

### *A note from the Headteacher*

This week has been far from the usual programme with an excellent variety of activities and events that all promote the love of reading. Reading is such an important life skill and if your child can find something that they like reading, then they are more likely to develop a passion for it. I wish to thank Mrs Butcher for organising the activities this week and for the high engagement from all the children.

*Mr Miles, Headteacher*

### **Reading Week**

It's been our book week this week with lots of activities taking place. Children have participated in online workshops and had visits from authors; including Local author Amanda Boulden, who met our EYFS and key stage 1 pupils, as well as popular children's writer Josh Lacey. Josh led an extended assembly with pupils in key stage 2. The children really enjoyed listening to their books, receiving advice on how to be a great writer and finding out what it's like to be a publishing author.

### **Wishing Tree**

Thank you to parents/carers who have engaged with our wishing tree. We are in need of all sorts of things for our new library, such as new books, display shelves, book stands, plants and more. You can donate cash on the day, contribute to our online fundraising page or go away and buy the item and bring it back into school. If you have any friends or family who would like to donate,

that would be wonderful too, reach far and wide to help us create a fabulous space for your children to enjoy books!

Other activities this week have included a book swap event in-school today, a competition to create your vegetable book character and a fancy dress day on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. The competition entries have been brilliant and the children loved dressing up.

### **And the reading doesn't stop there!**

Need something to do on the weekend? Why not visit Maidenhead library on Saturday 8th March between 10am and 4pm or on Sunday 9th March 11am – 2pm for author visits and storytelling. They have some excellent authors attending - Nick Arnold writes the Horrible Science books, Zak Simmonds-Hurn is an illustrator for The Phoenix magazine and will be doing draw-alongs, Iszi Lawrence will be entertaining the children with stories of WWII at White Waltham Airfield and Catherine Bruton, author of 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria', will be talking about her latest book, 'Bird Boy'. All events are free to attend, with no advance booking required.



*Photo: Book Day Costumes*



*Photo: Author Visit & Assembly*

### **Football Festival**

This afternoon our Year 4 and 5 girls football squad have been involved in a football festival at Braywick Leisure Centre. Ten girls, who have been training with Mr Morgan on a Tuesday after school, will be putting their skills to the test. We hope they enjoyed the festival and we look forward to sharing a photo in next week's newsletter.

### **Goodbye sQuid - Hello ParentPay!**

From Monday, we will be using ParentPay as our cashless system for lunches, trips, clubs and PTA events. Thank you for your efforts with the transition. This change was forced upon us and we have had to move quickly to ensure we have an online payment system. We hope that we won't have many teething issues. Just remember to pre-order your child's lunch in the ParentPay portal for Monday onwards, as children will no longer be able to order their meals in school. This applies to **ALL** children in the school and nursery.

### **Holiday Club**

White Waltham Church will be running a holiday club here at Woodlands Park during the Easter break. Please check out the attached flier providing detail as to how to register your child.