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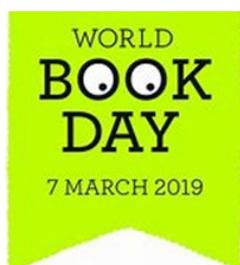
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# Newsletter

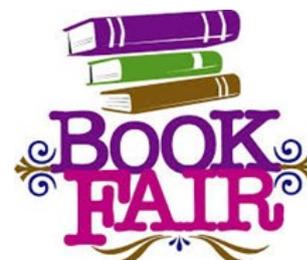


From the Head Teacher



This week has been all about books, with the Readaround at school on Thursday and a fantastic array of costumes on show. Years 1 to 4 have all visited our friends at Waterstones and next week we have a visit from a local author, Sean Callery, who will be leading workshops on non-fiction books and how they are researched and written.

Thank you to everyone who has attended Book fair this week. There are further chances to visit next Monday and Tuesday, and a large proportion of proceeds goes towards buying new books for the school.



## Year 6 SATs meeting

Next **Thursday, 14 March**, is an important afternoon with the Year 6 Learning Afternoon starting at 2.15 pm, followed by information about the Year 6 SATs for parents at 2.45 pm. The SATs this year take place in the week commencing Monday, 13 May (just 9 learning weeks away!) and holidays cannot be authorised. You are warmly invited to come and find out more about the tests themselves and how you can best support your child.

## Year 2 SATs meeting

Likewise, the Year 2 SATs meeting for parents is on **Monday, 18 March**, straight after school at 3.20pm. Though administered differently for the younger children, this can still be quite a tense time for the children if not handled carefully. Tests are spread throughout May and again it is important that any unnecessary absences be avoided, so that children do not end up doing them on their own.

## Oxford Owl

We are sometimes asked by parents how they can support learning at home. Have a look at the Oxford Owl website which has some fantastic resources for parents and especially how to support maths at home <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/maths-at-home/> There is lots of advice about reading and spelling too, so give it a try!



## Red Nose Day

It's Comic Relief next week and we are having a non-uniform day. Please try to include some red somewhere and red noses very welcome. Red noses will be on sale in reception from Monday, priced £1.25.



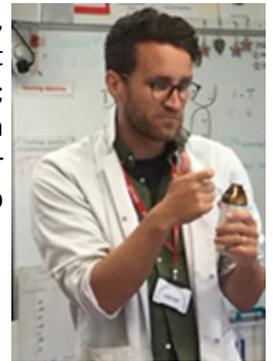
Best wishes,

*Neil Blackwell*



This week, as part of British Science Week, saw the return of 'Atomic Science', with Atomic Tom and Cosmic Chris visiting our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed an assembly, with Key Stage 2 learning about chemistry and non-reversible changes, as well as an introduction to physics and how to make a vortex using a smoke machine.

All year groups from Years 1 to 6 had individual science lessons, ranging from: learning about the weather and finding out about dinosaurs; to looking at food chains and dissecting owl pellets; exploring forces and studying DNA. Year 6 extracted the DNA from a banana: did you know humans share approximately 50% of their DNA with a banana?! Must be why some people are known as Top Banana!



We would like to say a **huge thank you to the PTFA** for funding this visit: it provided the children with an amazing array of science activities.



### St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>



### Farewell

We say good luck and thank you to Leah Deacon who leaves her cleaning role this week for another post. Leah has been an endless source of smiles and helpfulness and is a loyal Spurs fan too.



### Dates for your diary ...

Monday 11 March	Sean Callery, author visit
Monday 11 March	Year 5 Family Meals Week
Monday 11 March	Year 5 Parents meetings all week
Monday 11 March	Parents Evenings Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 12 March	Parents Evenings Reception to Year 4
Thursday 14 March	Year 6 Learning Afternoon 2.15 and SATs meeting 2.45pm
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief



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Monday 18 March	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents 3.20pm
Tuesday 19 March	Year 3 Parent Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 20 March	St Leonard's Maths Day
Friday 22 March	Great British Spring Clean
Monday 25 March	Year 6 Parents meetings all week
Tuesday 2 April	Year 3 and 4 Performance 2.00 pm
Wednesday 3 April	Year 3 and 4 Performance 7.00 pm

