Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to, what we hope will be, a slightly warmer half term! While we wait for the temperature to rise, please continue to send warm and waterproof outdoor clothing into school. We are hoping to make real use of our ‘Mud Kitchen’ and ‘Digging Area’ this half term so please ensure your child has wellies in school each day.

We have lots of events happening this half term. Next week is World Book Week and the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school hall each night (Mon – Thurs) after school for you to buy new books! On Thursday 1st March, it is World Book Day and children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Suzi will be providing her infamous cream scones for the Scholastic Book Fair on this day! Your child will come home with a World Book Day Token for some money off a book. This token cannot be used at the Scholastic Book Fair but will be accepted in all good book shops.

The theme for World Book Week this year is ‘sharing stories’ and so we will be immersing ourselves in books from the author ‘Oliver Jeffers’ for the week. We are sure you have noticed that the children have been doing lots of storytelling in school recently and we hope that World Book Week will inspire their creativity even more; so please encourage them to draw pictures and story maps to help them to tell you their own stories at home.

During the week commencing Monday 5th March, it is Fairtrade week in school and Foundation Stage will be learning all about where Cocoa comes from – we are sure there will be some sampling opportunities too! (Please see the teachers if your child has a food allergy).

The children showed a real enthusiasm for animals last half term, and therefore we are continuing this focus for the next few weeks. We will be learning about farm animals in the run up to our exciting trip to ‘Big Sheep Little Cow’ on Wednesday 21st March (please return any outstanding reply slips).

On Thursday 8th March from 1.30-2.30pm, we are hosting our second ‘Stay and Play’ session. This was greatly attended in the autumn term and the children had a wonderful afternoon. It would be lovely to see lots of parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles there again!

Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March and will be a chance to hear how your child is developing and how you can help at home. Appointment times will be available soon.

Reading books will continue to be sent home twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday). Please make sure that you write a brief comment in the Reading Record so that we know you have read and finished the book at home. If you would like to keep the book until the following reading day, jot that down in the book too! The ‘Marvellous Maths’ challenges have been a real hit with the children – please return these on Tuesdays so that they too can be swapped.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great half term.

Kind Regards

Miss Burrell & Miss Milne