

# PARNWELL NEWS

## Message from the Head teacher:

Welcome back everyone and I hope you all had a restful half term. All the children have settled back in well and I have seen lots of excellent learning taking place in the classrooms, reflected by the high number of value certificates awarded in celebration assembly today. Congratulations to class 5AA who won the attendance trophy this week. For your class to be in with a chance of winning this trophy, make sure you are in school on time every day. Good luck to all the parents and pupils in Year 6 as they find out their secondary school places on Monday 2 March. I hope you all receive the schools you requested. Finally, on Thursday 5 March the school will be taking part in lots of activities to mark World Book Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform or dressed up as a character from a book and you can join in at home by sharing a book with your child.

## Year 6 Parent Consultations:

Year 6 pupils will have their parent consultations on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 March. Appointments can be booked on ParentMail or by contacting the school office.

## Year 6 SATs:

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May. To reward them for all their hard work, we will put on a day of fun activities on Friday 15 May.

## Year 3 and 4 visits to Flag Fen:

Year 3 and 4 pupils will be visiting Flag Fen in the summer term as part of their topic work in class. Year 4 will take part in a pre-historic day where they will get to handle prehistoric objects, tour the site and listen to storytelling in the Bronze Age round house. Year 3 will take part in an indoor simulated archaeological dig using excavation tools to dig and record genuine archaeological finds helping them to learn how people lived in the past. Both trips will take place during school hours.

## Attendance Congratulations

Classes with 96% and above:

1TW and 5AA

## Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks

KS1 – RJS

KS2 – 5TM

## School Choir:

The school choir will be performing at the Beatles Singing Day and Concert at The Cresset Theatre, Peterborough on 5 March. The event is being organised by Peterborough Sings! and funded by Arts Council England. The children will spend the day rehearsing and singing with pupils from other schools from across Peterborough. They will work with a team of professional directors and singing specialists. Tickets are selling quickly and are available from the Cresset Box Office on 01733 265705, in person at the Cresset or online at [www.cresset.co.uk](http://www.cresset.co.uk)

## Upcoming events:

<b>5 March</b>	Choir performance at Cresset
<b>5 March</b>	World Book Day
<b>13 March</b>	Red nose day
<b>17-23 March</b>	Travelling Book Fair
<b>27 March</b>	Rock Steady end of term concert
<b>3 April</b>	Last day of term – 1:30 finish
<b>20 April</b>	Back to school
<b>21 April</b>	Year 3 visit to Flag Fen
<b>11-14 May</b>	Year 6 SATs
<b>15 May</b>	Year 6 Fun day
<b>18 May</b>	Year 4 Flag Fen Trip
<b>5 June</b>	Year 6 start weekly swimming lessons

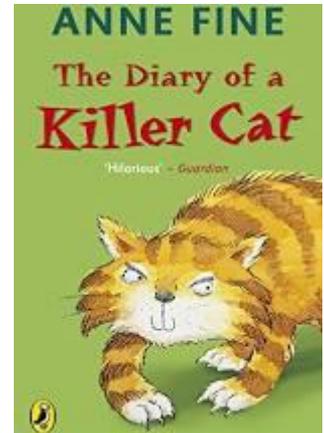
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## Updates from the classroom:

4SS have finished their rainforest topic today and loved learning about the climate, layers, animals and people of the rainforest. They were particularly interested in deforestation and how we can help, as well as the layers of the rainforest and which animals lived in each. They also enjoyed learning about Henri Rousseau and his rainforest paintings. Year 4 classes also had lots of fun learning a dance routine with Miss Crane from Dance Waves Academy. Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed reading James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl as a whole year group. This has been linked to their science topic plants where children have also had fun planting sunflowers. They will be watching them grow over the next 6 weeks before taking them home just before Easter half term.

## Recommended book of the week by Mrs Cullen:

**Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne fine.** This book would be suitable for children in years 1 to 3. It is really funny and made me laugh out loud. It can be read alone or shared at home. If you have a cat, it will be even funnier! Happy reading!



## Coronavirus update:

Lime Academy Parnwell remains open and we continue to follow the advice of the World Health Organisation. As an extra precautionary measure, hand sanitiser and tissues are available in every classroom. If you choose to keep your child at home due to concerns regarding Coronavirus, it will be recorded as unauthorized and could lead to a penalty fine.

## Secondary School Places:

National Offer Day is Monday 2 March when parents can find out online or by post which secondary school their child has been offered. You must contact the secondary school to either accept or decline the place by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, otherwise the offer will be withdrawn. Those parents who applied for a secondary school after 31 October 2019 will receive their offers after the 27 April.

**World Book Day:** is on Thursday 5th March. Children will be taking part in a variety of fun book related activities and can come into school in their own clothes or dressed as a favourite character from a book if they wish to. World Book Day is not a charity day, so children do not need to bring a donation in. We will also be taking part in the Share a Million Stories campaign, championing the importance of sharing stories. Did you know that **sharing a story for just 10 minutes a day** can have a lasting impact on a child's future, and can help to create readers for life. Your child will receive a reading record and we ask for children to tick off how many stories they have been sharing at home and at school, which we can then add to our school total. We also have a travelling book fair visiting the school between 17 March to 23 March. This is a great opportunity to buy some excellent books, many at discounted prices.

