



# SMITHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together We Grow

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## Message from the Head Teacher

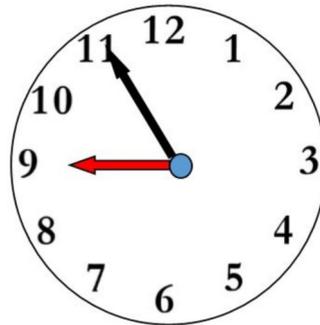
Last week was great fun, with many children and staff dressing up for World Book Day. On the back of this newsletter, you can see lots of photographs from the day. This year was, perhaps, more special because it is the first time we have been able to celebrate together in 2 years.

I'd also like to welcome back Monica Kocon who has returned as our school cook. She'll be keeping all the old favourites on the menu as well as trialling some new foods. The children all reported that this week, Smithdown school lunches continue to be delicious.

## School Start

A number of children are regularly arriving at school after 8.55am. Children can come in from 8.45am and lessons start at 8.55am. Children feel calmer and more settled when they are there at the beginning of the lesson.

Please ensure your children are in school before 8.55am.



## Social Media and your child.



There have been a number of occasions recently where children have been upset in school about things that have happened in Snapchat and WhatsApp groups they have outside school.

Snapchat is restricted to those over 13 years and WhatsApp is for those over 16 years. These age limits are to keep our children safe.

Did you know that your child will be sharing their exact location just by using the app? Are you sure they are not seeing any inappropriate contact? Have they got online 'friends' who you or they don't know in real life?

Please talk to your child about any social media apps they use and check they are not seeing or posting anything that will upset them or others.

## ATTENDANCE NEWS SPRING TERM

Nursery A: 87%

Nursery B: 91%

RLMc: 95%

RAG: 95%

Year 1 RMc: 94%

Year 1CP: 97%

Year 2GH: 96%

Year 2 TD: 93%

Year 3 LA: 97%

Year 3 EHD: 99%

Year 4 JS: 97%

Year 4 KM: 99%

Year 5NA: 98%

Year 5TS: 99%

Year 6AD: 100%

Year 6RC: 95%

**Well Done to this weeks winners,**

**Year 6AD with 100% attendance.**

**School starts at 8.55am**

**Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.**

**Nursery opens at 9.00am and closes at 3.10pm.**

**Dates for your diary:**

**MARCH**

7th— Y1CP visiting Croxteth Farm

8th—Y6RC visiting Delamere Forest

9th—Y1RC visiting Croxteth Park

10th— Year 4 visiting Hope University for Micro Teaching.

9th—Parent/Toddlers

9th—Nursery Stay and Learn

10th—Baby Book Club

15th—Visit to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

17th—Y5TS to Martin Mere Wetland Centre

17th—ASD Coffee Morning

17th—Baby Book Club

18th—Y5NA to Martin Mere Wetland Centre

18th—Comic Relief Day

21st—Smithdown Mental Health Week

23rd—Nursery Family Picnic

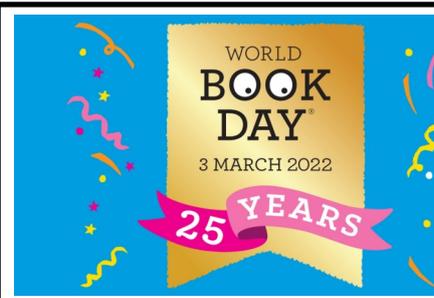
24th—Baby Book Club

25th—Nursery Family Picnic

31st—Baby Book Club

**APRIL**

4th—Supporting children with stress and anxiety parental workshop



Children had a fabulous World Book Day. They all looked fantastic and enjoyed a day focussed around poetry. There were some great performances as well as art work, sculptures and cooking.



Once again, thank you to RRT for donating some activity packs to school. This week we will hold a raffle with all children entered and send the packs home with the winners.



**Fire Practice**

Last week we had two fire practices with some classes learning new exits due to building work. I was really pleased that all children and adults had evacuated the building within 2 minutes.

We will have another practice using these new exits in the next few weeks to ensure that children are confident in an emergency.