

March

Thank you!

A **huge thank you** to you all for continuing to support the fund raising events for the school and charities. Today we have been fund raising for **Comic Relief** by wearing our own clothes. We have raised **£129** so far. There is still time to make a donation through the Just Giving page sent via the MyChildAtSchool app
Have a lovely weekend.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term 2023

End of term Friday 31st Mar

Summer Term 2023

Mon 17 Apr - Tues 25 Jul

Monday 17 Apr - Training Day (5)

Children return Tuesday 18 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

**Enforced closure for election: Thursday
4th May**

Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May

End of term Friday 26th May

Half Term Holiday Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun

Children return Monday 5th June

End of term Tuesday 25th July

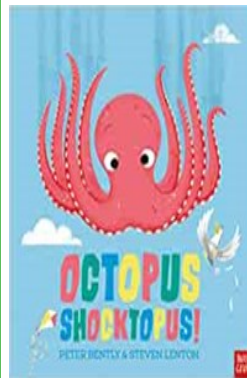
Dates are on the website calendar



Don't forget, the Book Fair will be **in school hall** next week from the **21st to 27th March from 3:10pm**

Children can use their World Book Day tokens to buy or put towards a book of their choice. Struggling for ideas for Easter gifts? Books are always a lovely idea and can help children to use their imagination and escape to new worlds!

World Book Day Competition



The children can enter a competition for a chance to win book tokens to spend at the book fair.

At school we have read *Octopus Shocktopus* which is about an octopus who comes to visit. Children will be asked to design and describe their own octopus. *Entry forms will be sent home soon and should be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 24th March.*



**Remember to join in with our Easter Raffle! Tickets are £1 on Parent Pay
A basket of chocolate for the winner!**

BE SMART ON THE INTERNET

How much time should children spend online?

Talk about the possible impact of spending too much time online and agree sensible 'bedtimes' and breaks during the day.

Create opportunities as a family to get 'offline' and have fun together. Establishing a family agreement can be a constructive way to set boundaries.

Know what your child does online

Talk to your child about what they do online and what they want to do online. Ask them about the kind of sites they go on and who they talk to; be clear about what you don't want them to do online.

Further information on how to keep children safe online can be found at www.internetmatters.org

SUPPORT IS A 'PHONE CALL AWAY!

Annette Kemp is always here to listen and help and is able to offer support in lots of different ways. She is able to signpost parents to different organisations who can help, too.

If you would value a call from Annette, please call 0121 464 4266 and we will add you to Annette's call list. Annette works on Wednesday and Thursday. She will contact you as soon as possible.

Save the Date -Tests for Years 1 and 2 in 2023

During the Summer Term all children's learning is assessed and this information is sent to the Department for Education. It is important that all children are at school during these weeks.

Year 1 will be tested on their reading through a **Phonic Screening Check of 40 words** (provided by the government). This must be done between

Monday 12th June and Friday 16th June

Year 2 must be tested using test papers given to us by the Government. Our Year 2 children will be doing their end of

Key Stage 1 tests during May.

Polite reminder PE KIT

PE day is not an own clothes day! Your child should come into school wearing their PE kit – plain white t shirt, dark jogging bottoms and green school sweat-shirt. Unfortunately, we are seeing a number of children wearing fashion track-suits – please ensure you are still following school uniform policy.

Thank you.

CRIME PREVENTION, SAFEGUARDING, BEHAVIOUR AND SECURITY - CCTV

We would like to remind all parents that we have CCTV cameras operating across the whole site and focused on all the entrance gates and playgrounds. There is a camera in the foyer. The information is shown on screens in both offices and records on to DVD recorders.