

## Newsletter 10 – 3rd February 2023

Honesty

Friendship

Kindness

Love

Perseverance

Respect

*'Grow and Learn together with God by our side'*



Worship Theme for the Week

**Encouraging Others**

Thought for the Week

*Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1.9*

### Fabulous Finale Day- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Reception- 'If you go down to the woods today!'

Reception will be walking to the Juniors copse for the morning. They will need to wear warm outdoor clothing, a waterproof jacket and suitable footwear. They will also need to bring a teddy bear with them.

#### Year 1- 'Super Hero Day'

Year 1 are planning a day of super hero fun. Children can come dressed as a super hero for the day.

#### Year 2- 'Great Fire of London Day'

The children will be completing their Great Fire of London topic with a day packed with themed activities. The children will need to wear fire coloured clothing, red, yellow, orange etc.

#### Polite Notice Regarding Parking

We have had a number of concerns raised regarding parking in the local area around school drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful of our local residents and their driveways. If using the shopper's car park, please park in the designated parking bays only.

You are also reminded that parents should not drive up Shaw Lane or park on the front of Nursery to drop off or collect unless it is an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### School Uniform

Each term we have a vast amount of unnamed items which we are unable to return. We would urge you to name any items of clothing that your child brings to school especially items they are likely to take off; jumpers, hats, P.E hoodies etc. That way we can reunite items quickly and help support you to keep costs down.

## Kenya Day

Thank you to Mrs Gahir and Mrs Juss for organising such a wonderful day of food tasting and activities. The children had a fantastic day and learned so much about Kenya, the culture and the people.



<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



Oxford Owl is a fantastic online resource with a wide range of free online books and resources. Every child has an Oxford Owl log in to access books of their own choice and those set for weekly homework practise. If your child is in a phonics group, the group leader will be adding their reading book on a Friday each week. This is an important part of the learning process and allows the children to share their learning with you at home. Please ensure that you log on weekly to complete homework tasks or choose additional reading materials for your child.

### ***Did You Know??***

***Children who read for 20 minutes a day read 1,800,000 words per year!***

***Reading for just 20 minutes per day with your child is one of the easiest ways to help them become confident readers, build vocabulary and improve academic performance.***

For support on how to help your child read at home check out the parents page for lots of useful hints and tips <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-at-home/>

## **Home Reading Rewards**

We are introducing a home reading reward scheme to encourage and reward children for reading 20mins per day at home with an adult. This maybe their home reading book, an online book from Oxford Owl or an additional book from home or the library. Parents will need to sign the yellow reading log (initials are fine) to show that they have heard their child read. Children who read a minimum of 4 times per week (allowing for busy days) will receive a raffle ticket and be placed into a class draw. Each half term a ticket will be chosen from each class and a prize awarded. The more tickets you win the bigger the chance of being picked! In addition, for every raffle ticket a stamp will be collected on a reward chart and a certificate awarded for every 5 stamps earned.



## **Stanley's Incredible Journey!**

Mrs Nash, the Head of School at the Juniors, would like to share some exciting news with you as she has been lucky enough, along with her co-author Mrs Chater (who many of the children at the Juniors also know), to secure a publishing deal for a children's book. They are both very excited about their journey as new authors and hope to inspire children across the city as both readers and writers – especially the children of the Christ Church Federation. The book, which is aimed at children aged up to 6, is now available on Amazon via the link below:

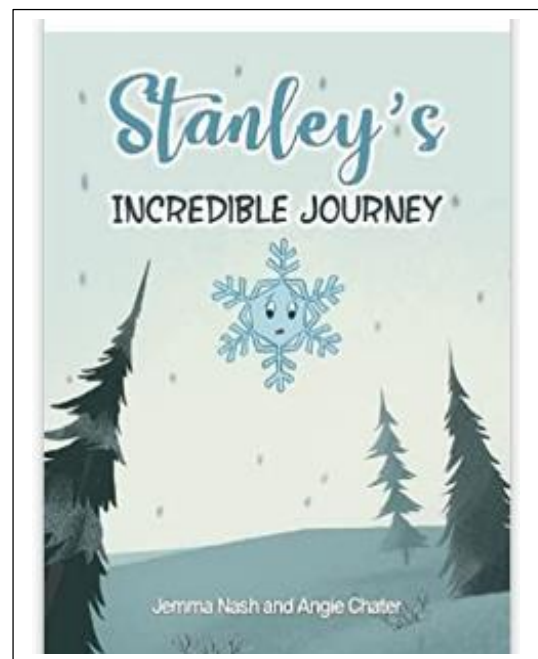
<https://amzn.eu/d/1yr555g>

Mrs Nash and Mrs Chater would very much appreciate your support with their exciting venture! If you are interested in following their journey as new authors on social media, their page can be followed by clicking the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089405234228>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Nash, will be visiting the Infant school on World Book Day (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March) with the Junior Reading Ambassadors. The Junior children, will be sharing 'Stanley's Incredible Journey' with the Infant children. Mrs Nash will be more than happy to sign copies of the book if the children would like to bring copies they have purchased to school on the day.



There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



# WORLD BOOK DAY



On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** we shall be celebrating World Book Day.

We know how much the children enjoy dressing up as their favourite book characters. This year with the cost of living crisis we would like to support families as much as possible. Try to find a way to dress up as a character with items you already have at home. We shall also be holding a costume swap and book swap as part of our WBD celebrations.

If you have a costume which your child has outgrown but is still in good condition, please bring it to the school office. We will then invite parents to come along and view donated costumes after school

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15.**

We shall also be hosting a book swap. Please drop off your preloved books in the box by the school office. Whether or not you've got a book to bring along to swap, come and browse and find something you/ your child might like to read on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15.**

## Diary Dates

Wk beg Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception height and weight checks
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> / Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 to visit Tettenhall Fire service
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 trip Selly Manor
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Gold Award assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Fabulous Finale Day (information above)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Costume Swap 3.15 in the hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET Day. School closed to children</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Polyphone Dan in school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Book Swap 3.15 in hall
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Polyphone Dan in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day (Children to dress as a book character)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> / Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15 in the hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service in Church. Parents welcome.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Fabulous Finale Day (information to follow)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter School Holidays</b>