



**NORTH RIGTON**

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **BULLETIN – FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

### **“GROW, BLOSSOM, FLOURISH”**

During Collective Worship, this half term, we will be using a resource from Christian Aid called Count Your Blessings. It will help us on our journey through Lent by thinking about **the impact of our actions on others**. As part of our *Value of Independence*, I often talk to the children about independence of thought, independence of word and independence of deed. For older children and adults I think this is particularly relevant as we negotiate our way through the world of Social Media. How easy is it for us to ‘jump on a bandwagon’ and join with the collective in our disparaging conversations on WhatsApp? How easy is it for us to write messages on Facebook, that we would never actually say in ‘real life’ to ‘real people’? How easy is it for us to re-tweet on Twitter, perpetuating myths and untruths about situations where we don’t have all the facts. So, maybe this Lent, instead of giving something up we should all take something up – maybe we should all just PAUSE. PAUSE and think before we hit reply, PAUSE and think before we type the message, PAUSE and think before we ‘share with our followers’. PAUSE and think about **the impact of our actions on others**.

With every blessing  
Mrs Amber Andrews  
Headteacher

#### **READING HELPER**

Pears are looking for a grandparent who would be willing to come into school on Monday afternoons to help them with their reading. If anyone is able to help, please contact the Office.

#### **NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE PROGRAMME – MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

We will be working with the NSPCC, the UK’s leading children’s charity, who’ll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme on 2nd March 2020. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they’ll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5/6.

#### **YEAR 3 AND 4 FINAL FLOURISH 'WE ARE ARTISTS' – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

- Open to all families at School
- Wednesday 4th March from 2.30pm to 4pm in the School Hall.
- Preloved Sale (Second hand Children's clothes in good condition range from 50p to £2 depending on item) and Tote-ally Awesome Tote Bag Sale (25 original Tote Bags (100% organic cotton and fairtrade certified) designed and made by Busy Bees - selling at £4 per bag)
- All money made will go to the FairTrade Foundation. Any clothing left over will go to a Charity shop.

### **Background to the Final Flourish**

This term in Busy Bees we are having an exciting time with our 'We are Artists' project. We have been learning about fast fashion and the positive and negative effects this has on the environment and the people living in it. We have also learnt about how we can help the environment through the 4R's - Reuse, Reduce, Recycle and Repair.

This has led on to learning different art techniques to use on fabric e.g. batik, printing and embroidery. This week, we have been doing our own bit to help the environment by designing and printing our own Reusable Fairtrade Tote Bag to sell at our Final Flourish.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

As part of Mrs Storey's New Year Resolution to enhance children's passion for reading and reading stamina, during the morning of Thursday 5th March children will be undertaking a Readathon.

This simply entails reading all morning – with different challenges and aspirations set at age appropriate levels in each class.

We are not dressing up, as this puts undue pressures on parents to provide a book character costume – we are simply going to aim to read for a whole morning.

This will be the first stage in our Read Your Way around the World Challenge – which we are hoping to complete by Easter. For every ten minutes reading, your child progresses around the 'World'.

Any parents /helpers who can join in with Pears and Apples to help them achieve throughout the morning would be so gratefully welcomed. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Children are welcome to bring in books from home – of any genre, and fiction or non-fiction.

### **SPORTS RELIEF – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We will be supporting Sports Relief on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March with the following activities:

- Friday 13th March - come dressed in sports clothes or dressed as an influential sports person (no donations needed). Each child will get a Sport Relief sticker for coming in sports gear.
- Mr Rodriguez will lead two sports themed workshops that morning. Both a KS1 (9.15-10.15am) and KS2 workshop (10.15 -11.15am).
- Please encourage your child to fundraise for Sport Relief outside of school between 9th and 13th March. The most money raised will get a sport related prize. All parents to bring in sponsor forms and money to school no later than Monday 30th March.

### **DIARY DATES:**

#### **March**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Preloved Sale and Tote-ally Awesome Tote Bag Sale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World book day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Relief
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher evening
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher evening

#### **April**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Service, 10am St John's church
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