



Dear Parents/Carers,

Daily stories for every child:

The benefits of children regularly listening to a story is huge. I am so pleased to know that each day all of our children are read to by their teachers. This helps develop imagination, listening skills, and a lifelong love of books. Reading stories to children can show them far-flung places, extraordinary people and eye-opening situations to expand and enrich their world. We are now developing this further with a once weekly staff-swap read! On Wednesdays, all staff will swap classes for 10 minutes and read to the children. This will help to develop a love of reading, whilst adding to the excitement and engagement of story-time.

Young Voices:

On Thursday, children in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to perform at Young Voices 2020 at the Manchester Arena alongside incredible artists. The Young Voices experience is not simply a children's choir concert, these are the largest children's choir concerts in the world! Our pupils performed alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir. To achieve this with all their school friends around them for support, helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! The concert was a culmination of a lot of hard work from your teachers and children. Well done all who took part! Keep an eye on the news section of our website and Facebook page for photographs coming soon.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Head Lice

There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

As there have been a couple of cases, we would ask you to please check your child's head as soon as possible.

For more information about head lice, please visit the following link:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Phonics Information Session Reminder

We are pleased to invite you to an information session on Wednesday 5th February at 9:00am to learn more about Read Write Inc phonics. This is the phonic scheme that we use to teach your child the sounds and corresponding letters that they need to know for their reading, writing and spelling.

The session, led by Mrs Kaminski and Miss Thomas, will introduce you to the principles of phonics and provide you with some ideas of how you can support your child at home. It will also help you to use the same methods as we do - avoiding any confusion - and enable your child to make good progress.

Refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!



World Book Day Reminder

Advance notice: on Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day! Our pupils are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Last year this was a really fun and successful day with the children really celebrating their love of reading.



Marches Academy Trust News

Please note that CEO of The Marches Academy Trust Mrs Sarah Longville, will henceforth be addressed as Ms Sarah Finch.

WORSHIP

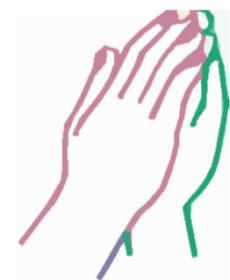


PEACE

Our Value this term is Peace. When talking, discussing and reflecting on the Christian value, Peace, the following key ideas and themes are explored with the children – Inner peace, Peace between each other, Peace in the community, Peace in the world and Peace with God.

Our whole school worship this week focused on 'Jesus Clears the Temple', Matthew 21.12-1. This Bible story helped us to think about a time when we have been angry and to reflect on if it was right to be angry. How could we make peace afterwards?

PRAYER



Dear God,

Help us as we try to understand all our feelings.

Help us to recognise when we are angry and to see when things we do or say make other people angry.

Help us to see the difference between anger that is selfish and anger that seeks justice for others or ourselves.

Help us to choose our actions with care, courage and love.

Amen.

CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Mrs Peate who celebrated her Birthday this week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.
At a glance:

- **Phonics Information Session**, 5th February, 9:00am.
- **Safer Internet Day**, 11th February.
- **Rest Easy Parent Workshop**, 11th February, 5:00pm.
- **Whole School Art Days**, 13th 14th February.
- **Parents' Evening**, 3rd March.
- **World Book Day**, 5th March.
- **Bikeability Years 5 and 6**, 9th-11th March.
- **Easter Service in Church**, 3rd April, 9:15am.

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's award winners, who are:

Darwin Class: Luna and Ellie-Mae.

Owen Class: Alfie and Abbie.

Talbot Class: Ryan and Harry.

Times Table Rock Star Award: Rhys Garrett.



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

A few highlights include:

- Creatures & Critters.
- A letter from the Queen.
- Primary Varsity Tournament.

