



# Dear Families

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Another week which has absolutely flown by, filled with great learning both in and out of school as you will see from the class pictures. I began my week with assembly as usual, this week the Y6 children have been asking about the return of snack shack and if this can be achieved. They have asked children and about 60% said they would like it. I have asked the Y6 children to write to parents and gauge their feelings about this.

I spent a lovely morning teaching in Red class where I did some story-time with them and a sounds-write lesson. I was very impressed with their segmenting and blending, and how they are engaged with their learning.

With the introduction of the new curriculum I am spending a lot of time with subject leads mapping out learning across the pieces of learning and across the whole year. Working with the English team this week we have now mapped out every year group and what their fiction and non-fiction will be for the whole year. We have also completed all learning for the next piece after Easter, which will have a strong history focus. Now we have the lovely part of buying new books to support this learning and planning some great trips and experiences.

## Strike Action

As you may be aware the NEU is preparing to strike on 1<sup>st</sup> February. I fully support the strike action and any teacher who wishes to do so. This is not just about a pay rise – which is fully required but also about how the pay rise this time has come from our school budget. Our school has incurred an extra debt of £60 000 because of this. Imagine what that could have been spent on! I will share more information when I know who is striking and not – teachers have no obligation to share this with me, but some have. We will either have a partial or full closing – support staff will not be used to cover classes. I know this strike will divide people, in thoughts and opinions, that is beyond my control. I am a member of the NEU, as a leader, and as a teacher. Information will be shared as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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# School News

This week we have had all of the furniture delivered for the new classrooms and now we have the fun part of assembling boxes of flat-pack furniture!!!

As part of the new classrooms Y4 children will now have a basket, in class, to store their belongings. One of the things which is a major issue in our school is where children hang their coats and belongings; which is in corridors and around the hall. It does make the school look untidy, this is no-ones fault but we have been thinking of ways around this.

From half term Y4 children will hang their coats in the corridor, however, they will only be able to bring:

Packed lunch (if necessary)

Book bag

Soft PE bag if they need to bring football boots on club days.

Essentially, everything they need to bring must fit into their basket. There is no real need for back packs as children come in their PE kit. This way we can reduce the amount of space we are using in the corridor and hall, making it look neater tidier and more presentable as a school.

We do not have the space for rucksacks, and as each new classroom is renovated this will become the rule for the whole school.



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# PTA

**The PTA are an essential part of this school and provide our community with magnificent events which raise money for both the school and charity. Nevermore have we needed extra funds to support children's learning and key experiences.**

## NPPTA UPDATE

### Happy New Year!

I hope the new term has started well for everyone and you are finding a little warm cosiness amidst the January grey.

If you fancy a declutter, please take advantage of our next [Bag2School](#) collection on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The more we collect, the more we raise for school!

### Recycle and reuse - uniform

If you are looking to pass on, sell, acquire school uniform remember to check out - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/npptauniformswapshop>

Feel free to post other items that may be of interest to the school community, brownie, rainbow, beaver, cub uniforms and fancy-dress costumes are often sought after for example.

This is a free service. If you wish to make a donation, however, you can do so via <http://easydonate.org/PTASWAP>

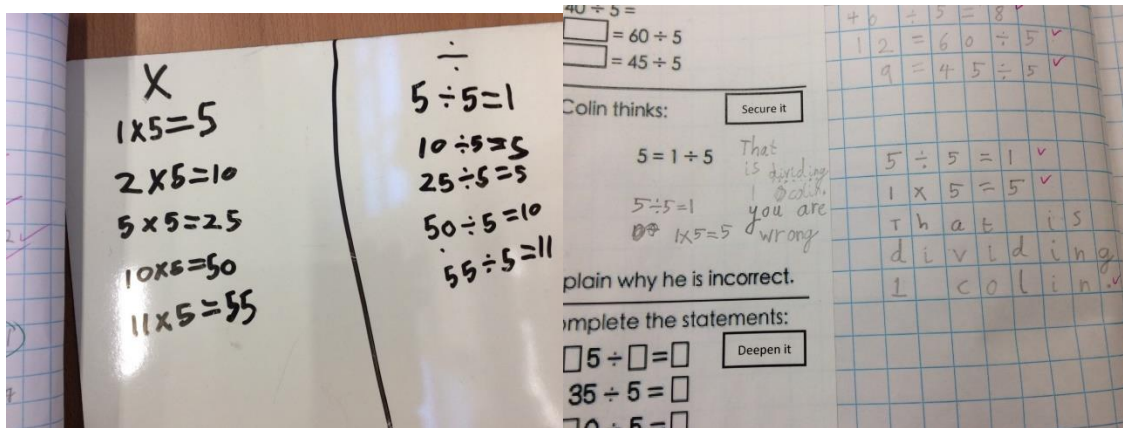
### Dates for the diary...

- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan - [Bag2School](#) collection
- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fair (date tbc)

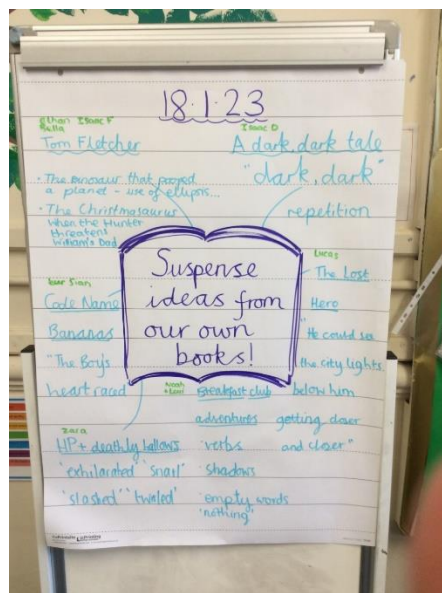
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# Class News

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been recalling and using the multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. As the week progressed they had to use this knowledge to apply this to the corresponding division facts as well. That part was a little trickier! Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week showing lots of effort and resilience when completing the do it, secure it and deepen it tasks! Well done Year 2!

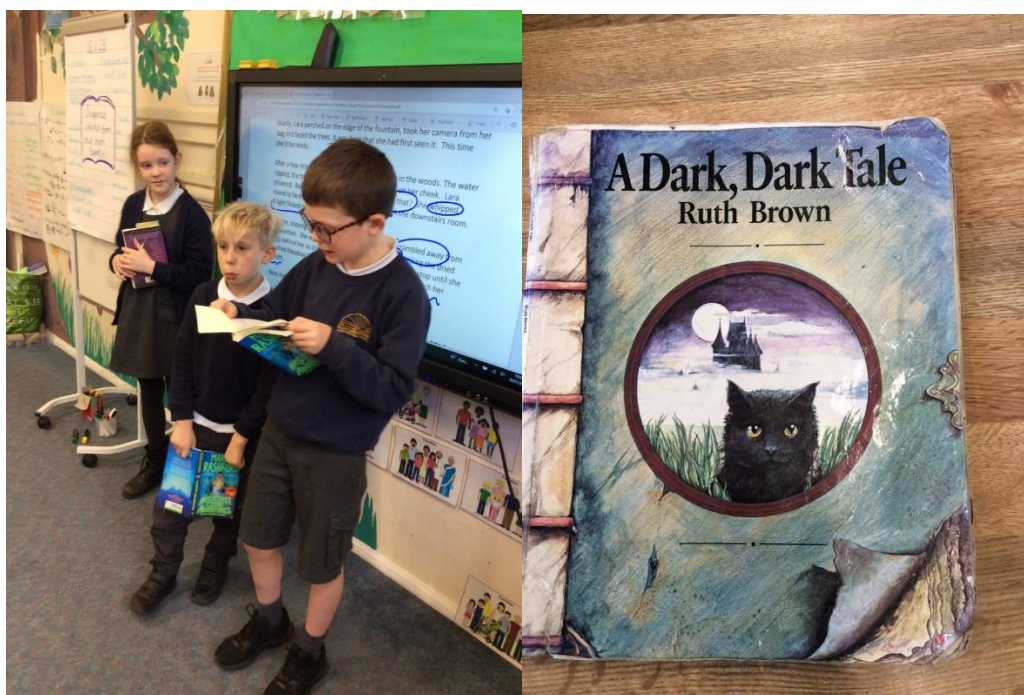


This week in Thames class, we have shared our own books from home and enjoyed some book talk! We looked for scary, suspense-filled passages from some of our well-loved books and had the opportunity to read them aloud in class and explain which parts of our 'writers toolkits to scare the reader' we could spot in them.



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We love our Charanga music lessons and this week, we were able to play the glockenspiels too! We learnt how to play the note G in the song 'If You're Happy and You Know It' and D in Rock a Bye Baby. As well as using this exciting instrument to have a good play and explore of our own choice as well. We are looking forward to playing them again next week!



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This week in maths Frome played a game help them learn some cubed number facts.



An exciting trip to Bath Road for Orange class!

We walked and walked and walked, passed playgroup and the rose garden, along Naunton Crescent, all the way to Bath Road. Then, in groups we looked at the shop fronts, cafes etc and noticed how many bus stops, lamp posts, benches and crossings there were. We also completed a people and traffic survey. A busy afternoon.



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As part of our topic work, we have been looking at how living things adapt to their surroundings. We experimented with different 'beaks' to see which types of 'food' they were able to pick up. This led us to look at Charles Darwin's study of finches in the Galapagos Islands. We learnt that when certain foods were no longer available, the birds with beaks that could only eat those foods died before they could pass on their characteristics.



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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

### Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Finnian Hopley Bea-Arstell-Groom	Rosie Grant Monty Copeland-Jordan
Y1	Talulah Davis Ethan Harber	Kate Rice Lily Gabriel
Y2	Bruce Nield Izzy Hutchings	Mickey Hanley Henry Connolly
Y3	Mia McLennan Tabitha Davis	Barney Human Stanley Batsford
Y4	Izabella Nauls Alex Whiteside	Ethan Theyer Margot Holland
Y5	Ahad Kashif Amir Darwood	Gabriel khan Rowyn Price
Y6	Isabelle Royle Jago Knightly-Brown	Finn Jackson Jacob Dyer-Bradshaw

## Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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# Dates

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices concert in Birmingham
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Forest School
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Curriculum information evening for parents
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Possible strike action by teaching staff
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 swimming (last session)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y3 Forest School
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Forest School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms for parents to view work
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	YR height, weight and vision checks, Y6 height and weight checks
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	YR height, weight and vision checks, Y6 height and weight checks
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Forest School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 swimming (first session)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term

Term dates and events in the diary can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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