



MARTIN FROBISHER INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter 18 Friday 2nd February

The weather has been cold and wet this week but there are signs of spring around with the daffodils breaking through in the school grounds. Thank you to everyone who attended our Reading Cafes this week. We hope you found them useful. If you ever have any questions about your child's reading please speak to their class teacher.

Key Stage 1 SATs

We have had a few questions from parents regarding Key Stage 1 SATs. These assessments were previously carried out in May with children in Year 2. The government has now removed the statutory requirement for these tests to be carried out. Children will continue to be assessed in school following our own assessment systems and procedures. We will work closely with staff at the local junior schools when making judgements at the end of the school year to ensure a smooth transition when it is time. If you have any further questions please speak to Miss Perry or Mrs Wilson.

Children's Mental Health Week

5 - 11 February 2024 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Tips for parents have also been sent out with this newsletter.

Miss Perry, our well-being lead in school, will start the week with an assembly for all children and we will be having a 'Sleep Day' on Tuesday 6th February with a range of workshops to encourage good sleep habits. There will also be a workshop for parents at 2.30pm to support with encouraging good sleep. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school on this day.

Safer Internet Day

It is also Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February. This is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. We teach children about online safety during each of our computing lessons and through the wider curriculum. We also have an e-safety promise in each class and remind children to tell an adult if they see anything which is inappropriate or makes them upset or scared.

Because of our focus on Mental Health and sleep this year on this date we will be holding a safer internet day on Wednesday 21st February in school.

There will be a virtual training session for parents on Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. The session, Navigating the Digital Landscape an Interactive Webinar for Parents and Carers on Keeping Children Safe Online, hosted by eduthing and parenting coach [Sue Atkins](#) will provide an informative but relaxed approach to a range of strategies and support for both parents and carers on the best ways to engage in online safety within the home.

The session will go into more details on:

- Proactive Parenting Strategies
- Age-Tailored Guidance
- Practical Tools and Techniques
- Building Digital Resilience
- Interactive Q&A Session

Details of how to join have been sent out with this newsletter. There is also information on online safety on our school website.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

This year World Book Day will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun. We will not be asking children to dress up this year but rather focussing on their favourite stories and authors to further develop our 'Reading for Pleasure strategy' and encourage children (and their families) to enjoy reading. More details will follow after the school holidays.

During the week running up to World Book Day we would like to invite parents and Carers into school as 'Secret Readers'. This would be to read the end of day story to children. If you are available to read an end of day story (2.45pm) on any day week beginning Monday 4th March please email headteacher@martinfrobisher.wakefield.sch.uk with the date you would be available.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children and their families has the highest priority at Martin Frobisher Infant School. To further extend our safeguarding team Mrs Wilson completed her designated safeguarding lead training this week. If you have any concerns about the safeguarding of children please speak to a member of our designated safeguarding team.

FOMFIS (Friends of Martin Frobisher Infant School)

FOMFIS have a fantastic Facebook page where they share all the events they plan and school updates. Search for FOMFIS on Facebook and take a look.

The next FOMFIS meeting is planned for:

Monday 19th February planning meeting at 1pm in school. Please come along and find out about how you can support school and share some new ideas you may have.

Attendance

Overall attendance this week has been 90%

Well done to all our attendance heroes this week who were **Here** **Everyday** **Ready** and **On** time. 76% of children in main school have had 100% attendance.

A reminder that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and the Local Authority will issue a penalty notice. This is currently £60 per parent per child.

Notifications from the Family Hubs and other agencies

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

An online course that you can work through at home in your own time. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® gives you tips and ideas to help you bring out the best in your children, to help them be resilient, confident, and have the self-discipline to succeed. Learn how to positively manage the behaviour you don't like and encourage more of the behaviour that will help them get along with others.

Find out how to access your code to get started at home: [Free in Wakefield | Triple P – Positive Parenting Program | Online Parenting Programme](#)

Online programmes available are:

Baby Triple P:

Triple P for Baby helps you and your baby get off to a positive start

It'll help:

- Promote baby's social, emotional, and cognitive development
- Support parents to be empowered and have confidence in their own choices- different options to cope with frequent crying, sleeping, partner conflict and more
- Read baby's cues and encourage their language learning
- Take better care of your own emotional and mental health

- Enjoy life as a new parent a lot more!

Group Triple P:

A broad-based parenting intervention for parents or caregivers interested in promoting their child's development and potential, or they may have concerns about their child's behaviour or simply wish to prevent behaviour problems from developing.

- Positive parenting
- Helping children develop
- Managing behavior
- Positive parenting strategies

Teen Triple P:

Teen Triple P Online – for parents of pre-teens and teens, approx. 10-16 years

- Boost your child's or teenager's development
- Tailor strategies to suit your child – you know them best!
- Positive parenting has proven benefits for children, now and in the future
- Tips to help your whole family's emotional wellbeing – including yours
- Raise happier, more confident and capable kids
- Improve your relationship with your child or teenager
- Enjoy being a parent more!

Fearless Triple P:

Help your child or teenager learn to manage and reduce anxious feelings, now and in the future.

- Online support for parents of anxious kids (6-14 years)
- Find out the 'why' and 'how' of child and teen anxiety
- Learn more about what's helpful and what can accidentally add to anxiety
- Start applying new strategies immediately
- New online programme based on proven principles
- Reduce your own stress, too!

Dates – Further details will follow nearer to specific dates

09 02 24 – School closes

19 02 24 – School opens

27.02,24 - Dolphins Class Assembly 9.15am

29 02 24 – Turtle Class Assembly 9.15am

07 03 24 – World Book Day – Further details to follow

14 03 24 – Curriculum Exhibition for Parents

21 03 24 – Key Stage 1 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church 10am

22 03 24 Easter Bonnet Parade – Morning Nursery 11am Afternoon nursery and main school 1.30pm

22 03 24 – School closes

08 04 24 – School opens

16 05 24 - Jellyfish Class Assembly 9.15am

20 05 24 - Reading Café for parents of children in Year 1. Phonics screening check focus. – 2.15pm

24 05 24 – School closes

03 06 23 – School opens

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10 06 24 – Reading Café for parents of children in Reception. – 2.15pm

12 06 24– Reading Café for parents of children in Year 2. – 2.15pm

27 06 24 – Rainbowfish Class Assembly 9.15am

04 07 24 – Curriculum Exhibition for Parents

18 07 24 – Leavers Assembly 2pm Followed by Leavers Festival until 5.30pm

19 07 24 – School closes

22 07 24 – INSET – school closed to children

Inset Days

We have already taken 4 of our 5 Inset days for the year. The remaining date is **Monday 22nd July**

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Carter.

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs R Adams, Mrs K Broadhead, Miss G Moxon Miss L Wilson

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or: Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503