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# **Town Lane Infant**School Newsletter

We have had a hugely successful half term and we want to thank you all for your continued support and your kind donations. The sponsored events and donations to support the animals at the zoo have been greatly received. Today we found out the winners of our Easter raffle and the amazing prizes will be coming home today. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and to the staff team who organised the event.

#### **Attendance**

Thank you to all parents and carers who are working with us to promote good attendance and punctuality. Please remember that if your child has a cough or a cold we still expect them to be attending school. Please be assured that staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned. child's lf vour attendance has fallen below 90% then you will receive a letter to make you aware of this. We will expect your child's attendance to improve when we monitor again.

#### World Book Day

What a wonderful time we all had on this day. The staff dressed up as characters from their favourite stories and then presented a summary of the story in our assembly to all of the children. The children then had to make a choice which 3 stories they would like to hear. They then chose which classroom to visit and spent time with different teachers listening to their stories. Thank you for joining in with the theme of the day and promoting a love of reading with us at school.

#### Parent Support

We are so thankful to all parents that have offered to come into school to talk to and work with our children. We have had many secret readers across the school, parents inspiring our children in their roles as scientists, musicians and health workers and parents speaking different languages and sharing information about different faiths. This week, we even had Elsa from Frozen visit who sang with the nursery children. If you feel that you have a talent that you can share to inspire our children, please do let us know. Thank you all again.

## Big Walk and Wheel

We have taken part in the Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel'. This is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school challenge. Schools compete on each day of the competition to see who can record the greatest number of pupils travelling to school actively. If we can continue to do this then there will be less traffic around Town Lane and safer streets for all.

#### Special Visitor

During this 'Big Walk and Wheel' week, we had a visit from Simon O'Brien, Liverpool City Region's Cycling and Walking Commissioner. We were able to share with him our

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work carried out with Sustrans promoting healthy communities.

Learn to Scoot Children in F2 participated in 'Learn to Scoot' sessions at school this month with Lou Henderson from Sustrans. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Loughhead have successfully completed the 'Train the Trainer Learn to Scoot' course and so can now run these sessions within school themselves.

If any parents have old scooters that they are willing to donate to school, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

### Mental Health

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We are pleased to be hosting another coffee afternoon for parents and carers about the Wirral Mental Health Team and how they can support families. This will take place at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. Please do come along and find out more.

We have a new mental health board in the main entrance at school with a variety of information about support for families. There is information from Mrs Austin who is our ELSA at school, Wirral Mind and the Mental Health Support Team. Please feel free to come and see and ask for more information from staff at school.

#### Year 1 Visit

The Y1 visit to Christ Church, Bebington was a great success and the children experienced the story of Easter. There were various stations for the children to visit that brought the story to life. Thank you again to everyone at Christ Church and to the parents who supported on this visit.

Little Acorns



Little Acorns have requested that all children have their wellies and wet suits in school after the holidays for when they begin their new theme 'minbeasts'.

#### Forest School Team Request

The Forest School team would like to make a request for the following items to be donated to school; Baking trays, kitchen utensils, bowls, pans, sheets/pieces of material, rope/thick string which can be used for dens, tent pegs, plastic plant pots and bamboo canes.

If you do have any of these items for donation then they would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Barnstondale Visit**

The Y2 residential visit is taking place on the first day back after the holidays 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a night away with their classmates and a time for all to learn many new skills and take part in different experiences.

Wellbeing Wonder Tip of the Month



Calm time – create a calm box for your child to help them to learn to selfsoothe. Place items in which help them when feeling upset or angry, such as their favourite book, a fidget toy, teddy bear, colouring book and crayons or lavender drops on a tissue.

<u>Diary Dates</u> Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Last day of term

<u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</u> School opens to pupils

Monday 17th/Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Y2 residential to Barnstondale

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<u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</u> F2 visit Co-op Academy Bebington School Farm

<u>Further INSET Days</u> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 -Polling Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June Y1 Phonic Screening Check Please note There is an additional bank holiday due to the King's Coronation and this will be 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

INSET DAYS 2023- 2024 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Monday 26th February 2024 May Local Elections TBC Thursday Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 202

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