



# Year Two Newsletter



**Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community. Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations educationally, socially, morally and spiritually with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.**

Welcome to the second edition of our Spring Newsletter. How the year is flying by! This half-term, yet again, promises to be full of fantastic learning opportunities as we continue with our topic of 'Courageous Advocates'. The children will be inspired by people who are trying to make the world a better place to live in and we will all be thinking about how we can become agents of change at school, at home, in our local community and in the wider world.

## After-school Clubs

- After-school Club groups are continuing this half term.
- We will be asking the children to evaluate their clubs in a few weeks time, then offering the children in Key Stage One to sign up for different clubs which will start in the Summer Term.
- We will write to you at the end of this term to let you know which clubs your child is being invited to attend after the Easter holiday.

## Reading and Book Bags

As you are aware, we have now launched our exciting new reading scheme. Please support your child by reading at home and by bringing their book bag, with their reading book inside, **every** day.



## Dates for the diary

**Tuesday 3rd March:**  
**SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents and carers —2:45pm**  
*Important information about the tests your children will take in May.*

**Thursday 5th March:**  
**World Book Day**  
*Come to school dressed as your favourite storybook character!*

**Wednesday 11th March:**  
**Year Two trip to The Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham**

**Friday 13th March:**  
**Sport Relief Day**

**Wednesday 25th March:**  
**Parents' Evening (appointments)**

**Wednesday 1st April**  
**Drama Club performance 'The Little Muncher' - 2:30pm**  
*Families of Drama Club members welcome to attend.*

# Charity News



Children are invited to come to school dressed in their sports clothes for the day and to challenge themselves to complete a range of sporting activities. Please make a donation of £1 to this worthwhile cause who support vulnerable people in the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.



We are looking forward to beginning our work with the Methodist relief and development charity, 'All We Can', this half term. Matthew Forsyth will be joining us on the 24th March to lead our assembly. He will be explaining more about the charity's work, how climate change is affecting the lives of people in Ethiopia and how we can all take some small actions that will have a big, positive impact on our world.

## Courageous Advocates

Our Curriculum Focus this year is challenging the children to do 'All We Can' and, this half term, they will continue to learn more about the wider world.

Our focus person is Greta Thunberg who began campaigning against climate change at just 15 years old. This has encouraged more young people to try to action change. Through studying her, the children will learn about how they can take some responsibility to make the world a better place and how, in Greta's own words, 'you are never too small to make a difference.'

In English this half term, the children will continue to work hard on applying all of the spelling, grammar and punctuation skills that they have learnt so far in their own writing. The texts that they will share and read will be related to our natural world and the environment. They will be encouraged to create their own texts based on what they have read.

Measures will be a focus in Maths this half term. The children will learn more about measuring time, length, mass and capacity. They will apply their calculation skills to help them to solve problems using different units of measure. The children will also be taught to recognise all of the UK coins and notes and solve problems involving money.

In RE, the children will be exploring the question 'Why is the Bible an important book?' and will be considering how it is used by Christians. Towards the end of the term, they will be thinking about the question 'What is Easter really about?' and reflecting on what Christians may think and believe about the event of Jesus' death and what can be learnt from it.

*Holly Hill's Christian values will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. This half term the children will be learning about thankfulness, forgiveness, patience, honesty, hope and respect.*