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(Letter 9)

Dear Parents / Carers



The term is very quickly slipping by! The children very much enjoyed **World Book Day** recently. Lots of children and staff were dressed up as their favourite book character, and photos were sent off to the Newham Recorder so we appeared in print.

KS1 classes had the poet, Antosh, working with them over the course of the day. They really enjoyed this and some excellent poetry was written!

All of the KS2 classes went to Stratford Library to listen and meet authors talking about their books and reading extracts to them. Years 3&4 heard author, Julian Clary and illustrator, David Roberts; Years 5&6 listened to Cressida Cowell. We bought every child a signed copy of the book which I hope that they have shared with you and that you have enjoyed reading with them. The children

also all received World Book Day tokens, and I hope they have already exchanged these for a book – time is running out for the tokens!

As you will be aware, **reports** will be coming out tomorrow – we have updated the format slightly, and I hope that you will find the information both easy to read and useful. **Parents' Evening** is on (this) Wednesday 22nd March – appointments are needed, so if you haven't yet made one, then please do so as soon as possible. The teachers will be able to talk to you about how your child is doing, and what their next steps are in order for them to be achieving the end of year expectations.



Also happening this week is **Comic Relief**, and school's **Music Concert**. For the first time, this year's concert will be in the afternoon – we have changed timetables and this is when the music teachers are with us. The concert will be at 1:30pm in the Top Hall. Tickets are available from the main office all this week, and throughout Parents' Evening on Wednesday. Please do come along as the children are looking forward to performing for you all. To mark Comic Relief we are asking the children to come in to school dressed in red (and wearing a red nose if they have one!!). We ask that the children make a contribution of 50p to do this. I am sure that you are aware that all monies raised by Comic Relief go to support some really amazing projects all across the UK and countries in Africa.

Please help us to support this work.



The new **MUGA (Multi-Use Games Arena)** is getting lots of use! Our **new sports coach**, Mr Rhys Archer, takes groups of Y5 and Y6 in there before school each morning; it is used every playtime and lunchtime on a rota by year groups working with Mr Archer as well. The children are really enjoying this, and look forward to their turn. Mr Archer is teaching classes PE each afternoon as well – this is during the times when the teachers are doing their planning and assessments. He is also working with small groups of children in EYFS and some of the children who have particular SEN needs as well in the mornings.

We are currently looking at a range of after school activities that he will be running after Easter in order to increase the range that we are offering across the school.



Some dates for this term and next for your diaries:

Music Concert – Friday 24th March (**CHANGE OF DATE**)
UNICEF: Day for Change – Friday 19th May
Science Week – 22nd – 24th May

Parents' Evenings – March 22nd; July 5th

ASSEMBLIES

Easter Assembly (Christian) – Wednesday 29th March
Vaisakhi Assembly (Sikh) – Wednesday 26th April

Please see the school date cards or the website for further dates.

We are all looking forward to making the most of the last two weeks of the term, before the Easter break – as ever, there is a lot to pack in!

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, at Parents' Evening.

Kate McGee
Headteacher

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