

# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

08<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Our School value for this term is:

**FORGIVENESS**

Also, this week on Thursday was World Book Day, as well as swimming for Year 5 and the BIG Sing Performance at the Dergate Theatre.



Well done to everyone and staff who dressed up as a famous book character. The children wrote about "The Day the Crayons Quit" and have produced written pieces showing great progression across the school. This work will be displayed and was celebrated on the day. Thank you to Miss Westgate for organising World Book Day and putting all the resources together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A great first couple of weeks into our spring term and the lighter mornings have definitely been welcomed. Our numbers for breakfast club remain constant and this provision is working well supporting all our parents that start work early. There are places at breakfast club still available if required which can be booked directly with Pacesetters.

Governor Fortnight concluded today this is where members of our governing board come into school to support in their key areas of responsibility. Subject leadership and Safeguarding were the main focus this time round. Governors have met with staff and spoken with the children and will now write up reports as evidence. A huge thank you to all our governors that gave up their time and expertise over the past two weeks.

We have restarted inviting parents to come in to read with their children – it was great to see so many of our Year 1 parents come in last week. Reading with your child remains one of the most beneficial home/school activities a parent can do regularly to improve a child's progress at school.



Our KS2 singers got to perform the 13 songs they have been rehearsing over the past weeks and once again Mrs Bushell and the children did an amazing job with the final performance a great spectacular that I'm sure the children will remember in years to follow. Thank you to all the staff that also supported in the afternoon and evening of the performance.

To complete the week today there was a girls only cricket festival held at ON's Sports Ground. As a school we took 8 children who enjoyed a morning of fun cricket as part of the "Girls Takeover Cricket Event"

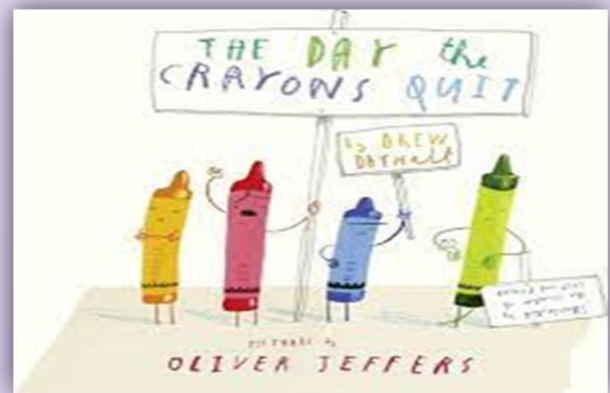
Such a busy start to the term with more to follow including parents evenings, science week, class photos, more sports events and comic relief all before the children break up for Easter on 28th March.

**Mr B Gwynne**



## World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day as a whole school. Lots of children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and we enjoyed a day of celebrating books and reading. Each class read the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and then completed writing and art work inspired by this story. The children were all engaged in their learning and wrote brilliant character descriptions and letters as well as creating amazing art work.



## Big Sing

Last night the choir sang at the Derngate Theatre. We had a whole afternoon of rehearsals and then performed in the NMPAT Big Sing 2024 concert. The children, as always, behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. They sang, signed and danced and we couldn't be prouder of all their hard work and enthusiasm. I'd like to thank all the parents who supported the choir and also Miss Westgate for supporting the KS2 choir rehearsals and Ms Green for joining us for the concert. Finally, well done to the KS2 choir as you sang your hearts out and were AWESOME.

Mrs Bushell



## Rags 2 Riches

Thank you everyone for your kind clothing donations, as a whole school we managed to bag 141.70kg which raised the school a fantastic £70.85. Due to the outstanding success of this event the Eco Council have booked another collection for 18<sup>th</sup> June.

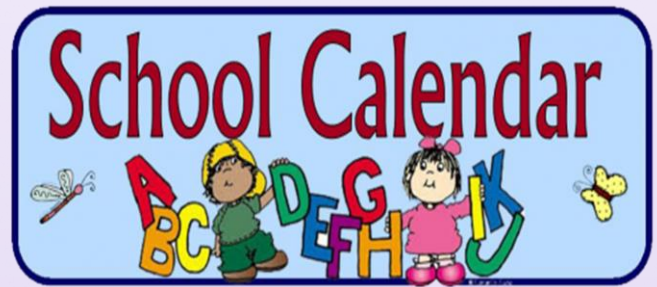


## Governor Contribution

Regular readers of this school newsletter will know that from time to time one of the Governors writes a short article about ourselves and our work as School Governors. This week it is my turn. As Governors, we don't just come to meetings but also come into school regularly to see for ourselves how children are getting on. We also enjoy coming to special events and parents' evenings. Each term we have a Governor Fortnight when we visit the school to talk to staff about their work and to meet children and see how they are learning. For example, last term I spent some time with Miss Westgate and looked at samples of children's writing from the Reception Class to Year 6. I am a former English Teacher and was so impressed by the development children make through these years in Primary School from those first difficult steps in handwriting and spelling to some fluent, imaginative and beautifully expressed work.

I live in Kingsthorpe village and feel privileged to be able to contribute to the life of the school and its future developments. The recent development of our Community Hub reflects our commitment to be a strong part of our community and to work hard to ensure the well being of all who come into contact with our school. Before I retired from full time work I was a Principal of Further Education Colleges and I am also a Governor of The Bedford College Group which includes Tresham College in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough. I have a life long commitment to helping people to make the most of educational opportunities and to realise their potential for a fulfilling life. As a grandparent of primary and secondary age children I see the pressures that our children currently face and we all have a responsibility to help them develop into self confident and caring adults.

**Richard Dimbleby, Vice-Chair of the Governing Board and Chair of the Standards and Quality Curriculum Committee**



<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Red Noses go on sale in school by School Council</i>
<i>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>School Photographs - Tempest (Class)</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Comic Relief</i>
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 7.50pm</i>	<i>Parents Evening (Late)</i>
<i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 4pm – 5.50pm</i>	<i>Parents Evening (Early)</i>
<i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Saints Take over Day in School</i>
<i>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm</i>	<i>School closes for Easter Break</i>
<i>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Training Day – School closed to pupils</i>
<i>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am</i>	<i>School re-opens to pupils</i>
<i>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Year 5 Trip – Pinnacle Climbing Centre</i>

