



*Message from Miss Drew*

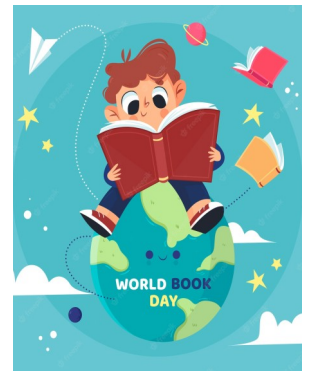
What very strange types of weather we have had this week! One minute it's snowing; the next all sunshine. It certainly is Spring time.

Well done to all the children and staff that dressed up for World Book Day last week- you all looked fantastic. We had a good variety of book characters. The children enjoyed their afternoon book activities with different teachers too. The book swap was also a great success. Thank you to you if you brought a book in to swap. Have a look at all the photographs on this newsletter.

The children are coming to the end of the BCC topic block for this term. They have been learning many new historical and geographical skills. I have seen lots of fantastic work being produced by the children across the school. I was particularly impressed with Year 6 as this week they learnt about the reliability of using historical sources as evidence. The children gave strong reasons why some evidence was better to use than others when learning about the decline of Ancient Benin- 'irresistible learning' at its best.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Drew



Please remember that parents and carers should not stop on the yellow zig-zag school zone lines, particularly on Rendlesham Road, at drop off and pick up times. The lines are part of the Highway Code in order to keep pedestrians safe when crossing the road to get to school. Thanks.

**A new arrival!** Yeeyan, in the office, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Tuesday. Both mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the whole family, lovely news.



Please remember the **school will be closed** to ALL pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March due to NEU strike action.



**Easter Playscheme for Free school Meals pupils**—we invite all children, entitled to Free School Meals, to attend our free fun-filled Easter playscheme from 3rd to 7th of April, 10am-2pm daily. Activities include art and craft, sport and games, board games and a trip. We will send you a letter with detailed information on Monday 13th of March.

A call out for parent and carer volunteers! Can you spare 1 hour, once a week?

We would love to have some parents and carers volunteer their time, to come into school and play maths games with some of our Year 3 children. The session will be every Friday in the morning, 10.15-11.15am, led by Ms Gunaydin. All the games and resources you will need will be given to you in the classroom.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Last Friday, the children participated in a range of fun activities lead by teachers from all around the school. These activities were based on books, including: The Secret Garden, Harry Potter, Slime, The Twits, Akimbo and the Snakes and even a surprise story. All these activities were fun and interactive allowing children to enjoy and appreciate 'World Book Day' and the magical world of stories!

Each class received a prize for the best costume and everybody was given a £1 World Book Day token. We also had a Travelling Book Fair where children could purchase books for their home libraries.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### Friday 17 March

RED NOSE DAY

### Thursday 23 March

Parent's Evening from 4-8pm at school

*Please ensure you have booked your slot*

Friends of Benthall information stall 4-6pm

### Friday 25 March

Class photos

Benthall Fundraising Cake Sale (playground)

### Friday 31 March

Last Day of Spring Term: School finishes at 1:30pm **(NO PLAYCENTRE or CLUBS)**

### Friday 21st of April, 9-10am

Friends of Benthall meeting in the library

*All parents are welcome to join*

### Friday 28th April – Magnolia Class assembly

### Tuesday 2 May - Friday 5 May

Year 4 residential trip to Kench Hill

### Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th of May

Year 6 residential trip to Cuffley

### June

Visit from Raimondo Lulio School

### Saturday 1st of July

Benthall Fundraising Summer Fair

## Red Nose Day

We will be fundraising on Red Nose Day— Friday 17th of March and all the money raised will help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, whether they're impacted by the cost of living crisis, the drought in East Africa, or the recent, heartbreaking earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Red Noses will be on sale from the school office from Monday 13th of March at £2.50 each. Please note, Red Noses are not suitable for children under 7 years of age due to small parts.