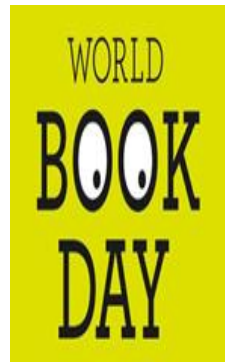




It's lovely to be back after half term and hear all about what the children have been doing with their week off! They have either continued with or started their topics and class books and we've seen some great work already around these. This half term is always a very busy one – please refer to the important dates for the half term (below and overleaf) as a reminder of all the exciting opportunities and days the children can take part in! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around the beginning of Lent and Easter – exploring why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Next week we will continue with our theme of 'Living in Jesus's Way' where we'll look at 'Forgiveness', 'Worrying' and what 'True Riches' are to us and what they mean. Thanks for your continued support in ensuring children wear full school uniform with plain black shoes, supporting with homework and ever-important reading at home and also for encouraging positive and kind behaviour while at school.

## World Book Day – Friday 6th March

Next Friday we will be celebrating World Book Day, where as usual children are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice. We always have a lot of fun on this day and children produce some amazing activities and creative work around a wide variety of books. Next week each class is learning about their book all week and basing their learning around this in the build-up to our celebration day next Friday where children present their work to each other during the afternoon. Many thanks to Miss Hannaway for organising what will be a super week! For parents and carers of Reception and Nursery children, you are invited to share activities and book-making in the hall during the morning where we'll have two special author visitors who are joining us. Please refer to the separate EYFS newsletter for details.



## Science Week Activities

Miss Salter has been very busy organising lots of trips, visits and workshops for all children to mark our annual Science week from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – this will culminate in a Science Fair at either site on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. More details will follow on next week's newsletter.



## Sport Relief Day

A reminder that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is Sport Relief day and children will be taking part in sports activities and games during the morning and lunchtime on this day. Children can wear their own tracksuits/sportswear on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a donation for Sport Relief (suggestion of £1.00). Thanks in advance for all your support in helping us to raise money for our charities!



## Year 6 Secondary School Places

Next Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup> March), parents and carers will find out which secondary school your child will have been offered a place to. You should find out on the day or on Wednesday at the latest. We always get a list of allocated spaces just after parents are informed. If you have any queries or need any assistance around this, Mrs Brenta would be happy to help as always, just let her know. A reminder also that Mrs Brenta is also holding a meeting for Year 5 parents and carers at Alexis St the following Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> March – to talk through the process of applying ready for next year. All year 5 parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend at 14:30 on this day.



## Dates for your Diaries – Spring term (continued overleaf):

**Friday 6th March:** World Book Day – events, activities and dressing up as favourite book characters! RECEPTION BOOK-MAKING MORNING WITH PARENTS AT OJR.

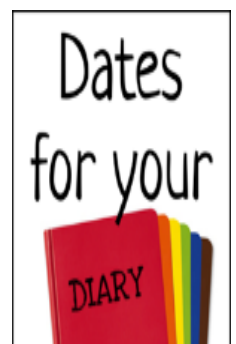
**Monday 9th – Friday 13th March:** Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages. SCIENCE FAIR AT THE END OF THE WEEK – BOTH SITES!

**Tuesday 10th March:** Year 5 Parent meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 Alexis St.

**Friday 13th March:** Sports Relief Day events – during morning at both Key Stages.

**Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.

**Friday 20th March:** ALL Clubs finish for the Spring term.



**Tuesday 24th March:** Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR.

**Wednesday 25th March:** KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St.

**Friday 27th March:** Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs. Booster Cushion Theatre Show at KS1 during afternoon.

**Tuesday 31st March:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS1 – OJR.

**Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April:** Year 1 & 2 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.

**Thursday 2nd April:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS2 – Alexis St.

**Friday 3rd April:** Easter service – 09:30 in St. James' Church – all welcome. Break up for Easter holidays – HALF DAY OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30.



**Class attendance for this week:** Please see the website for a full breakdown of our policy and criteria for attendance trips. **Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1.**

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	97 %	4 Kenya	95 %
6 Mexico	99 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	96 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	98 %	Belgium class	95 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	100 %
5 Japan	93 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	99 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Egypt	98 %	1 Italy	93 %
4 Ghana	99 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 2 FRANCE – Very Well done! ☺</b>			



**Dates and Trips:** Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Belgium class to Greenwich Planetarium for Science trip.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

6 Peru to the Library.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Belgium, 5 China & 5 Russia swimming lessons.  
Some Year 6 children to 'WE Day' event at Wembley.  
3 Norway to British Museum.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

3 Norway to the library.  
Year 4 Space workshop.  
3 Sweden to British Museum.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

WORLD BOOK DAY – DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER! (Details overleaf).



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