

*'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'*

Matthew 7:12

28/2/25



Dear Family,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term. This time is always an exciting one, as next week we will embark upon our Lenten journey, in the lead up to Easter. To ease us into the next seven weeks of the term we treated ourselves to a whole school 'wellbeing day' on Wednesday, which was lovely! Everybody had a great day and the classes enjoyed an array of activities to support the theme of our day!

Next Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March is Parents' evening, please make sure you have booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you still need to book an appointment, please contact the school office.



# Wellbeing

As part of our Wellbeing Day, Swift Class enjoyed a lovely and relaxing morning at the 'spa'. The children enjoyed soaking their feet in the bubbly foot spa, rewinding with some cucumber on their eyes and even enjoyed some refreshing lemon water. It was a lovely and calm morning and left the children (and teachers!) and feeling super relaxed and at peace!





# TOY SALE



As part of our well being day on Wednesday, Mrs Gurney and her 'wellbeing warriors' organised a toy sale for the children. A massive thank you all those families who donated the toys, we really are so grateful! Thank you also to everyone supported this sale, we managed to raise £326.98!



## A MESSAGE FROM MISS STEINER..

Year 5 really enjoyed Wellbeing Day this week!

Incense burning and gentle music made the classroom feel like a luxury spa as the children arrived in the morning. They were met with a small chocolate treat and a beautiful mandala to begin colouring, as we focused on the first goal of **TAKING NOTICE**. Continuing with this theme, the children produced some beautiful doodles of all the things that make them happy.

In order to **KEEP LEARNING**, we finished off our colouring whilst watching a moving and dramatic episode of a class favourite - the BBC Dynasties documentaries. This story of a lioness overcoming all odds had the children completely enraptured and occasionally cheering out loud!

We decided to **CONNECT** by playing new card and board games with friends and to **GIVE** by taking part in a lovely, relaxing peer massage session. There was just enough time at the end of the day to **BE ACTIVE** and enjoy a dance party in the classroom together. A wonderful time was had by all!



# PARENTS EVENING

**...COMING  
NEXT WEEK!**

**Monday 3rd and  
Tuesday 4th March**

We will be holding our Spring term parents' evenings on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March. Please book your appointment with your child's class teacher via our online booking system. All parents should have received an email with a link to this system. Many thanks.

Shrove  
Tuesday



**Tuesday  
4th March**

On Tuesday 4th March we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday here in school. We are looking forward to making pancakes, before our Lenten journey begins!

**Thursday 6th March  
NEW LOCATION!**

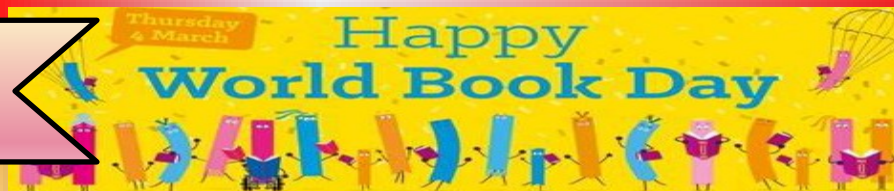
*To launch the start of our Lenten journey, on Thursday 6th March, we will now be venturing to Beechenhurst for our Big Lent Walk, in support of CAFOD. This will be a fantastic day of physical activity. It will also provide us with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, spend quality time with our peers and raise money for CAFOD!*



*We look forward to this well being event!*

[St Joseph's Ross on Wye Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

**Friday 7th  
March**



**We will be celebrating WORLD BOOK DAY this year next**

**Friday 7th March!**

**Children are invited to do one or more of these things as part of our celebrations:**

***Dress as a character from your favourite book***

***Bring in a book you love to share with your class***

***Dress as your favourite book (wear the front cover and the back cover!)***

***Create a diorama, or 'a book in a box', based on a book you love***

***Please see the photos for inspiration and let your imaginations run wild!***

***There will be prizes for the most creative costumes and the most delightful dioramas!***



**Friday 7th  
March**

**Class  
Assembly**

**Year 5 will be presenting their World Book Day-themed class assembly at 2.30pm in the sports hall. Year 5 families - are invited to attend the assembly, to finish off what will certainly be a wonderful day!**

## NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

A message from Mrs Lerego...

*The Nursery children have loved their new role play areas in the hall this week! We have been to the shops and the cafe, had our hair done at the hairdressers and helped the poorly animals at the vets!*

*The Seedlings have enjoyed some lovely walks in the pram and created pictures using cups and paints!*

*The acorns and Oakleaves have made some very pretty flowers to take home. Forest school was so much fun this week - we picked flowers to add to our vases.*





# SCHOOL

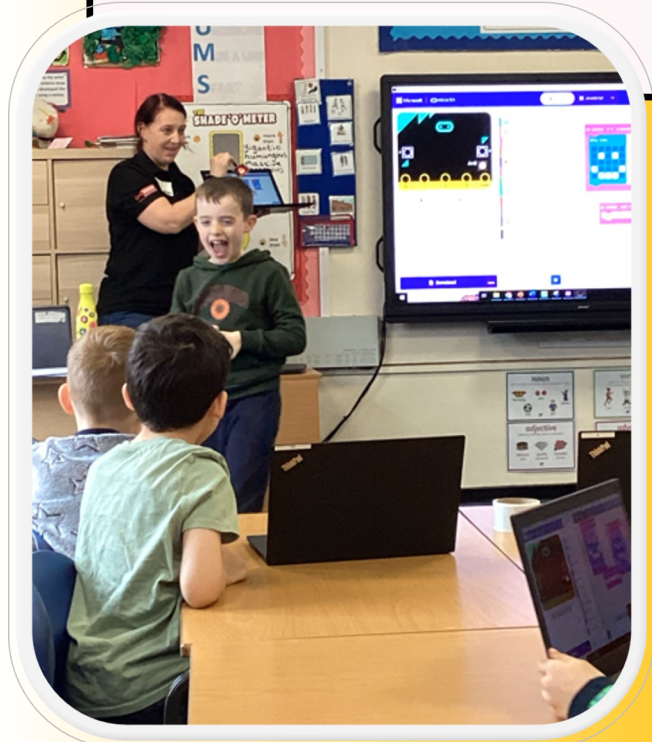
## Attendance

***As a school we have a legal obligation to monitor attendance and follow DFE guidelines. If your child has particularly poor attendance it is classed as persistent absence. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If any children's attendance falls below 90% we will be sending a letter home to make you aware. In some cases we are aware of medical conditions which contributes to lower attendance, which makes it vitally important that you inform the office when your child is ill.***

***Thank you for your support in this matter.***

***On Wednesday we took part in a computing workshop day with Jam Coding. Each of the classes completed a microbit to create emojis. They used their programming skills and team work to help them achieve fantastic emoji art!***

**{JAM} CODING™**  
COMPUTING WORKSHOPS



# SPRING TERM

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 10am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	BIG LENT WALK
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential—Parent meeting 3:45 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Shakespeare Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Years 3 and 4 Golf Experience Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 5 and 6 Golf Experience Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Flat Stan First Aid Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term Mass
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	FSJ Bounceathon
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring term



**A message from Miss Sadler...**

During this week's Cooking Club, the children helped to bake chocolate chip cookies. We first started by beating the butter and combining this with light brown sugar. We then added our eggs, vanilla essence and flour and mixed it until it formed a dough. We then added the best ingredient - chocolate chips! Once the dough was all combined, we floured our hands and rolled the dough into small balls before putting them into the oven to bake.





**A message from Miss Hillary...**

Feeling inspired by a few days of sunshine, gardening club got planting! As always we started by feeding our St Joseph's birds. Then we got straight on to planting marigolds. We are excited to have our school popping in colour by the end of Spring! We also planted sweet peas and made sure they will stay wet and warm to ensure good growth. We finished by planting dahlia bulbs in a great big pot. These will have our reception beautifully decorated with their vibrant colours. Look forward to planting our special potatoes next week!



# February BIRTH DAYS

**Happy Birthday to all of our children who have celebrated their birthdays during February! Wishing them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!**



## GREAT Attendance

<b>SWIFTIES</b>	<b>91.35%</b>
<b>ABBA</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>FANTASIA</b>	<b>95.76%</b>
<b>ZIMMER</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>ALISHA</b>	<b>95.65%</b>
<b>MIRANDA</b>	<b>96.96%</b>
<b>SHEERIOS</b>	<b>98%</b>



**Just to remind our Year 4 families that we will be holding our parent meeting on Monday 10th March at 3:45pm, in preparation for our London Residential in May!**

**The meeting will be held in the year 4 classroom. We look forward to welcoming you then!**

happy

Lunch time

This week we have launched our 'Happy Lunchtimes' initiative. It's been a great success so far! Each day we have a different activity taking place in THE ZONE!, as well as a quiet zone, skipping, ball and Lego zone! To choose from!



Enjoy your weekend  
God Bless  
Mrs Francis