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CofE School

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'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'  
*Philippians 4:13*

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Children's Mental Health Week** - Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week took place this week and Year 3 led an excellent collective worship based on this year's theme – 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is designed to encourage children, young people and adults to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help them grow and develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them. This year, Place2Be partnered with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company and the *Inside Out 2* characters. The school's 'one thing' for last week was to use a range of strategies to support their well-being. On Friday, children shared that they have sat and coloured, had time away from screens and devices, read books and done some journaling to jot down their thoughts.



**Internet Safety Day** – This week, we marked Safer Internet Day in school to raise awareness of the importance of being safe online. The children took part in various activities such as listening to stories, having discussions and completing activities, all around the theme of online safety. Children also had the opportunity to demonstrate they could use technology safely throughout the day; EYFS/KS1 had access to Beebots and Chromebooks during provision, and KS2 used the Chromebooks to play the Interland game - a game focused on online safety. If you want to explore

the game KS2 played, here is the link: [https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_us/interland/](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland/). The children are always enthusiastic about playing this so it could be a good way to start a discussion with them at home about their safe use of the internet. If you need support with further ideas of how to approach online safety discussions with your children, here are links to 2 resources to support what we have discussed already in school this week: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> and [https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_ng/families](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_ng/families)

**Earrings** – In collective worship this week, we have been looking at our school handbook with the children regarding school uniform, jewellery and hair accessories. This has highlighted the earrings which children are wearing at school. Our Handbook states that children should wear a simple stud earring - these being similar to the ones your child has when they first get their ears pierced. A number of children are not wearing suitable earrings for school and wearing ones which are flowers, stars, people, spikes etc. After half-term, please ensure your child is wearing the correct earrings for school.

History Enrichment Day Reminder – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please see previous letter which was re-sent out to families this morning regarding ideas for what children can wear. On this day, the children can also order a special Victorian lunch. This menu is:

Toad-in-the-Hole  
or  
Savoury Cheese Pudding

served with Castermonger's Potatoes and Vegetable Gravy

Jacket Potatoes

-

Victorian Sponge

or

Ginger Cookies



**World Book Day** - As you might be aware, we are quickly approaching World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

In school, we will be celebrating this day with a themed day based around our natural world.

The whole school will be taking inspiration from the book 'There's a Rang-tan in my Bedroom' by James Sellick. Children will participate in a selection of activities throughout the day inspired by the book. Children are invited to wear something orange to further mark the occasion. We will also have a World Book Day themed lunch on this day, so take note if pre-ordering meals. As always with World Book Day, watch out for the £1 book token coming home and please make the most of it with books on sale for just £1 at Tesco, WHSmith and other participating stores.

**Half Term Fun - United by Breaks** at Castleford Market. This exciting Hip Hop event runs from 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February at Castleford Market and is packed with FREE workshops for children aged 9+ in breaking, graffiti, DJing, and beatboxing.

It's a fantastic way for your pupils and their families to explore creativity this half-term. Please share this opportunity with parents through your newsletters, emails, or school social media channels! Full details and booking here: [www.wakefield.gov.uk/unitedbybreaks](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/unitedbybreaks)

**The Hepworth Wakefield-** Families are invited to The Hepworth Wakefield to enjoy FREE creative workshops, trails and activities every day during the school holidays. Entry to the exhibitions is FREE for under 18s and Wakefield district residents. These are taking place all half-term, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 11am – 3.45pm. For further information, please see the information attached.

**Future Dates:**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Victorian Day – see separate letter which has been resent today

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – FOBS meeting – 6pm in school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Children to wear orange

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – World Sleep Day – Children to come to school wearing pyjamas

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – CAMHS Sleep Information Session for Parents - 9am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Service - 2pm

I hope you all have a lovely half-term and we will see you on the return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss J. Griffiths  
Headteacher



Diocese of Leeds

The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding & Child Protection is the Headteacher, Jenny Griffiths, supported by the Deputy Headteacher Jake Thomson, Dominique Jenkins EYFS and KS1 Team Leader and the SENDCO Marie Parker.

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