



# Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.  
March 2021



## World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4 March. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite character. Look out for pictures on Facebook!

We are running a sponsored reading activity starting today, Monday 1st March until Monday 22nd March 2021. We have set a school challenge of reading **2000 hours** across the three weeks; this is approximately **1 hour** of reading or listening to a story for our pupils each day.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with the pupils. Money can be sent into school or donations made via PayPal

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## Important Dates

- Thursday 4 March – world book day. Dress up as your favourite book/TV character. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity!
- **Wednesday 17 March school is closed for pupils.**
- School closes Friday 26 March 12.30 for the Easter Break – lunch will be served as normal.
- We resume on Monday 12 April (normal day).

## Charities

The pupils had a wear red day on Valentine's Day for Chest Heart and Stroke.

The pupils took part in some valentine themed activities in class.



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## Ulster Museum

We were delighted to host a 'Fur, Feathers and Prickles' remote workshop where our pupils were able to touch/feel stuffed animals and interact virtually with the workshop.

## Annual Reviews

The Annual Review meetings will be taking place later this month. Letters confirming the date and time of the meeting for your child were posted home at the start of February.

A copy of your child's Annual Review document was sent home this week so please look out for it in their school bag!

Remember these meetings are being held via Zoom (joining details are on your letter). Please sign in to Zoom at least 5 minutes before your allotted time and use a username that identifies who you are – not your device!

## COVID 19 Testing

We are hoping to roll out testing over the coming weeks starting with a small group of pupils and staff then rolling it out across the school. It will happen on a weekly basis, every Thursday.

Information is attached along with this newsletter. Please note that you **must** complete a signed consent form (paper version) before your child can be tested, these will be sent home this week.

Tests are carried out by you at home, there is a video included in the information demonstrating how to carry out the test on your son/daughter. It is available to all pupils who attend school on a Thursday. The cut off time for tests to be in school is 10am.

## Sickness

Please remember that if your son/daughter is ill not to send them into school, particularly in the current climate.

If your son/daughter requires a COVID test at a testing centre, please inform us immediately. If the test comes back negative they should remain at home until they are well enough to return. In the event that they display non-COVID symptoms it is recommended that they remain at home for 3 days after their last symptom.

Please phone school on the first day of absence.

## Old Jumpers

Do you have old school jumpers at home? Please send them in to school if you no longer have a use for them.

Some of our staff have been creatively repurposing old jumpers as covers for our pupils for lunch time, painting, messy play.

When you send them into school please label them as spares and we will upcycle them for our pupils to use. Thank you!



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