



Ward Green Primary School Newsletter – Spring 2 Half Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Plenty happening in school this **Spring 2 Half Term** – again a very short half term running up to the Easter Holiday break.

Please see the **Key dates/events** at the end of this newsletter for dates to put in your diary this half term.

ARBOR APP – Please remember that information and messages from school come out in newsletters, emails and **ARBOR** App messages from school. **Please ensure you have downloaded the ARBOR APP to receive 'In APP Messages'**.

Payments for school dinners, trips etc - you need to make payments using the **Arbor App**.

Please ensure you have logged on to your child/dren's account and if you have any issues, please contact the School Office for assistance.

ATTENDANCE – If your child is absent from school, please ensure you **report their absence before 9am each day of their absence by contacting school** – you can ring on telephone number 01226 286510 and speak to a member of the school office or leave a message on the Absence Line with your child's full name and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can send a message on **ARBOR APP** or send an email to: wardgreen@hcacademytrust.education.

CURRICULUM SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS/CARERS – On **5th March 2024 at 3.30pm** we are hosting our **Curriculum Showcase** in school. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school to look at and celebrate a selection of your child's work from Spring Term.

WGPS COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

YEAR GROUP	USERNAME
YEAR 6	@WGPS_2024
YEAR 5	@WGPS_2025
YEAR 4	@WGPS_2026
YEAR 3	@WGPS_2027
YEAR 2	@WGPS_2028
YEAR 1	@WGPS_2029
FOUNDATION STAGE	@WGPS_2030

CLASS X
(PREVIOUSLY TWITTER)
DETAILS

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Seesaw

SEESAW – IF YOU NEED TO SEND A QUICK MESSAGE DIRECT TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

HOMework APPS

Spelling Shed

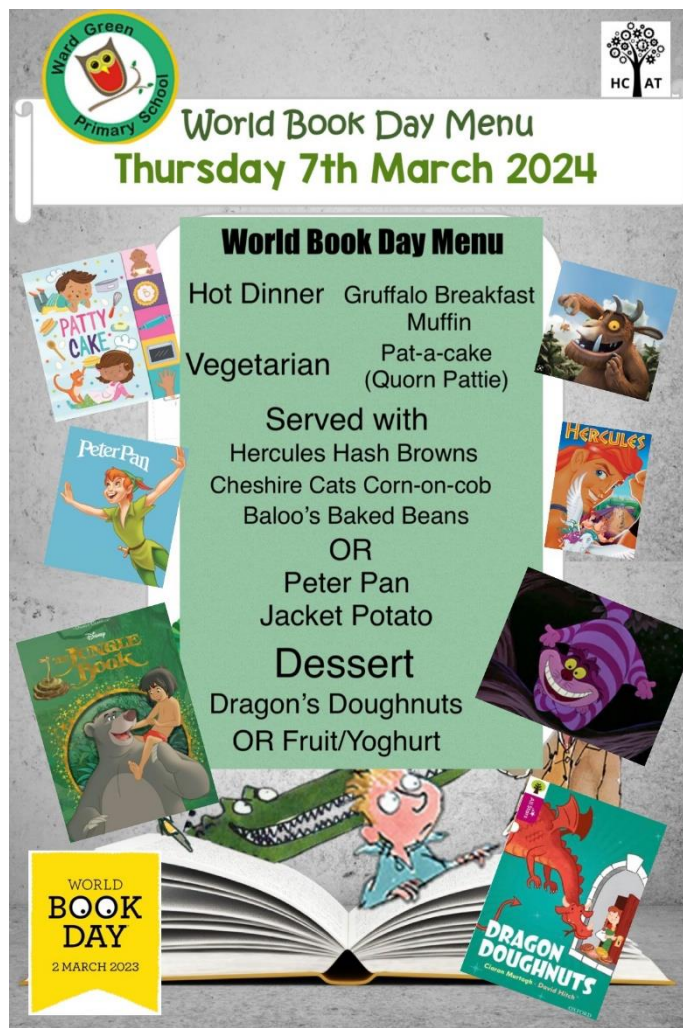
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WORLD BOOK DAY – We will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. This year, starting from **week commencing 26th February 2024**, we are hoping **parents can take lots of photos of children reading at home** and **send these photos to school via SEESAW to their teachers**.

During our **World Book Day**, we will have a raffle for all the children who have submitted a photo of which there will be at **£10 book voucher for 1 winner in each year group**.

On Thursday 7th March 2024, children can come to school dressed in either their favourite book character costume or cosy pyjama!! We will have a day full of activities based around their classes chosen book. Classes will have dedicated time spent reading their chosen book, writing poetry, creating art work and creating some wonderful crafts around their book's theme. We will also have a **'STOP, DROP and READ!'** during the afternoon – when the bell rings literally everyone must stop what they are doing and read a book!

We will also be having a **WORLD BOOK DAY themed Dinner!!** Children can order their meal on the morning at registration. Please see the meal options below:



PARENT'S EVENING – Parent's Evening will be taking place on **13th March 2024** in school. You will need to log on to the **ARBOR APP** system to book an appointment time to see your child's teacher. **If your child has 2 teachers, you only need to book to see one of them (*please do not book to see both teachers*)**. If you are unable to make this date, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative date.

Y5 BIKEABILITY - Pupils in Year 5 classes will be able to take part in 'Bikeability' in school on the following dates:

Week Commencing 11th March 2024 = Mrs Spencer's class

Week Commencing 18th March 2024 = Miss Bowden's class

A further letter will be sent home from Mrs Spencer/Miss Bowden with full details of the event and will include a consent form for parents/carers to complete and return to class teachers.

COMIC RELIEF 'RED NOSE' DAY – This year on **Comic Relief – Red Nose Day on 15th March 2024** school are planning to have a **Non-Uniform Day (Wear Red) for a voluntary £1 donation** – all monies donated to **Comic Relief**. Bring your 'Red Noses' if you have one too!!

EASTER EVENTS –

In the run up to the Easter Holidays we are planning for lots of Easter Activities/Events:

Easter Hop – **School Disco on Tuesday 19th March 2024 - ENTRY FEE £3 per child** – Children can come to school in **NON-UNIFORM** on the day for the discos:

FS/KS1 Disco @ 2-3pm

KS2 Disco @3.30-4.30pm

Further details will be sent closer to this event.

Church Visit – Children will be visiting **St Thomas's Church on Thursday 21st March 2024** during school time. Children will be back in school for normal pick-up times at the end of the day. Children will need to be in full school uniform and have warm clothing/appropriate footwear as they will be walking to the church.

Easter Bonnet Competition – We are having a competition for KS1 and KS2 children to make at home an Easter Bonnet. Children can bring their Easter Bonnets to school on **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024** where they will be judged in our Assembly for prizes!!!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Our **Spring 2 Half Term After School Clubs** started on the first week back in school eg **W/C 19th February 2024**. They will end on the **week commencing 18th March 2024**. Please see the link to our website for details:

<https://www.wardgreenprimary.org>

We will have new clubs available in the **Summer 1 Half Term** for children to attend **after the Easter Holiday**. Keep a look out on Arbor messages for further details on the week before the Easter Holiday for the new clubs.

GRASSROOTS SPORTS ACADEMY YORKSHIRE – We have recruited **Grassroots Sports Academy Yorkshire** to deliver two sessions per week after school from 3.30pm until 5.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday during term time. This provision started from the week commencing 26th February 2024. The Tuesday club is a 'Youth Club' theme and the Thursday club is a 'Multi-sports' theme.

The sessions are £6.00 per day per child for pupils in Years 1 to 6.

Payment must be made on ARBOR – SESSIONS MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR A HALF TERM IN ADVANCE. As this is an externally funded provision, non-payment will result in your child's place being cancelled and offered to other pupils as there are a limited number of 25 places available per session.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS – Swimming lessons will continue this half term for **Year 4** classes every **FRIDAY** and the last session will be **21st June 2024**. Children need to bring a swimming costume/swimming trunks (no bikini/no shorts) and a towel. **All jewellery should NOT be worn on swimming lesson school days – eg. Earrings should be taken out and left at home as well as watches.**

Children in **Mrs Bell/Mrs Burkill's class** need to **ARRIVE AT SCHOOL FOR 8.45AM** prompt as the coach leaves school at 8.50am prompt. Miss Cryer's class will swim mid-morning and will be back for lunch.

SCHOOL EVENTS/CALENDAR – We will continue to add school events/activities to the website School Calendar :

<https://www.wardgreenprimary.org/paternt-information/calendar/>

We will also message parents/carers via email and our school's ARBOR APP of any events/information. Teachers also pass information to parents/carers via '**SEESAW**' and we also have our School and Class Twitter Pages with details of things happening in school.

Key dates/events – Spring 1 Half Term (January to February 2024)

5th March 2024 – Curriculum Showcase (3.30pm)

6th March 2024 – Y5 Trip to Lyceum Theatre

7th March 2024 – Y6 Trip to Lyceum Theatre

7th March 2024 – World Book Day

7th March 2024 – Y2 Enterprise Day

8th March 2024 – Y5 Enterprise Day

11th to 15th March 2024 – Science Week

11th to 15th March – Year 5 Bikeability (Mrs Spencer's Class)

12th March 2024 – Year 4 Mrs Bell/Mrs Burkill’s class trip to Leeds Museum

13th March 2024 – Parent’s Evening

13th March 2024 – Internet Safety for Y6 Parents Workshop (9-11am)

14th March 2024 - Internet Safety for Y5 Parents Workshop (9-11am)

15th March 2024 – Comic Relief Day – Non-uniform Day (Wear Red)

18th to 22nd March 2024 – Year 5 Bikeability (Miss Bowden’s Class)

19th March 2024 - Year 4 Miss Cryer’s class trip to Leeds Museum

19th March 2024 – Parent Coffee Workshop (9-10am)

19th March 2024 – ‘Easter Hop’ School Disco – Non-Uniform Day

21st March 2024 – Church Visit

22nd March 2024 – Easter Bonnet KS1 & KS2 Competition

25th March 2024 to 5th April 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED EASTER HOLIDAYS

8th April 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY

9th April 2024 – SCHOOL RE-OPENS – Summer 1 Half Term starts

(more dates/events will be added asap & we will keep you posted throughout the school year)

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