

Message from the Head of School:

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Pupils made a great start to the new half term last week and are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. Mrs Jones (our reading lead) has thought carefully about activities for the special day in the school calendar. All of the information you need is included in this newsletter.

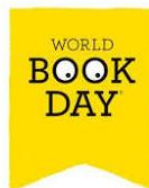
Reading has always been a high focus area for our school. It is an important life skill and being able to read confidently opens many doors in life that would otherwise remain firmly closed. Reading is at the heart of our school values: believe, inspire, achieve. Last week, in my letter about the 'Meet the CEO' event, we launched a survey requesting parental/family support via our Reading Volunteers initiative. This survey will close at the end of this week to allow for planning/scheduling the scheme. Thank you to those who have already come forward to support us.

Mrs Middleton

World Book Day

World book day this year falls on Thursday 7th March. We would like to invite your child to dress in black and attach 3 clues which represent their book or if they would prefer they can come in full costume representing their favourite character. As always if your child would not like to take part they can wear uniform as normal.

Throughout the day there will be lots of activities for your child to take part in including creating a whole school book, the masked reader and a competition to spot the teachers reading. This is always a wonderful day in school and reflects our love of reading.



Dates for your diary:

Our annual calendar dates can be found here:

[http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar dates for parents 2023-24.pdf](http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar%20dates%20for%20parents%202023-24.pdf)



Monday 19 th February	School reopens to pupils	Term 2.2 begins
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole-school celebration of reading for pleasure. Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book characters and will be given a £1 World Book Day token. There will be a book-themed menu in our school canteen and a variety of prizes available across the day. (More information about competitions and prizes will follow closer to the date.)
Monday 11 th March	Mother's Day celebrations	EYFS to Y2 – Mother's Day assembly 9:00am. Y3 to Y6 – Mother's Day assembly 2:15pm. Family members should enter school/sign in via the main school office.
Monday 11 th March	Ramadan begins	Whole-school focus for Collective Worship.
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Pupils are invited to wear RED clothing/red noses for a £1 donation to this national charity. A whole-school assembly will focus on where this fundraising goes and the success of Red Nose Day campaigns.
Tuesday 19 th March	Y4-6	Parents' evenings
Thursday 21 st March	EYFS – Y3	
Thursday 21 st March	Easter events in school	Easter bonnet parade EYFS to Y3 (on Dahl playground from 9:10am, family members welcome) Easter egg decorating competition Y4-Y6 (on display in Junior Hall for family members to see from 2:45pm)
Friday 22 nd March	House point celebration	Winning house for this term will receive a bouncy castle party during this afternoon.
Friday 22 nd March	Term 2.2 ends.	School closes for Easter holidays to all pupils at 1pm (Nursery AM children finish at usual time of 11:45am)

Polling day:

We have received confirmation from Birmingham City Council that Sutton Park Primary will be required as a polling station on Thursday 2nd May. This means that school will be closed to pupils on this day.

The only exception to this is **Y6 pupils**. Due to the close proximity of this date to their SATs tests, school will remain open to Y6 pupils from 8:45-12:00. The morning will be non-uniform for Y6 and they should be dropped off and collected to/from the usual Y6 entrance.

In addition to these dates, there is also:

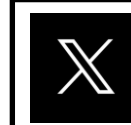
Rock Kidz – Wednesday 13th March – all pupils invited to dress as rock stars!

PACT conference on Monday 15th April. School is closed for teacher training on this day.

Polling day – Thursday 2nd May – school closed (see information on left)

Resource Base Parents:

Resource Base children are producing their own Mother's Day celebration for their parents. This will take place on Monday 11th March at 3pm in the Resource Base classrooms. Please sign in via the main reception at 2:55pm. Thank you.



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Attendance: Attendance to school is a legal requirement and being in school every day and on time is proven to improve pupil outcomes. All classes are aiming for at least 96% attendance across the academic year. The table below shows attendance scores for each class last week.

Registration Form	Class %
Nursery	86.81
RMS	89.3
1D	94.2
1P	90.6
2T	97.5
2P	88.8
3B	94.4
3W	93.8
4WS	97.4
5D	81
5O	91.8
6W	96.5
6K	96.4

Congratulations to the 4 classes highlighted above who were all above 96% last week!

Celebration Assembly - Thursday:

We are looking forward to celebrating all of the pupils listed below this week in our Thursday assembly. Parents, carers and family members of these superstars are invited into school to witness the celebration. Please enter via the main school office to sign in.

Next week, celebration assembly is taking place on MONDAY morning due to Thursday being our World Book Day assembly. Names for Monday's celebration assembly will be shared via Dojo later this week.

Thank you 😊

	Star 1	Star 2
Reception	Sophie	Rocco
1D	Abdirahman	Ekam
1P	Anastasia	Caelan
1P	Isla	Marley
2T	Hali	Freddie
3W	Zoe	Lucas
3B	Halbin	Leighton
4WS	Lawson	Kyle
5O	Ayeesha	Skylah
5D	Kiera	Kai
6K	Leon	Tilly
6W	Sumayya	Tyler U
NURTURE	Darwin	Cooper-George



SPARK Team:

Miss Maltby and Mrs Runacus have been working hard behind the scenes to plan the launch of our new school families team. This group will meet termly to plan incentives, fundraisers and other enrichment opportunities for our pupils. They will also be integral in planning events such as fayres and discos which have (up until now) been planned by school leaders.



To register your interest in being part of SPARK, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ebm1qbwCFt>
This form will remain open until 1pm on Friday 8th March 2024.

We know many parents and family members are keen to increase their involvement in school and have been clear that this is something we welcome. We therefore look forward to a high level of interest in this project.