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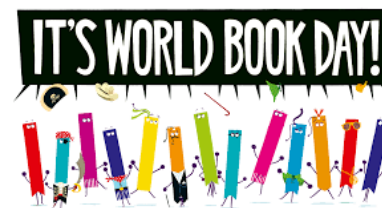


Newsletter February 2023

Dear Askam families,

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March 2023

Parents/carers should have received an additional letter about World Book Day. Our World Book Day is being held on Friday 3rd March 2023 (official day on Thursday 2nd but as two classes go swimming we have changed our day). Please contact the school office if you have not received the information.



Welly Walk



All parents/carers should have received a sponsor form for the 'Welly Walk' taking place on Friday 17th February. The information is also below.

On the afternoon of **Friday 17th February**, the children will be taking part in a **sponsored Wacky Winter Welly Walk** to raise funds for our PTA/School.

Please can children bring their wellington boots into school that day, but we are also hoping to make the walk as fun as possible so on the day the children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform! The brighter and wackier the better. A fun hat or headwear would also be great.

If children have waterproofs, you may wish to send those in too and a change of clothes as the event will go ahead even in the rain! If children don't have wellies, please do send some alternative shoes/trainers in you don't mind getting dirty.

In a change from previous Welly Walks, we would also like to invite parents/carers/grandparents to join the children during the walk. To help warm up afterwards, the PTA will be in the school hall from 1:30pm until 3:30pm serving tea/coffee and biscuits for a small donation, to raise more funds for our school.

Children in **Nursery, Reception and Years 5 and 6** will complete their walk **1.10pm – 1.55pm**

Children in **Years 1, 2, 3 and 4** will complete their walk **2.00-2.45pm**

Parking

Please can I remind parents/carers not to stop to drop off/collect children on the zig-zag lines or in front of the school gates and also to take care with their speed around school and particularly at drop-off and pick up times. This is for the safety of all the children and community. Thank you for your co-operation.

Snacks

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a piece of fruit/vegetable as a snack every day. The fruit varies from day to day and could be an apple, pear, satsuma, raisins, carrots, tomato.

If parents/carers wish to send in a snack for children please can this be either a piece of fruit (grapes need to be cut in half please lengthways), a cereal bar, bread sticks or similar. Please no crisps/sweets/chocolate for snack time.



Valentine's Disco - reminder



The **'Valentine's Disco', to be held on 14th February.**

Times for the disco: **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 5.30pm-6.30pm** and **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 6.45pm-8pm.**

Children should enter via the Key Stage 2 entrance around the side of school as you go into the playground, and parents should collect from this entrance too please and then exit via the front door.

The PTA hire a DJ and there is a small tuck shop available for the children.

We ask for a donation of £1 entry which helps cover the cost of the DJ and a suggestion of £1 for tuckshop. This year, if younger children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) bring £1 they are able to buy a drink, pack of crisps and sweets with help from a PTA member. Older children can choose their items at the tuck shop.

School Comms app

Meals and booking of breakfast and after-school club are now all up and running on the app. If you have any difficulties accessing/using the app, please do get in contact with the school office.



School Attendance

A note for parents/carers that our attendance target for school attendance is 95%. Attendance for children who have attendance below 90% are categorised as persistent absentees. We understand some children have had struggled with illnesses recently but would ask parents to carefully consider when taking holidays in term-time.

Please find dates below which I hope parents/carers will find useful.

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL **SPRING TERM 2023**

Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Reception vision checks
	Fire Brigade 'Purple Watch' to come and visit Nursery and Reception classes
	Valentine's Disco – please see above
Friday 17 th February 2023	Welly Walk in the afternoon – please see above
Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February 2023 Half-term	
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	3.00pm meeting for parents/carers of children in Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check
Friday 3 rd March 2023	World Book Day – a separate letter has been sent home
Week beginning 6 th March 2023	Parental Consultations to be held this week
Thursday 9 th March 2023	BAE employees to visit Year 5
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day
	1.45-3pm Y1 Fun Event (Sports – Dowdales)
Week beginning 20 th March 2023	Feet First Week
Friday 24 th March 2023	3.40-4.55pm Y5/6 Netball @DASH
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	9.15am-11.15am Y3/4 boys and Y5/6 girls football @Dowdales
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Easter Egg Competition
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break up for Easter hols

