



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! A big thank you to staff, who were very busy over the holidays, sorting, tidying and organising. As a result, we now have new laminated flooring in the demountable and a new outdoor Reading Shed is underway!

Athlete Visit

We were so happy to welcome British athlete David Smith to our school on Thursday afternoon. During his visit, David worked with each class in turn and provided an engaging and motivating talk about his perseverance, commitment and dedication to his sport, which enabled him to achieve. This fitted in perfectly with our school motto 'Reach for the Stars' to inspire our children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you David!

Kinetic Letters Workshop

Thank you to those parents that attended our workshop on Kinetic Letters. We are always keen to think of ways to involve parents in our curriculum and to support children's learning at home - please let me know if you have an idea or a particular element of the curriculum you would like to know more about.

Parents' Evening

Next week is our spring term Parents' Evening for parents of children in Reception to Year 6. This will take place on Tuesday 3rd March. Please look out for appointment slips in bags. We look forward to seeing you and updating you on your child's progress!



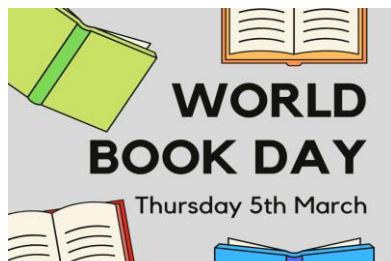
Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

World Book Day

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.



PTA Meeting

We are holding a PTA meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 2:15pm. All parents and carers are welcome to join us to share ideas in order to plan fundraising events for the spring term.



British Science Week

As part of British Science Week, The Grove School in Market Drayton have organised some fantastic community events: On Friday 6th March, they have Shropshire Falconry visiting school with opportunities to handle several species of amazing birds! On Wednesday 11th March they have Party Animals visiting, bringing 35 different species of exotic animals to learn about and meet! Tickets are £5 per person and are on a first come first served basis. For further information, please [click here](#).



WORSHIP



PEACE

Our whole school worship this week focused on Lent.

Lent is the period of time that leads up to Easter; it begins on Ash Wednesday (the day after Shrove Tuesday when traditionally pancakes are cooked). Lent lasts for 40 days (it does not include Sundays) the length of time that Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his work.

As part of Lent, Christians often give up something for 40 days. This is to remind them of the time when Jesus went without food in the desert. Examples are giving up chocolate or biscuits, or not watching television.

In recent years there has been a move towards doing something good during Lent instead of giving something up. Examples would be tidying your room; saying something encouraging to someone every day; making your bed; doing homework without complaining! Please let us know if you have done something positive or given something up for Lent.

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Rhys who celebrated his birthday this week!



AWARD WINNERS

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

Darwin Class: Amelia & Alfie.

Owen Class: Declan & Maddie.

Talbot Class: Miguel & Finley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- Parents' Evening, 3rd March.
- World Book Day, 5th March.
- Bikeability Years 5 and 6, 9th-11th March.
- Tilstock PTA Meeting, 11th March, 2:15pm.
- Easter Service in Church, 3rd April, 9:15am.

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



NEWS

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

A few highlights include:

- Owl Class learn about volcanoes.
- Forest School in the snow.
- Developing scientific enquiry skills.
- Story time at Tilstock.
- Athlete visit.

