



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week children in Years 3 and 4 travelled by mini-bus to Longlands Community Primary School in Market Drayton to take part in The Marches Academy Trust Varsity Games. This is a really special event where the children can experience competitive sports and representing their school. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to develop their PE skills and we are so proud of their sportsmanship, behaving beautifully and taking part as a team. Well done Team Tilstock!

This week we also launched Times Table Rock Stars for children in Years 1-6. This is an online Maths programme with a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Children can also log into their programme at home, enabling them to practice in and out of school. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for thousands of pupils in over 14,000 schools - both primary and secondary, so we are confident that this will help our children recall important number facts to aid their own fluency. The children have really enjoyed exploring the programme this week and we hope you will enjoy practicing at home together.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

World Book Day

Advance notice: on Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day! Our pupils are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Last year this was a really fun and successful day with the children really celebrating their love of reading.



Phonics Information Session

We are pleased to invite you to an information session on Wednesday 5th February at 9:00am to learn more about Read Write Inc phonics. This is the phonic scheme that we use to teach your child the sounds and corresponding letters that they need to know for their reading, writing and spelling.

The session, led by Mrs Kaminski and Miss Thomas, will introduce you to the principles of phonics and provide you with some ideas of how you can support your child at home. It will also help you to use the same methods as we do - avoiding any confusion - and enable your child to make good progress.

Refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!



Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper Reminder

Sir John Talbot's School welcome you to attend their fun evening on Friday 31st January at 7:00pm! Tickets are £7.50 each available from SJT Reception, maximum team size of 5. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Shropshire Council Session

Autism West Midlands are holding an 'Understanding Your Child's Autism' session for family carers of autistic children or children being assessed for autism. A practical session that will give attendees the opportunity to share experiences, strategies and resources. This event takes place on Thursday 6th February, at SJT, 9:30am - 2:00pm. For more information or to book a space: [click here](#).



Parent Governor Election

Do not forget to check your emails for the parent governor ballot information.

WORSHIP



PEACE

Our Value this term is Peace. When talking, discussing and reflecting on the Christian value, Peace, the following key ideas and themes are explored with the children – Inner peace, Peace between each other, Peace in the community, Peace in the world and Peace with God.



Our whole school worship this week focused on the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha. This story taught us about being sensitive to one another's feelings and to be ready to help each other, despite our differences. We talked about how we can help each other find Peace and make Peace after a disagreement with friends or siblings. It also reminded us that we are all different and all have a place in school and in our families.

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Carly who was 11 on Wednesday and Ms Thorp who had a 'special' Birthday on Thursday!



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's Celebration Assembly award winners, who are:

Conor, Piotr, Christian, Sophie H, Francis, Jack and Bobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.
At a glance:

- **Young Voices**, 30th January.
- **Phonics Information Session**, 5th February, 9:00am.
- **Rest Easy Parent Session**, 11th February, 5:00pm.
- **Parents' Evening**, 3rd March.
- **World Book Day**, 5th March.
- **Bikeability Years 5 and 6**, 9th-11th March.

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

A few highlights include:

- Creatures & Critters.
- A letter from the Queen.
- Primary Varsity Tournament.

