

**Word of the Week:****scapegrace**

1. a complete rogue or rascal

World Book Day

We have had a great day exploring books and characters this week to celebrate world book day.

Science Week 13th March – 17th March

- **Monday 13th – Dress up as your favourite scientist or explorer, be prepared to talk about this person on Monday!**
- **Science Week**

You have hopefully seen the improvements to the infant and junior yard this week which we are very pleased with. We will be also working on the paving, to widen the paths for buggies and install a new shelter in the infant playground. Another aim is to provide our children with a wonderful space to learn, discover and play. In front of the newly fenced areas we would like to plant numerous perennials and bedding plants to bring colour to the yards.

If you would like to volunteer, there are still some spaces to fill in a very busy week! Please share your talents with us and inspire the children!

On Wednesday 15th March we are having a plant day. Our hope is that each child/family will donate a plant to put into the ground. This will make for a memorable day and hopefully the children will see the plants grow each year. Please will you help donate a plant to enable us to achieve this aim.

We will make use of any plants you may have already thought to grow or purchase, however we would love the following plants :

Please note that we would love to share some of your garden plants if you could help split some plants. Perhaps a very generous relative might help out? Help our school grow and brighten up our learning spaces.



Hostas of all colours and sizes



Iris



Alliums



Poppies



Echinacea



Montbrecia



Daisies



Rudbeckia

these are only suggestions – please see what plants you have....

New Entrance

We have had some improvements to the school entrance which you may have already noticed! There are a few additions to make but we hope the entrance is a little more inviting and welcoming which also celebrates our values and aims for the school.



Save time queueing at the office and put any letters or money owed in the post box in the main entrance.

PTA letter box is located here too!

Fairtrade Fortnight



® MARCH 9TH – The Big Brew

You will have seen on the website that we are celebrating Fairtrade fortnight and we will be hosting a 'Big Brew' in Year 3 class on Thursday 9th March (3:15pm – 4:00pm). This will be a chance to buy fair trade goods and for 50p donation a cup of tea/coffee and a fair trade biscuit. Please come and support our children who are helping with Mrs Neale, to make this event a success.

Swimming Gala

Letters have been given out to children who have volunteered and have been chosen to take part in the Swimming Gala at the end of the day on 9th March. The Gala is held at Sedbergh Prep and we hope all of the children picked will be able to represent school. Please note – swimming caps are required for this event.

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CCTV in School



We have introduced CCTV in some areas of school to safeguard our staff and children when outdoors and especially when using the learning pod. There is CCTV in the main entrance also. Please be aware of this – the CCTV runs 24hrs, 365 days of the year.

We hope you feel that this provides added security and safeguarding for the children and staff.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



We have spent some time thinking about Lent this week and we have taken the 40 Acts challenge as a school. Each day we are unveiling a new surprise challenge as part of lent. We also held a pancake challenge on Shrove Tuesday and explored how Christians celebrate Ash Wednesday. Some pupils even took part in receiving a cross of ash on their foreheads.

Congratulations

We have distributed our new values awards today for those children who have shown a great improvement or contribution to our values in school.

Parent Consultations

I hope that Y4 parents have received their times and dates for the recently cancelled parent consultations. Please get in touch with the school office if you have not received your new appointment.

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Hoping you have a good week.

Thank you for supporting our very special school!

Mr Jones
Headteacher