



World Book Day

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday 5th March celebrating World Book Day. Our superhero theme was embraced by so many staff and children so thank you for supporting us. The day was used to launch our superhero reading characters which we use in class to teach the children different reading strategies. Thanks also to the parents who attended in the afternoon to see the children perform their own songs linked to our Storytelling Day.

We Are Reading Event

Thank you to all of the families from Mossgate who came to support the 'We Are Reading' event at Lancaster and Morecambe College a few weeks ago. It was a fantastic day with lots of exciting activities for the children to get involved in. This will be an annual event which we hope will be as well supported as this one. Mrs Massey



Accelerated Reader for KS2

Over the next few months, we will be introducing our new reading scheme to Key Stage 2 classes. Accelerated Reader gives children the opportunity to choose their own reading books from a wider variety of books that we have in school. They complete a short online test which provides them with a reading range linked to the new books levels (this will be shown on a label on the spine of the book). Accelerated Reader allows the children to complete a comprehension quiz online once they have read their book which will earn them points. We have also purchased a lot of new fiction and non-fiction titles which some of the children have been involved in choosing. We hope that the children will be excited about the new books to read and the quiz element.

Year 5 will be starting this week with Year 6 starting before Easter. Years 3 and 4 will be introduced after the Easter break once the books have all been labeled and organised. Reading targets will remain the same as they are currently across the school as reading remains a school improvement area for our school.

A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have been helping to set up our new reading scheme in school – Accelerated Reader. We really appreciate all of your hard work and you giving up your time to support the school. Mrs Massey

Book donations

Thank you to the families who have donated books to our school library over the last few months. They are very gratefully received and it is lovely to see the children enjoying these books in school. Mrs Massey

Learning Timelines

Please find attached a copy of your child's Learning Timeline for this half term which details their learning across the different subjects weekly. If you have any questions about this, then please speak to the class teacher.

More Music Photo Consent

We are very lucky to have Ben from More Music continuing to work with different classes this year. This half term he is supporting Years 4 and 5 every Wednesday afternoon and also running an after school club with Mrs Strong. On Wednesday 20th March, Johnny Bean will be coming into school to take pictures from 12.45pm to 3.45pm. If you do not want your child's photo to be used for publicity purposes by More Music, then please contact the school office. Parents who have already opted out of Facebook photos through the Home School Agreement will automatically not be included in having their photos taken. Mrs Booth



Easter Fair

On Wednesday 3rd April, we will be holding our Easter Fair after school. Year 4 will be organising and running a café and Y3 will be creating and selling Easter themed products and some games. Both classes will be involved in costing their stalls and looking to make a profit which they can then use to buy new reading books for their class. The 'Friends of Mossgate' PSA will be running the chocolate tombola which proved very popular at Christmas. Thanks to the 'Friends of Mossgate' PSA, every child in school will be able to choose a free book from our book fair as well. Tickets will be given out at the end of the day on Wednesday 3rd April, which children can exchange for a book of their choice. Families can also buy additional books which will be priced between £1 and £2.

Y2 and Y6 SATs Meeting

We will be holding two workshops for parents on **Monday 25th March**. Y2 parents are invited into school at 2:20pm with Mr Andrew and Y6 parents invited to attend at 5pm with Mr Thwaites. Both sessions will explain more about the test format, how they are used by schools and the government and provide parents with the opportunity to look at the tests and ask questions.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we ask parents and children not to cycle or scoot on the school grounds for safety reasons. If your child will be cycling to school on their own next term, we ask that they sign a Bike Agreement which we will be sending out before we finish for Easter.

School Clubs

All clubs which are organised by school staff (including Keep Fit Friday) will finish at the end of this week – Friday 22nd March. Judo club will continue every Monday until we finish for Easter with the last session being on Monday 1st April. Music club with Ben (More Music) and Mrs Strong will also run until we finish for Easter with the last session being on Wednesday 3rd April.

Diary Dates

Tues 19th March	KS2 Music Festival – Ashton Hall 6.45pm – 8pm
Wed 20th March	Photographer (Johnny Bean) in to photograph sessions & club - More Music
Thurs 21st March	KS1 Music Festival – Ashton Hall – 6.00pm start
Thurs 21st March	5pm PSA meeting to plan Easter Bingo and Fair – all welcome
Fri 22nd March	Y2 visit to Heysham Library
Fri 22nd March	Clubs finish including Keep Fit Friday
Mon 25th March	Bikeability for Y5 begins
Mon 25th March	SATs meetings for parents: Y2 at 2:20pm and Y6 at 5pm
Tues 26th March	High 5 Netball district qualifier at BLA 1:30 – 5pm
Wed 27th March	Reception walking to post box to post letters
Wed 27th March	Full Governing Body Meeting at 5:15pm
Thurs 28th March	Y5 visiting Fulwood High School – Building Bridges project
Fri 29th March	Y3 visiting County Hall Preston to record their Roman song
Mon 1st April	Y5 litter pick with Emma Garston (Heysham Nature Reserve)
Mon 1st April	School Spelling Bee Competition
Wed 3rd April	Easter Themed Lunch
Wed 3rd April	Easter Fair 2:50pm
Wed 3rd April	Easter Bingo 6-8pm
Thurs 4th April	Y6 Road Safety workshop with the Fire Service
Fri 5th April	Last day of school – Easter break
Tues 23rd April	School reopens after the Easter break