

# West Barns Primary School

## March Newsletter

### Happy Easter

School will finish on **Thursday 29th March** for the Easter break.



This has been an incredibly busy term for pupils, parents and staff. We hope that everybody enjoys the break.

School will reopen for staff and pupils on **Monday 16th April**.

### Lost Property

Could all parents please check the lost property box before the end of term. The box is overflowing with school clothes, shoes and coats. Many of them have been there for months now. Items left after Easter will be recycled.



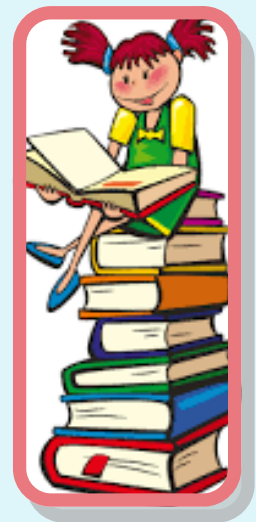
### World Book Day

This year Pupil Council have rescheduled our World Book Day celebrations. On **Friday 9th March** children will be encouraged to:

- Bringing our favourite books to school to share with a friend
- Taking 'shelfie' photos of us at home in front of our book shelves. These can be sent into school as part of our display or shared on Twitter at #takeashelfie
- Designing our own bookmarks
- Taking part in DEAR—drop everything and read
- We will also be launching our West Barns House Reading Challenge.

More details of this exciting event to follow!

**Bringing in a book for our book swap on Thursday 8th March**



### Purple Pinkie

Dunbar Rotary Club will be visiting the school to tell pupils about their Purple Pinkie programme on **Thursday 8th March**.

Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease. Fortunately, although incurable, Polio is easy to prevent. A child can be vaccinated for just 50p, protecting the child against this terrible disease for life.

Through one of the world's biggest immunisation programmes, Polio has been 99 per cent eradicated - so The Rotary Club are keen on one last push to destroy the disease for good. Pupils are encouraged to bring along a suggested donation of £1 to help with this important cause.



### Easter Assembly

Our Easter Assembly this year will be on **Tuesday 27th March**. All are welcome to join us. **Assembly will start at 2pm.**



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### Reminders for Parent/Carers

- Could all **dinner money** be paid weekly (preferably on a Monday) (£7.60) or daily (£1.90) in **advance**.
- Please could you ensure that **pupil belongings**, especially school sweatshirts, t-shirts and cardigans are **clearly named**.
- Regularly check our **lost property box** in reception for missing items. Each year we are left with a pile of clothing, bags, lunch boxes and toys that pupils assure us do not belong to anybody!
- We collect old clothes, shoes, handbags and belts through the **recycle bin** in the school playground to raise funds for the school.
- **Please could you ensure that your child has a water bottle at school. We encourage children to drink water regularly during the day to help concentration and keep them hydrated.**



### Football Festival Reminder

Active Schools and Mr Gray (our coach) have asked us to remind parents that the Football Festival starts at **4pm prompt** on Wednesday 28th March. Please could all pupils be there to **warm up by 3.45pm**.



## Dates to Remember

| Event                             | Day       | Date       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Purple Pinkie Assembly            | Thursday  | 8th March  |
| P7 Spring Fling                   | Thursday  | 8th March  |
| World Book Day                    | Friday    | 9th March  |
| Parent Council Meeting            | Thursday  | 15th March |
| Parent's Evening                  | Tuesday   | 20th March |
| Parent's Evening                  | Wednesday | 21st March |
| Easter Assembly                   | Tuesday   | 27th March |
| Easter House Challenge            | Wednesday | 28th March |
| Football Tournament at Halhill    | Wednesday | 28th March |
| Finish School for Easter Break    | Thursday  | 29th March |
| Staff and Pupils return to school | Monday    | 16th April |
| Curriculum Open After-            | Wednesday | 2nd May    |
| School closed May Day             | Monday    | 7th May    |
| In-service Day                    | Tuesday   | 8th May    |
| Pupils return to school           | Wednesday | 9th May    |
| P7 Transition Day 2               | Wednesday | 9th May    |
| Book Fair                         | Wed-Wed   | 9th-16th   |
| School Closed-Holiday             | Monday    | 21st May   |
| Staff and Pupils return to        | Tuesday   | 22nd May   |
| Sports Day                        | Wednesday | 23rd May   |
| Term Ends                         | Friday    | 29th June  |

### Head Lice



Please can all parents remember to check their child's head on a regular basis for head lice. If you need further information on how to check for or treat head lice please do not hesitate to contact the school, local chemist or GP. Combs and lotion can be obtained on prescription.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

Can we remind parents and families that if your child has a tummy bug they must stay away from school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

