



# Newsletter Rathmore



March 2022

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World Book Day (Dress up day)  
3 March

Nursery Consultations (No classes)  
10 & 11 March

April Videos  
P2 Spring Celebration  
P7 The Lion King

### Parent Teacher Consultations

We trust that you found your parent teacher consultation to be informative in highlighting your child's successes this year and identifying areas that we can develop together. The strength of the home-school partnership is important in helping your child's success.

Thank you to P7 parents who attended their meetings and decided on preferred schools for next year. All the forms have now been uploaded to the EA to be processed. Thank you for your supportive partnership.

### After School Clubs

Our next block will start on Monday 21 March. Booking forms will be sent home shortly. The clubs will have capped numbers this time.

### Outdoor Classroom & Pods

Your donations make such an important difference. We are delighted to see our garden area being developed with the new outdoor classroom and play pods. We have combined PTA donations with our Well-Being Funds to enhance this area. Our hope is to complete this area first before looking at other areas around the school.

Our next stage will be the mud and potion kitchen, water wall and covered digging zone.



Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Forgiveness is the best form of love'

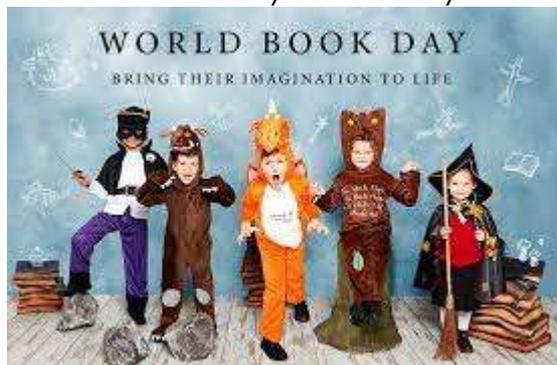
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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

### World Book Day

This year we have planned a week of reading celebration. Our pupils will be taking part in classroom activities, all of which will showcase our love and enjoyment of reading.

Children can dress up as their favourite character from a story on Thursday 3 March.



For more information and daily updates, keep an eye out for Seesaw posts. It would be great if you could encourage discussion about books and the activities at home.

### Mental Health Support

Thank you for supporting Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. While these events are great at generating a focus point, staff will continue to address both areas throughout their planned curriculum. We continue our Neuronimo Programme until Easter and welcome the REACH team into school this half term too.

### Staffing Pressures

We remain hopeful that staffing absences due to high COVID rates are improving. Most classes have had substitute teachers over the past number of months with Engage teachers and school leaders utilised also to keep children in school with face to face education when subs could not be found.

As the situation improves we hope that children and staff absences will lesson and we can return to our full programmes of support.

Your understanding and ongoing support has been greatly appreciated.

### **Diary Dates**

Holiday & Exceptional Closure  
17 & 18 March



### Nut Free School

Due to children with severe nut allergies, please do not send nuts or Nutella based foods into school.

## PTA News

### School Fund

Our second instalment for £10 is now live and we encourage you to give as you can.

### PTA Fundraisers

A big thanks to our P6 entrepreneurs; Rosa, Scarlett, Hannah, Ellie Rose and Darcy. They held a Bake Sale for PTA funds last month and raised £172.85.



### Smarties Challenge

We will run our Smarties challenge again this year so watch this space for more details in our April Newsletter. Start hoarding those 20p coins now and let's see if we can beat last year's total! Smartie tubes will go home on Friday 1 April.

### Cash for Clobber

Thank you for your bin bags of clothes as part of our Cash for Clobber collection. Your clear outs raised £136.00.