

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

*'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'*

So famously writes the apostle Paul in the Bible (1 Corinthians 13); it is a passage often read at weddings in church. This week, we have had it written on our staff room board, a reminder every time you go and make a cup of tea, of what love is all about. These are challenging words! As the week has gone on, I've left longer between cups of tea so that I don't have to be reminded of them so often!

As I wrote last week, love is a decision we make. There are wonderful times when love comes with emotion, a warm and fuzzy feeling, it makes us laugh and feel joy. However, there are times when love is hard work and the determination to stick by the right decision.

More often than not however, love is an act of will. As I stand waiting for my tea to brew I am so often floored by those first three words, love is patient. As a school, we of course explore Patience as a Value separately and we challenge one another to be patient with ourselves and with one another. But as we consider Love as the Value for this month, I am struck that to love someone is to be patient with them.

As I look around our school community I am aware of the raft of different challenges that children and adults alike are dealing with. It is not for each of us to know all the circumstances of one another's lives, but in living as community we should demonstrate our love for one another by being patient, even without knowing the challenges the other faces.

The Year 6 children are currently reading 'Wonder'. Within the book is a thought-provoking statement:

*'When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.'*

Love is kind. All our values are intertwined, to love is to be patient, to be patient is to be kind and to love. There will be many occasions that each of us faces, on a day-to-day basis, when we must choose to love, choose to be patient and choose to be kind, even when we may well feel anything but!

The words on our staff room noticeboard will be wiped off this weekend and next week something else will be written there, but for me, the challenge of those first six words will remain. 'Love is patient, love is kind.' Maybe when we next explore Love together as our Value in February 2024, I will be ready to face the challenges of the rest of the verses!

## Aladdin - Oh yes it is!

On Friday, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be watching Aladdin. M and M Productions, who come in every year, will be presenting this pantomime to children during the afternoon as an end of term treat.

Please [complete the online form](#) to confirm that you are happy for your child to attend the pantomime performance. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £6.77 to cover the cost of bringing the theatre company into school. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be watching Oliver Twist later in the year.

## News from Around the School

On Tuesday, it was Pirate Day in Year 1! The children dressed up as pirates and they all looked fantastic. Throughout the day, they enjoyed lots of different pirate games and crafts, including digging for pirate treasure and making pirate jewellery! The highlight of the day was a long-awaited visit from Pirate Pete! Over the last couple of weeks, the children had written 'Wanted Posters' to try and find him, and a 'message in a bottle' full of questions they wanted to ask him. They loved finally meeting him and were able to ask him all their questions to find out more about pirates!



Look out for more pictures coming soon on our website.



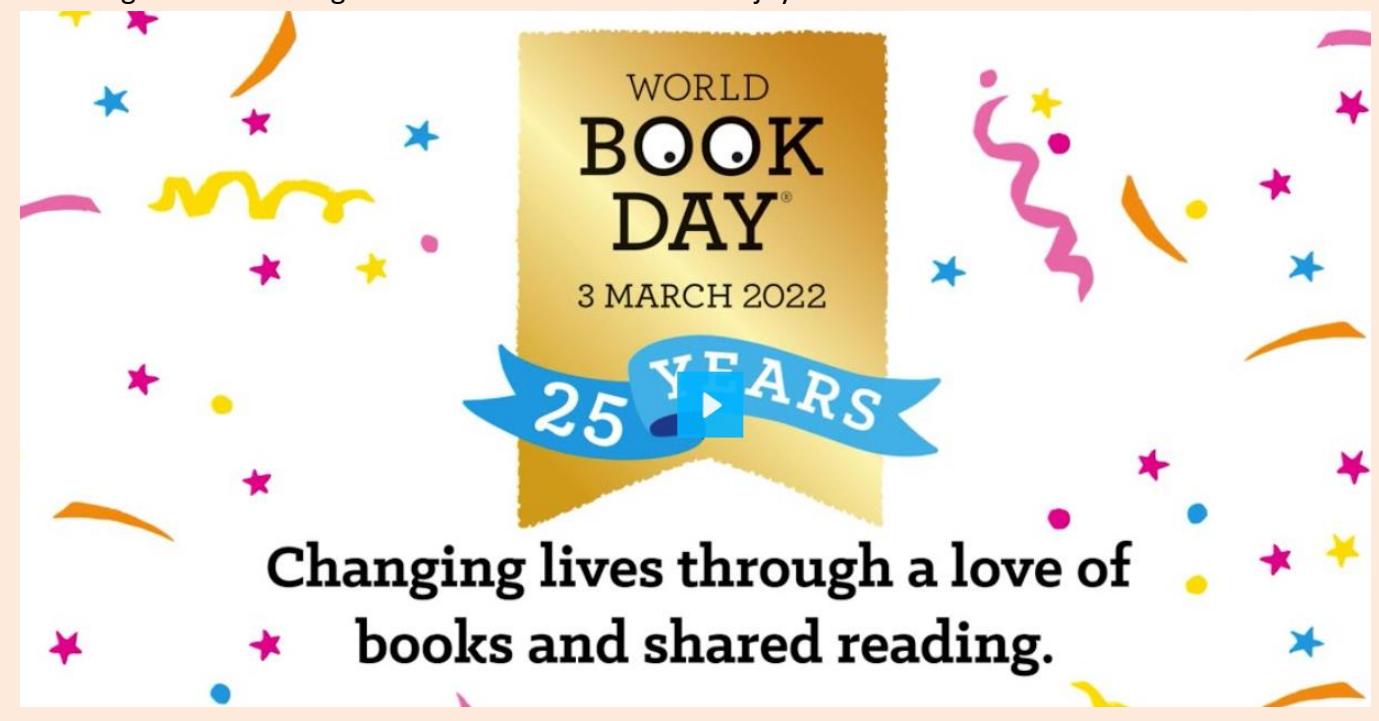
## **Book week - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

On that day we will be encouraging children to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Do encourage your children to think about the stories they love and to come dressed to celebrate their favourite character.

In school, we will also be running a competition to see if children can guess which teacher is hiding behind the book, and teachers will be dropping into one another's classrooms to read a story.

Our eco-council is also leading us through a new initiative to recycle books. Children will be asked to bring into school a book in good condition that they have enjoyed but no longer want, and they will then be given a token to 'spend' later in the week on a new book that they would like to take home instead. We will share more details with you next week, but do start thinking about a book that your child might want to bring in so that someone else can enjoy it.



### **Here comes the sun!**

It has been wonderful over the past couple of days to have a foretaste of spring.

We know that children love to play together after school, however, please can we ask that at the end of the school day you clear the school site by 3.30pm. Children who attend our after-school provision (ABC) use the playground and adventure zone, but it is not safe for us to take them outside until the site is clear of parents.

If your children do want to carry on playing with their friends, or to climb on play equipment, please do use the play area and large green space that you can access from the back gate to our school site.

Thank-you!