



## **Newsletter Friday 3rd March 2023**

Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March lunch menu is 'Week 2'

### **Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Wilkinson to our school. Miss Wilkinson will be teaching in Foxes class for 3 days a week and will be Intervention Teacher working across the school for 2 days.

### **Fantastic Achievement!**

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Soil Association's Food for Life Gold School Award! This is a



fantastic achievement for the whole school and we shall be receiving the award officially in the summer term. One aspect of the award has been growing vegetables which have then been harvested and used in school lunches. The project

has been led by Mrs Taylor who has done a huge amount of work and spent many hours in our Vegetable Garden with the children. Thank you and well done!

### **Attendance Award**

This week the award goes to Woodpecker Class with 96.7% attendance. Well done!

### **Anti-Bullying Steering Group**

The group met this week and looked at the Anti-Bullying work being done in PHSE. The Anti-Bullying Policy was reviewed alongside other "best practice" policies. A revised policy will be issued in due course.

### **Anti-Bullying work with Thorpe Acre Juniors**

Each week, a bundle of letters travel up or down the hill. Every class across both schools is paired up and the letters contain questions and advice about anti-bullying, as well as updates on learning. The penpals will meet up at an exciting event at the end of term.

### **A week of exciting events!**

It has been a very exciting week for reading this week at Thorpe Acre Infant School. Thank you to Mrs Richards for organising such fantastic events.

### **Allie and Mabel**

Allie and Mabel the dachshund visited the children on Monday. Allie read the children a story which was enjoyed by everyone. A flyer with further information about Allie and her books is being sent out separately. Thank you for coming to see us!



Photo: [www.alliemary.co.uk](http://www.alliemary.co.uk)

### **Book Talk**

On Wednesday we had a visit from Creative Learning Services to talk all about books to the children. Mrs Richards and some of the children from Year 2 were also filmed for a promotional video – we can't wait to see it!

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day with a whole raft of different activities:

- building a special reading den
- making fairy cakes
- decorating the classroom doors to be a book cover
- having a different teacher read to the class
- designing and making a bookmark
- exploring the WBD website
- dropping everything and reading
- doing a Book Scavenger hunt

and of course there were many wonderful book characters in fantastic costumes!

### **Farm Trips**

Next week is a busy time in school with all children going to Manor Farm. A few reminders:

- Bring wellies – please make sure children have other footwear for wearing in school.
- Remember to send a packed lunch if you ticked that option
- All children to wear school uniform.
- Remember to send a warm coat – the forecast is for cold weather next week!

### **Reception Area**

Please note that the indoor Reception area near the office should not be used as a general waiting area for parents before school. There may be a parent needing to have a confidential conversation with office staff. In the event of rain before or after school, you are most welcome to wait under the rain shelter outside the front entrance.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We look forward to meeting you next week to discuss your child's progress and attainment. If you haven't made an appointment, please see your child's teacher.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year R Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 Visit to Farm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Visit to Farm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – YR Visit to Farm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of term

**Have a lovely weekend.**

### **Spotlight on Reading**

This week we have a gallery to showcase all the super reading activities the children have enjoyed!



Allie and Mabel







Reading dens – creating a lovely space to enjoy a book!



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Wow! Look at Year R's reading dens and decorated door!



Miss Hassan made an enormous gingerbread man for the children to decorate to go on the classroom door!





What The Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson



The Twits – Roald Dahl



Dirty Bertie – David Roberts



The Storm Whale – Benji Davies