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Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you enjoyed the week off school.

Netball Match vs Leasingham

On Tuesday, the school netball team played Leasingham Primary School. The match was extremely close and played in the spirit that all sport should be – competitive but with full respect for everyone. The final score was 6-6 which means we remain unbeaten this season. Well done!



BMX Event

Good luck to those children representing the school in the BMX event next week!

Pancake Race

We pride ourselves at Rauceby on our sporting achievements and success. Many say this is down to the hard work done behind the scenes along with our unique training programmes. Once a year we allow parents a look at the children getting put through their paces at our annual House Pancake Race! The children will be flipping pancakes while running a relay race on the school playground at 2.10pm on Tuesday 28 February. Parents are welcome to watch from the behind the school fencing.

Bug Club

In the last edition of The Reporter we told you about a new and exciting reading scheme we were purchasing. Most children should now have been given a unique log in to the 'Bug Club' and be able to access some of the fantastic texts and activities. I have already spoken to several enthusiastic children who love the new resource. We hope that the comprehension skills the programme develops will have a huge impact on the quality of our children as readers. Often we find children can read the texts fluently but not always answer questions accurately about what they have read. A letter will be coming out shortly inviting you to an information session on how the programme works. This will be held in the Old Hall on Monday 13 March, 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Mathletics

Year 3 and Year 6 will be trialling an exciting online maths programme called Mathletics over the next few weeks. If this is successful we hope to give all the school access to this. *'Mathletics is designed to provide students with an engaging and safe learning experience. Targeted and adaptive content with structured support, plus gaming and rewards – all aligned to the primary maths curriculum for each of the UK nations.'*

Year 5 and 6 Trip to Ironbridge

On Friday 3 March, Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Ironbridge as part of their Victorian topic. The children will leave school at 8.00am and return back at 6.00pm. The children will need a packed lunch and drink and be in full school uniform. There is a gift shop but we would recommend that children bring no more than £5 to spend.

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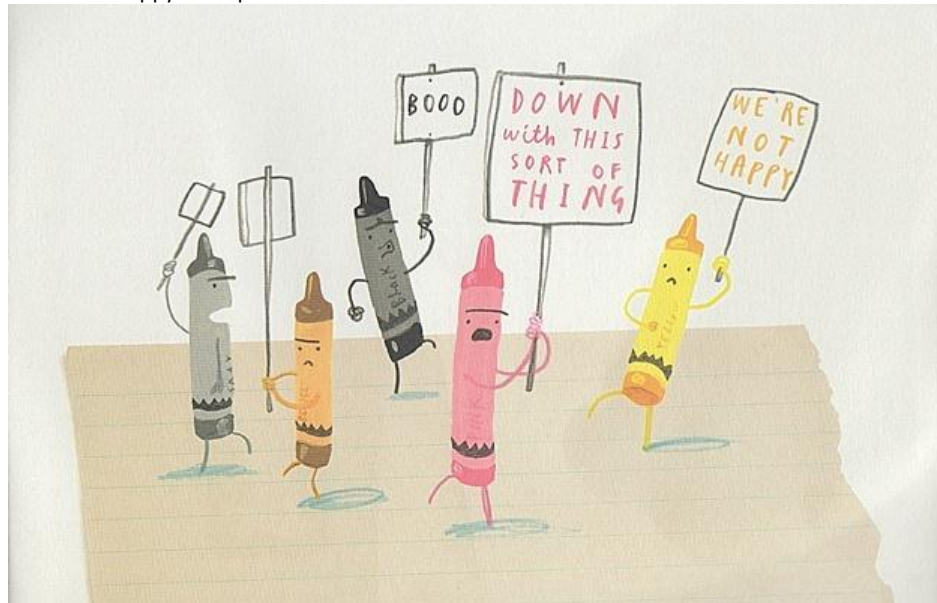
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World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2 March 2017. This year we have planned a really exciting day based around the children's award winning author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. For this day we are asking children to come dressed as one of his characters. If you haven't read his books, you are missing a treat, but a simple search on Google will help you out if you are unsure. I am aware of the Facebook conversations regarding this day and if you would prefer to come into school and discuss the activities with the class teacher, rather than online, they will be more than happy to help.



Diocesan Visit

Last term we received our annual visit from our Diocesan Associate Officer. It is her job to judge the effective of Church Schools and report this to the Diocese Education Board. Although the report isn't published for the general public to view, I wanted to share some of her findings about Rauceby Primary School. Needless to say I am very proud of our school.

There is a warm, welcoming and purposeful atmosphere and a real "buzz" about learning at Rauceby. Behaviour in every classroom I visited was excellent. Children were enthusiastic, on task and keen to talk about their work and learning. Some of the work was obviously challenging (particularly the spelling test in year 2) and the children were delighted to show how well they were coping and achieving. It is a very happy school. There are excellent, bright displays in classrooms, corridors and the hall which reflect the children's learning and the values and ethos of the school. New murals designed by the children have been developed and issues from the last report about making church school distinctiveness more explicit in the environment have been addressed.

The outdoor space has been designed with many opportunities for learning. The school has a beautiful rural setting and the children are also invited to visit the estate land opposite the school to see the new lambs and to write poetry when the daffodils are in bloom – quite idyllic!

I then joined the whole school for collective worship in the Hall...once again excellent behaviour and well established routines were evident. During the collective worship the children sang Christian songs and shared poetry. It was very moving – church school distinctiveness at its best.

I really enjoyed the visit and was very impressed with so many different aspects of life at Rauceby. Everyone works together to provide the children with an excellent education driven by a sound Christian vision and underpinned by distinctive values.

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Blue Badge Recipients

Blue Badges were awarded this week to the following children;

- Reception: Grace for being the leading vet in our role play
Jacob for imaginative language
Mika for ordering numbers
- Year 1: Lucy Ireland for teamwork in Forest Schools
Lucy Robertson for independent writing about Forest Schools
- Year 2: Darcie for her super reading
Poppy for her enthusiasm during lessons
- Year 3: Hatty W for fantastic work in science
Olivia C for outstanding effort throughout the week
- Year 4: Eleni for confident presentation of Mary Anning work
Xavier for Mary Anning work
- Year 5: Whole class for working hard during assessment week
- Year 6: Elliott for enthusiastic involvement in class discussions during our book club lessons
Jasmine for continued effort and desire to improve

Well done to all of you. We are proud of the work that you produce and the effort that you put into all areas of school life.

It is a pleasure to give out the blue badges to the children each week, celebrating their successes both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to see the children wearing their badges with pride this week.



Canon Valerie Assembly

Today in Canon Valerie's assembly she spoke about how people sometimes do the wrong thing. People used to pour ash over their heads and wore ragged clothes. In preparation for the assembly, Year 6 wrote things they had done that they knew were wrong on pieces of paper. Because we were not in church she couldn't burn the pieces of paper, so she put them in a bin. Then she came round and drew a cross on all the people in Year 6 using ash (this would have been the ash from the burned paper had we been in church) and cooking oil. This cross symbolises that God has forgiven them.

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Music for Schools information evening

Thursday night saw a parents' meeting with Alan Summers from Music for Schools. They were entertained by both his and the children's playing as they tried to find the best instrument for them.

Dick Whittington and his Cat

Oasby Drama Company is presenting Dick Whittington and his Cat at 7.30pm on Friday 3 March and Saturday 4 March at Heydour Parish Hall in Aisby. Tickets are available from Maurice on 01529 455246.

Glass Workshop

The lovely Liz of the Glass Room will be running an adults workshop on Friday 3 March at 5.30pm in Millview Hall. You will have the opportunity to cut glass and be more decorative than the children as more materials will be provided for you. You will be able to create one wall hanger or two tiles. The cost is £20 per person and we will need a minimum of eight people to carry out the workshop, we have three confirmed attendees at the moment. Please return your completed slip with payment by Monday 27 February. If we do not receive any more applications we will be forced to cancel this event.

The PTFA

After school club / Breakfast club

It has been brought to my attention there are several outstanding bills. If your child attends either of these clubs, please check that your payments are up to date. It would be appreciated if the outstanding bills can be settled as soon as possible as next month's bills will sent out next week by email.

Upcoming events

Tue 28 Feb	-	Annual Pancake Race
Fri 3 Mar	-	Year 5/6 trip to Ironbridge
Fri 10 Mar	-	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 13 Mar	-	Bug Club Parents Session
Fri 17 Mar	-	Attainment and Progress Reports to Parents
Fri 17 Mar	-	PTFA Family Quiz
Mon 20 Mar	-	Parents' evening
Wed 22 Mar	-	Parents' evening
Fri 24 Mar	-	Mothers' Day Service at St Peter's church
Wed 29 Mar	-	Year 3/4 performance
Thurs 30 Mar	-	Year 3/4 performance
Fri 31 Mar	-	End of term 4
Tue 18 Apr	-	Start of term 5