



# FEBRUARY NEWS



## PERFECT PUPPETEERS

Learners in Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic topic day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February when the Treasure Trove Puppet Company visited the school for a special performance and puppet making workshop. The learners were enthralled with the puppets on display and all involved asked very insightful questions during the question and answer session. All learners then took part in a puppet making workshop where they made amazing moveable puppets of their own to complete their 'Playful Puppets' topic this term.

## RALPH VISITS RECEPTION

Learners (and Staff) in Reception class were delighted when Ralph the Labrador puppy came in to visit them as part of their learning about looking after pets. They were delighted to meet him and it stimulated lots of discussion and writing including shopping lists and instructions, and some very interesting conversations in the role-play vets. Thanks for visiting, Ralph!

## PARKING

Please may we remind you all to be considerate when parking around the school site we have received a number of complaints regarding drivers blocking driveways. We urge all parents and carers to be considerate of our local community when you are parking for school. Thank you for your support.



## PUNCTUALITY

Please be reminded that as well as good attendance, arriving at school on time (8.50am) has a significant impact on every child's learning and attainment. We don't waste a minute at Redbrook Hayes so arriving at school just 10 minutes late makes a huge impact –please endeavour to arrive on time and if you need any support with this please do come and speak with us.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity at the mid-point in our school year to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who contribute so much to our school. We are proud to work with Age-UK who support a number of our volunteers in school, who give their time each week to read with our learners; as well as our school Governors and an ever-increasing number of parents who give their time to support us with the school library, sports, PTFA events and trips. Without your time, many things we do would not be possible and our learners would not make the incredible progress we see every day.

*Thank you all!*



## ATTENDANCE

Once again we thank you all for supporting us in ensuring that every child's attendance remains high. In February, our attendance was:

Reception	<b>97.93%</b>
Year 1	<b>97.42%</b>
Year 2	<b>94.35%</b>
Year 3	<b>96.98%</b>
Year 4	<b>98.21%</b>
Year 5	<b>97.84%</b>
Year 6	<b>95.68%</b>



*Well done to Year 4 for securing the highest attendance levels this month!*

## FIND A FRIEND



Year 3 learners have been hard at work this week preparing for their 'Find a Friend' Afternoon Tea, as part of their project to spread our LEARNER values into the community. We are incredibly proud of all the Year 3 learners who decided to tackle dementia as their community project. On Wednesday afternoon they welcomed over 20 local residents from the community into school for afternoon tea, which raised much needed funds for the Dementia Friends charity but, more importantly, allowed our elderly community to find a friend within the school, which is just one way Year 3 plan to help those with dementia both locally and nationally. Well done Year 3 – you are role models to us all!



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day <i>Come dressed as witches and wizards to celebrate with a variety of themed activities throughout the day.</i>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Football Tournament @ Rugeley Leisure Centre. *
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm - Year 3 LEARNER Assembly <i>Parents of learners in Year 3 invited to join us.*</i>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Lunches <i>Mums, Grannies or Aunties invited to join us for lunch. Pre-Booking essential.*</i>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	DEADLINE for Enhancement Day options form.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Termly Learning Conferences – Years 3,4,5 and 6. <i>Appointments available from 1.00pm. *</i>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Educational Visit to the Birmingham Rep Theatre.*
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Termly Learning Conferences – Years N,R,1 and 2. <i>Appointments available from 1.00pm. *</i>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief <i>Details TBC.</i>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Enhancement Day.*
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays <i>School Closed</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Days <i>School Closed</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School

\* Please see individual letters for more information regarding the events listed.

### COULD YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

You may be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium grant which not only covers the cost of school meals and trips if you are in receipt of certain benefits, but also provides vital additional funds to support your child in school. Please ask at the school office or access the website below for more information on eligibility and to make use of this valuable resource for your child!

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx>