



Newsletter

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I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break. We are looking forward to some more sunny days as spring finally arrives!

NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Year 1 Birch and Year 3 Holly Classes will be closed on Wednesday this week due to teacher strikes.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March 2023

We won't be dressing up in school this year as we are aware of the financial pressures this places on some of our families, but we will be marking World Book Day in school in the following ways:



1. Mel from Dark Peak Bookshop in Glossop will be coming to school with the full range of World Book Day books so all the children can exchange their Book Tokens in school for a free book. She will also have some of last year's stock available to sell for just £1.00 a book.
2. As always, we will be running our annual book plate competition, with the winners receiving a free book from our school bookshop and their designs being made into this year's school bookplates. The entry form is attached to this letter and paper copies of the

entry form are available in the school hall.

3. This year we are also launching our new "Book Potato" competition as holiday homework. We are challenging you to recreate your favourite book character through the medium of a potato. Please send your entries into school as soon as possible clearly labelled with your child's name and class. All entries will be on display in school throughout the week and book prizes will be awarded to winners in each class.



Early Birds and Night Owls

As you may have seen in my recent email, we have made the decision to reduce the fees for our wrap around care service to, hopefully, make it more accessible to more of our families. More details and booking forms can be found on the school website [here](#).



Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) – Friday 17th March 2023

We'll be marking Red Nose Day this year with a "best joke" competition. Children are invited to submit their favourite jokes (50p per entry) and a winner will be chosen from each class, read out in assembly and displayed in school. Entry forms will be sent out next

week.

The children will also be able to wear red noses in school on 17th March. We still have some of last year's stock available to buy from the school office for £1.00 each. Alternatively you can order this year's noses directly from the Amazon website [here](#).

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last "Values" week's stars who were:

Orchard	Brave	Freddie has demonstrated bravery by trying new and different activities this week.
Acorns	Brave	Harry has stepped out of his comfort zone this week and challenged himself both in his learning and in getting to know Maggie the school dog.
Birch	Creative	Charlie has drawn on his creativity to create a super piece of work about the Great Fire of London.
Willow	Creative	Harrison worked creatively when designing and making his beach hut, making sure he included all the features.
Holly	Collaborative	Olivia demonstrated great partner work in our recent Design and Technology learning project. She listened well, articulated her own ideas clearly and supported other groups.
Chestnut	Collaborative	Darcie was a great team member during our River work field trip and made sure everyone was involved.
Elm	Collaborative	Darcie always supports her classmates and makes sure everyone is included in the learning.
Ash	Collaborative	Archie always works well in a group and offers good answers.
Oak	Collaborative	Hollie listens carefully to others and often finds ways to complete tasks as a team.

In our last assembly we celebrated reading across school and our reading stars were:

Acorns	Hunter listens so well in our "Talk Through Stories" lessons and loves to spend time in the class library.
Birch	Harvey has developed a really good habit of reading regularly at home and as a result he is making pleasing progress.
Willow	Eliza loves to read and she is now able to transfer the new vocabulary she is picking up to her written work.
Holly	Jamie always reads at home and he loves to discuss his books in school.
Chestnut	Crystal has been challenging herself to tackle different and more challenging books and she is really enjoying her reading.
Elm	Ocean is becoming an avid reader and developing a real love of books.
Ash	Amelia always has her head in a book!
Oak	Mia is challenging herself to up-level her reading skills both in class and at home. She is proud that she has already started working through her revision books at home. Great effort!

Our Special Kindness Award was awarded this week to Stanley:

Stanley is always kind and caring both towards his classmates and to younger children in the playground. He has beautiful manners and a lovely sense of humour meaning that others love being in his company. Stanley is also a committed "litter picker" not only in school but also in the wider community, giving up his own time to make Gamesley a better place for everyone.

As his reward, Stanley will be spending a lot of time with Maggie this week, walking her on the school field, grooming her and helping Ms Sutherland to train her. Very well done, Stanley!

Kindest regards,

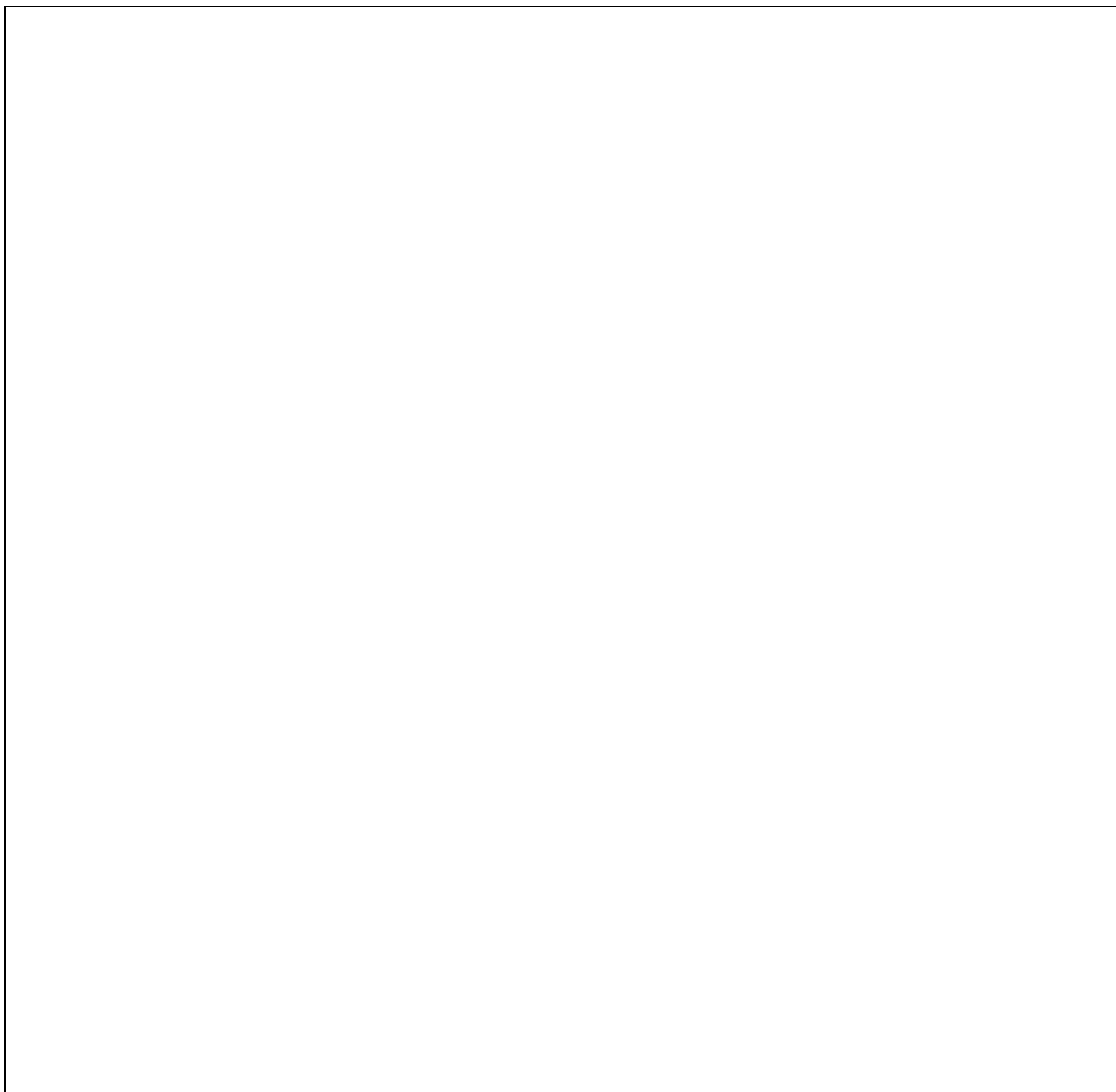
Deborah Meredith

Thursday 2 nd March 23	World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 10 th March 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 17 th March 23	Comic Relief Day
Friday 17 th March 23	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Tuesday 21 st March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley's Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Wednesday 22 nd March 23	Acorns and some Orchard children Easter Experience
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 3 and remaining Orchard children Easter Experience
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 th March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne's
Wednesday 29 th March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
Friday 31st March 23	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 17th April 23	School Opens for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 19 th April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Tuesday 25 th April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 th April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
Monday 1st May 23	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Monday 8th May 23	School closed – Coronation Weekend
Tuesday 9 th May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
Monday 22 nd May 23	Class Photographs
Thursday 25th May 23	School closes for Summer Half Term holiday
Monday 5th June 23	School Opens for Summer Term 2
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 th June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Wednesday 28 th June 23	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
Tuesday 4 th July 23	Year 4 "Come and Play with the Halle" concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 th July 23	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 th July 23	Year 3 trip to "Crocky Trail"
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
Friday 21st July 23	School Closes for Summer Holiday

It's time for us to update the book plates that we use in our school "50 reads" and "Reading Stars of the Week" book awards so we are launching our very popular bookplate competition once again. The children are invited to design a bookplate linked to a book they have recently enjoyed reading at home or perhaps one of their class novels or "Talk through Stories" books. Please draw your pictures in the box below and **do not include any writing** – we will add that later to the winning designs. The winners will be awarded a free book of their choice from the school bookshop and their designs will be made into bookplates to be used throughout the coming year. Please return all entries by Thursday 2nd March 2023

Name _____ Class _____

Book Title _____

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw their bookplate design. The box is currently blank.