



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

It was lovely to see everyone snuggled in their pyjamas for school on Thursday. We celebrated World Book Day in style with lots of stories and reading in class. We chose to wear pyjamas as a way of remembering the importance of bedtime stories. Reading every night with your child is proven to improve their vocabulary, imagination, questioning and confidence. In school we see a significant improvement in children's writing when they read at home – especially in the vocabulary they use. Whilst sharing stories every day is ideal don't let that put you off – every little helps! Why not take time to snuggle down with a good book this weekend.

Happy Friday!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Pre-school** - Pre-school has had a fun week learning all about germs and how to keep ourselves healthy. We have played games - Pass the Germ and Bin the Tissue, learnt the five steps to effective hand washing and drawn some lovely pictures of germs. We have also set up a Snuffle Station where the children can go to blow their noses - it has a mirror so that they can check that they have cleaned themselves properly and a poster to remind them to cough into a tissue or their elbows and to always wash their hands. Other interests this week have been making wooden block bridges, pretend birthday parties and practicing writing first names. Next week's book of the week will be **Smelly Bill** and our word of the week will be **Clean**. We plan to have a Bug Busting Week next week when we will play games and chat about keeping clean and not spreading germs.

**Polite request:** please can parents return any pre-school clothes that may have been lent to children following toileting or play accidents, we are getting rather short.

**Acorn** – Acorn class have been preparing to write a diary entry about Charlie's build-up to visiting the Chocolate Factory. In maths we have been interpreting pictograms, looking at tens and ones numbers and Reception have been focusing on bonds to 10. For the rest of the week we have been undertaking our regular assessments in maths and reading.

**Oak** – This week in Oak class children have been taking termly tests in maths and literacy. In topic they have been creating descriptive writing of the most unusual shop in the world. They are starting to create a character description of the shopkeeper.

Year 6 took part in a Dodgeball tournament at Aylsham High school in a team with children from Erpingham. They came a respectable fifth place after playing 21 games! **Well done!**

### Certificates this week have been awarded to...

**Dojo points** – Paige and Rufaro

**Pupil Award** – Ella-Rose and Caitlyn

**Star of the week** – Riley and Maxwell





Pre-school have been focussing on germ busting this week, here is some of their fantastic work!



### **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**

Next week we are celebrating all things science in school as it is British Science Week. Check out their website at... <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

There will be lots of Science activities during the week culminating with our Kitchen Science workshops on Friday when we'll be investigating the tasty subject of food and cooking. Each class will be researching famous food scientists to understand what they do and what discoveries have been made. We will be doing lots of other science too; predicting, experimenting, observing, measuring and hypothesising....!

Would you like your child to enter a Science Poster Competition? The theme is My Diverse Planet...please follow the link above to find out more about the requirements and send in your entries to the office by Friday 29th March and we'll send them off.

Any offers from families or family friends who can pop in and talk to the children about working in the world of science would be great! Please get in touch with the office.

Happy Science Week!

At this time of year there are lots of bugs in school. We are working hard to deep clean the school regularly and have been teaching the children how to wash their hands carefully. Please can we remind you that if children have sickness or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school until 48 hours after their last episode. This is really important to help us keep all of our children fit and healthy. If they do return early then we will have to send them home. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation with this.



# NEWSLETTER



**Tea and cake drop-in** We are going to be holding regular drop-ins where parents will be able to come in, have a cuppa and some cake and meet with the leadership team. There won't be a set agenda, just an opportunity for parents to have a chat and catch up on what's going on in school. Our first of these drop-ins will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of March** at **2.30pm**. Please do come along and join us.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the Kiddy Cook team to school on Friday. The kitchen is a great experimental laboratory and the children will be taking part in some exciting experiments. In order to link this to our Truly Scrumptious Topic, they will especially be looking at how Science makes all their favourite sweet treats possible. It promises to be a delicious learning experience!



**Early drop-off** We know that sometimes parents need to dash off after school drop-off and it might be handy to leave your children slightly earlier. On a Friday morning, Mrs Watts will be on duty on the playground from 8.30am – starting from next week the 13<sup>th</sup>. If this is useful, we may be able to trial other days aswell. **Thank you**

**Forest School** In September, we made the tricky decision to change the way that Forest School happens at Northrepps. Because of the sites available, staffing and time we were finding that the children weren't managing to have a 'proper' Forest School experience. This is why we changed to the immersive days which have meant that children get more out of their time in the woods. However, we would love to bring Forest School back on a more regular basis and are working hard to find a way to make this happen. We would really like to know your views on this so, if you have time, please complete this online survey to share your ideas. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know. **Thanks in advance!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HB3GW2C>

## Dates for your diary...

**Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Acorn swimming (pending Splash roof repairs)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Kitchen Science workshops

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Oak class Forest School Immersion Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Church Service @ 2.30pm. Come and join us or collect children from the church.