



THOMAS A' BECKET INFANT SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSFLASH – ISSUE 4

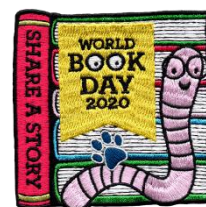


3rd March 2020

Welcome back to all our families. We are really looking forward to some more exciting learning over the next few weeks. We hope you all had a good half term break, despite the weather!

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March.

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all things reading. We hope you have had a chance to read the letter that came home asking for donations of favourite books (good quality and age appropriate) We look forward to seeing the children dressed up on Thursday and sharing some fantastic stories and activities across the school.



(If your child does not wish to dress up then they are welcome to come in their school clothes.)



Parent Questionnaires:

We really do value feedback from our families so if you haven't yet completed or returned your questionnaire that were available during Parent's Evenings, please hand them in to the office, or ask for another copy.

READING DOGS:

Daisy the Dalmation and Dazee the Whippet have recently been joined by Ted the Cocker Spaniel from the company Paws to Read. The children who read with our 'Reading Dogs' gain so much from their calm, listening ears in terms of their confidence and enjoyment of sharing stories. They really are a great addition to our school community!



Drinking Water:



Please ensure your child has a bottle for water with them each day. We encourage children to drink at regular points throughout the day so they stay well hydrated. They also have drinks of either water (or milk if eating the hot school meal) at lunchtime. We shall be talking to the children at assembly again soon, just to remind them of the importance of water for a healthy mind and body! School water bottles are available from the office for £2.00.

Healthy Eating:

We promote healthy eating at school and would ask you to support us with this during the school day. If your child has a lunch box, we ask that there are no fizzy drinks or sweets and that cakes and chocolate biscuits are kept to a minimum.



Values in School:

The TASC Force and I met recently to discuss how environmentally friendly our school is and what we could do to become even more environmentally friendly. We talked about the values of Respect (in terms of looking after our planet) and also Collaboration (how we can work together to make things better). They shall be going back to their classes to ask for more ideas and then we will get back together to share their ideas!

School Uniform:

Just a reminder that school uniform should be worn by all the children unless there is a special reason (Forest School, Eco days, etc.).

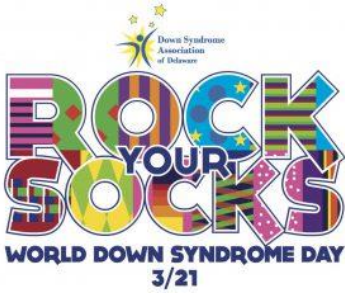
Girls	Boys
Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts	Grey trousers/shorts
School sweatshirt/cardigan (royal blue)	School sweatshirt (royal blue)
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
Black school shoes	Black school shoes
Blue & white summer dress	

We ask that shoes are suitable for indoor and outdoor, everyday school activities. This **does not** include trainers. Nail polish should not be worn and no jewellery other than stud earrings which should of course be removed (or taped up) on PE days to ensure that your child stays safe during physical activity. Long hair should also be tied back.

SEND Information:

If you have any SEND concerns about your child please contact either Carole Thomson, SENDCo on cthomson@tabinfant.org.uk or Hannah Ifould, SEND Admin or hifould@tabinfant.org.uk to make an appointment.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY - ROCK YOUR SOCKS!!! FRIDAY 20th MARCH



Some of you may have seen (or heard!) Caspian about on the school run. He has a wonderful big brother in Year 1. Caspian loves to wave at everyone and sometimes shout a little too! Caspian happens to rock an extra chromosome (in other terms he has Down syndrome). We would love for you all to celebrate this with us by wearing different socks for the day! The reason for this being we can celebrate everyone's differences (and chromosomes look a little like socks too!!)

Following two smooth pregnancy / births with my older boys I assumed all was going to go the same the third time round. We did not know Caspian would arrive very poorly, with a serious heart condition and Down syndrome. It took a lot for us to get our head rounds. Caspian underwent open heart surgery at 4 months old, following being on oxygen support since birth. You would not know it now, as he runs after his brothers, opens every single cupboard door in the house and boy can he climb the sofa the table anything high and dangerous really! My main point is, I feared for his future, I was anxious about what Down Syndrome meant but as a family we have come to learn it is nothing to fear! We have everything to celebrate. I want other families but mainly our new generations to grow up in a world surrounded by differences, accepting such differences and embracing all the fun and wonder!

Thank you to Caspian's Mum for giving us such a personal account of life with her family. So don't forget to wear your different socks on Friday 20th March and if you would like to make a donation to the Down syndrome charity, for which the family raises funds, then please bring in your coins! Buckets will be available on the playground in the morning.

Handwriting Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their 'Handwriting Star Pencil Topper':

Omer Abdulrahman - Dolphins
Sammy Short - Dolphins
Freya Trebble - Dolphins





Congratulations to the following children who have completed
100 'reads' at home:

Louie Biggs - Rabbits
Harry Talman - Rabbits
Madison Hopkins - Rabbits
Hugo Voit-Gair - Rabbits
Zachery Pyle - Rabbits
Noah Wakeham - Foxes
Eddie McCluskey - Foxes
Cameron Emery - Hedgehogs
Poppy Pumphrey - Octopus
Scarlett Hunt - Manta Rays
Sofia Kheddache - Dolphins
Lexie Heppenstall - Dolphins
Ollie Crompton - Dolphins
Freya Trebble - Dolphins
Sophia Roberts - Dolphins

Congratulations to the following children who have completed **200 'reads'** at home and received a book prize:

Emma Hinton - Octopus Class
Emily Thorpe - Turtles Class
Pearl Slater - Turtles Class

Game Ratings

It has come to our attention that some children are playing games that are not suitable for their age. Please can we remind you that there are certifications on the game boxes to indicate the minimum age a child should be to play the game.

If you are not sure, please follow this link from the Entertainment Software Rating Board to find out more <https://www.esrb.org/ratings-guide/>

