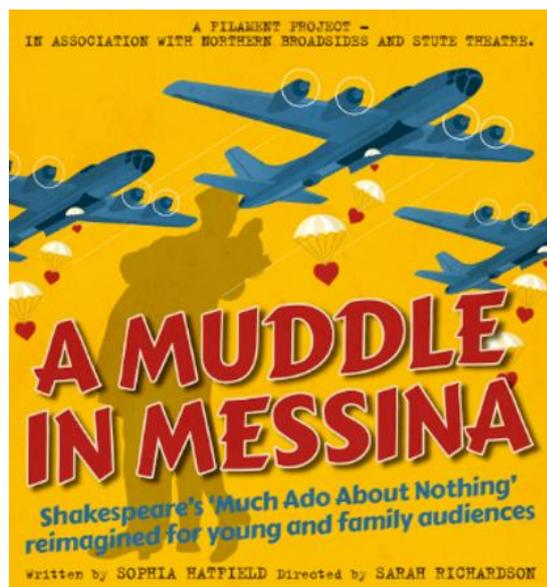
### Library openings

A big thank you to all of the parents and family who came to our library openings last month. We hope you enjoyed looking at our new library and some of the new books that we have bought. We have also ordered a lot of new fiction books for our library which we hope that the children will love.

Date for your diary – **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – there will be a fantastic reading event held at Lancaster and Morecambe College as part of the 'We are Reading' initiative in Lancashire. We hope that you can come along and support this event. More details to follow.

### Year 5 and 6 visit to watch 'A Muddle in Messina'

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Year 5 and 6 will be watching a play performed at Heysham Library, 'A Muddle in Messina' which is an adaptation of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. This will begin at 1.15pm and will be in place of swimming for that week. The cost of tickets will be £4 per child so please pay in advance using ParentPay.



### Y5 film sharing with other schools

As part of our Building Bridges project, we have created a film about our school. The purpose of this is to tell our partner schools, Fulwood & Cadley in Preston and Boundary Primary School in Blackpool about our school before we visit them. In return, we will be receiving similar videos from the partner schools. Images and video clips of all of the children in class have been used in the video.

If you have any questions about this, or do not want your child to be filmed, please come in and speak to one of us by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you - Mrs Massey & Mrs Elwers

### Diary Dates

<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Ben (More Music) starts to work weekly with Y5 and Y4
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Tim Fletcher to work with Rec and KS1 weekly – Multi-Skills
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Non-uniform – Easter themed chocolate donations
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Judo club starts weekly 7:30 – 8:15am
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Judo lessons start for Y1 and Y2 weekly with Judo Education
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day – dress as a superhero
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1.15pm Y6 Road Safety session with the Fire Service
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Visitors to help with Music Festival rehearsals
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1 visit to Heysham Library am
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Academy photography in for class photos and Y6 leavers photos