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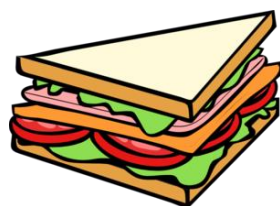
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Dear Parents and Carers

Building Work Update

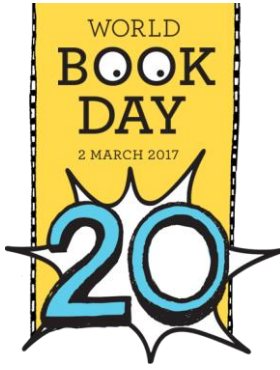
As I'm sure you are aware, the building work is really coming together now and, all being well, we are heading into the final stages of the project. We are expecting the new Year 1/2 classroom to be ready during the first week back after half term and the hall is scheduled to be handed over in early April. While the school is closed for half term, work will continue on the refurbishment of the junior and adult toilets. At the same time, the reconfiguration of the school kitchen will begin and I am expecting it to be out of action for around three weeks when school re-opens. This means that immediately after the half term break, the school kitchen will not be able to provide hot food. Mrs Dutton and I have met with Edsential to agree the following catering arrangements for this period of time.

Interim School Lunch Arrangements



Each day, a selection of sandwiches will be on offer at **Mrs D's Deli Bar**. Choices will be provided to the children each morning and will include regular options for sandwiches such as ham and cheese. Others, including chicken tikka, tuna and egg mayonnaise will be rotated through the week. Pitta breads and wraps will accompany regular sandwich options. Salad, juice and fruit will be provided each day alongside a rotation of homemade biscuits, cakes and yogurts.

The reconfiguration of the kitchen includes the creation of a new servery in the new hall and extensive internal works. This means that it is just not possible for the kitchen to run as normal during this time. I'm sorry if these temporary arrangements cause any inconvenience. The school will do its utmost to have a full lunch service back in operation as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your patience during this part of the building project and do let me know if you have any questions about these short-term arrangements.



World Book Day: 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on the first **Thursday** back after half term. As usual, we invite all the children to come into school on that day dressed as a favourite book character and we will be running a series of book-related activities across all classes during the day. If you need some inspiration, there are some great ideas for dressing up on the [Book Aid](#) website.

To tie in with World Book Day, Cheshire West and Chester Libraries have asked us to let you know that they are running a **borough-wide quiz, ideal for children in Years 3 to 6**. Quiz sheets will be available in all libraries from Saturday or you can use the sheet attached. All entries need to be handed into a library by the end of Thursday, 16th March. In addition, libraries are teaming up with Storyhouse over the half term to offer **free craft events** in their busiest libraries. Sessions will run from **20th to 24th February** from **10.00 am to 12.30 pm** at Blacon, Chester, Ellesmere Port, Frodsham, Lache, Neston, Northwich and Winsford libraries. There will be different crafts on offer each day with extra staff laid on to help out. Details are available at <https://www.storyhouse.com/wayword>

Children's Committee Update

In last week's newsletter, we raised the issue of dog fouling in Tilston. In an effort to further highlight this problem, the Children's Committee together with the Tilston Parish Council have organised a whole school competition. All children will come home with a blank piece of A5 paper today. We would like each child to colour this and create a poster requesting owners to pick up after their dog (there are poo bags available at school, the local shop and the Hub). There will be a prize for the winning entry from each year group; members of the Tilston Parish Council will be judging the entries. The winning posters from each year group will be displayed around the village. Closing date: **Tuesday 28th February** Best wishes from *The Children's Committee*

Top Class: 22nd February at 5.00 pm on CBBC

Don't forget to tune into CBBC on Wednesday, 22nd February at 5.00 pm to see the school's first performance on the quiz show 'Top Class'. If you can't wait until then, there is a sneak peek of one of the children's rounds on the [Top Class website](#).

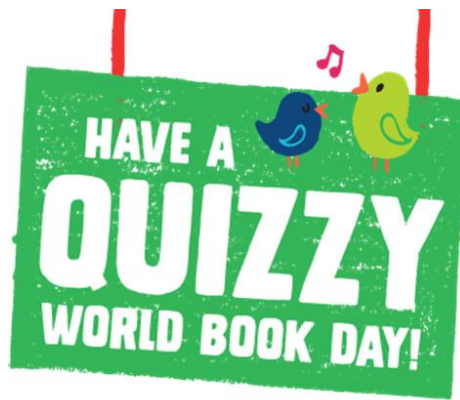
INSET Day: Monday, 27th February

Please remember that the school will be **closed** on Monday, 27th February for staff training. I hope the children manage to have a well-earned rest over half term and I look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday, 28th February**.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley



Drop in with this completed answer sheet to any of our libraries before the end of Thursday 16th March to stand a chance of winning one of five £10 book token prizes.

1. What is the name of Greg's best friend in *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*? R _____
2. What is Matilda's last name in the Roald Dahl book? W _____
3. What is the name of Harry Potter's father? J _____
4. What sort of creature is Zog in the Julia Donaldson picture books? D _____
5. Who is the best-known companion of Pikachu? A _____
6. What sort of animal is Bagheera in *The Jungle Book*? P _____
7. Who writes the *Tom Gates* series? L _____ P _____
8. Complete the rhyme "We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to find a.." B _____ O _____

Done that? Great. Now, in order to narrow down the winners to five, write your best guess to the nearest thousand to this question below

How many children's books (including fiction and non-fiction) were issued by Cheshire West and Chester libraries in 2015/16? 5 __ __ 000
(Clue: it's more than 500,000 but less than 600,000)

Your name _____

Contact email and/or phone number _____

Relatives of Cheshire West Libraries staff cannot apply. We will endeavour to inform winners as soon as possible but it may take some time to collect and collate all the entries. Five randomly chosen correct entries (or, if there are not five, the nearest five) will win.

