

# Weetwood School News

'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'

**Positivity, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, Excellence**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy end to the half term with plenty of activity in and outside of school. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that made it in to school for Share Our Learning. The next Share Our Learning is **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**.

## **\*PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS\***

A couple of weeks ago, years 5 and 6 watched a performance by 'Bright Sparks theatre Company'. They are a group of adults with disabilities, some visible, some hidden. We have been learning about protected characteristics and thinking about how we can be an 'upstander' and not a 'bystander', how people are discriminated against and how we can show empathy and support.

In the performance, the group showed real life examples of how they had been discriminated against from waiting for a bus to being ignored and being manipulated or exploited. It was very powerful and engaging. Our pupils were fantastic and gave brilliant and thoughtful answers to their questions. This prompted some important discussions back in class and we will continue to discuss how we can 'be the change we want to see in the world.'

## **\*CROSS COUNTRY\***

Last week, the cross-country pupils took to the muddy, wet fields to take part in their next cross-country event. Joseph, Holly, Sonny, Kit, Archie, William, Nancy, Iona and Harry all qualified at Roundhay in November to take part in this event. The conditions were far from ideal underfoot but all children worked incredibly hard to do the best they could against 100 children in their age group. Well done to Kit, Harry and Nancy who all qualified for the West Yorkshire event next half term.

## **\*CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH \***

Children's mental health theme this year is 'belonging'. This week, the children across school will be taking part in various activities throughout the week to promote mental wellbeing as well as understanding what the topic of 'belonging' means to us. We want the children to have a sense of belonging as individuals,

within friendships, in school, and in communities. We want them to understand that these all play a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference. Keep an eye out on your class dojo page, to see how your child's class has supported the week.



### **\*WORLD BOOK DAY \***

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. Throughout the day each class will be learning about an author, they will take part in paired reading with another class and The Masked Reader will return. We also invite children to come to school dressed as a book character.



World Book Day £1 vouchers will be given out after the holidays, the vouchers allow the children to claim a free World Book Day book at bookshops and supermarkets. (See the photo above for this year's books.)

### **PTA Event**

The PTA are hosting a free event on the evening of World Book Day to further promote reading for pleasure. This event is open to children in Reception to Year 6 and will run between 6pm and 7pm.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to come back to school in their pyjamas, they will be read a bedtime story by their teacher and will be served hot chocolate and snacks.

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are invited back to school to take part in a book quiz and the children will be served drinks and snacks.

**Please note – parents do not need to stay with children.**

### **\*SEND SPORTS EVENT \***

On Thursday, some of our pupils in KS2 took part in a SEND Multi-Skills event. The activities included a range of skills such as throwing and aiming, a curling type activity and jumping and balancing. All the children had a great time, worked hard to participate and support each other – they represented the school very well.

**\*YEAR 4 @ LINEHAM FARM \***

Year 4 have had a blast at Lineham Farm this week. The miserable weather didn't dampen their spirits and they embraced all their activities as well as devouring the lovely food Lineham have on offer. The activities are challenge by choice and encourage the children to work as a team and support each other.

As you know from previous correspondence, Lineham farm is a charity that provides experiences for disadvantaged children. We are allowed to continue using the facility because of the fundraising we do throughout the year. Thank you to everyone that has donated and has supported us with this. I'd also like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the staff who gave up their time to go on the trip: without them, trips like this cannot happen.

Finally, it is Thinking day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, however we are inviting pupils in any of the girl guiding and scouting groups to come in their uniforms on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. There will be a reminder on Dojo during half term week.

I am also looking for potential new governors to join the panel and support the school through governance. If you are interested in this and want to know more, please contact me. The training dates for the following school year are also attached to the email, please make a note of these if you are planning holidays and trips.

I hope you have a lovely half term with some quality family time and some rest.

Kind regards

Mrs Ellison

Diary Dates 2025.26			
January	February	March	
<p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> All pupils return to school.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Reception 2026 Open Morning</p> <p><b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Cross Country at Prince Henry's, Otley</p> <p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> Year 4 Lineham Farm parents meeting 5pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:</b> Year 5 Eco Workshop</p>	<p><del><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:</b></del> Share Our Learning Leeds Cross Country Final – Temple Newsam (pm)</p> <p><del><b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February:</b></del> Lineham Farm for Year 4.</p> <p><b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:</b> School Closes for half term.</p> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:</b> All pupils return to school</p> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Year 6 Bikeability</p> <p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Cross Country at Middleton Park</p>	<p><b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:</b> World Book Day</p> <p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Year 5 Trip to Veolia Waste Year 4 Trip to Pizza Express</p> <p><b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Year 6 Trip to Magna Science Centre</p> <p><b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Preschool Open Morning 1000-1200</p> <p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:</b> SEND Parents Evening Preschool Open Evening 1530-1730</p> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b> Year 4 Trip to Elland Road (am)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Reception and Year 6 Height &amp; Measurement Check</p>	

April	May	June	July
<p><b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</b> School closes for Easter Holiday</p> <p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April:</b> All pupils return to school Progress reports to parents.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:</b> Parents evening.</p>	<p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:</b> May Day Bank Holiday.</p> <p><b>W/C Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-</b> Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Class Photos.</p> <p><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:</b> Share Our Learning</p> <p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:</b> School closes to all pupils.</p> <p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:</b> Teacher training day.</p>	<p><b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:</b> All pupils return to school</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:</b> Multiplication Check Year 4</p> <p><b>W.C. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Phonics screening Year 1</p> <p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Preschool Open Morning 1000-1200</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Preschool Open Evening 1530-1730</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Poetry Slam Assembly (2pm)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June –</b> <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Edale Residential (Y6)</p>	<p><b>Friday 3<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Sports Day and PTA Picnic.</p> <p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 6 Party - *NEW DATE*</p> <p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Music Show.</p> <p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Reports for all pupils to go home</p> <p><b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:</b> PTA School Summer Fair</p> <p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Year 6 show</p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Y6 Leavers Assembly (AM)</p> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:</b> School closes to all pupils</p>