



## **Building and Working Together**

### SJS Weekly News - 10th March

#### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

Thank you for supporting Book Week so well last week. One comment within school was that it 'felt like normal times again' and I think we all know what was meant by that!

I had a few conversations with parents and staff about showing support for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. We are trying not to highlight the situation too much so that the children are not worrying. However, many of them, particularly the older children, have been discussing it, so we have approached it in a child-friendly way where we have needed to. We've decided to make Red Nose Day's (18th March) a day when we will fundraise 50% for the Red Nose Day appeal and 50% for the Ukraine appeal. We will have a number of activities happening during the day. More information next week.

The football team left early this morning (6:30am!) to represent the county in a tournament at a London venue. Whatever the outcome, it will be a day they will always remember. We hope that our cross country runners have also enjoyed their last run of the season today. I want to add that the cross country league wouldn't run at all without Mr Arthur's efforts, so we need to thank him for the organisation of the league again this year.

I hope parents' evening went well, and it was lovely to see everyone back in the building once more. It is pleasing that we were able to hold it in person and you were able to see their books.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Kind regards

Matt Walton, Headteacher

### **Norwich Foodbank**

The children who recently visited the Foodbank put on a brilliant assembly to tell the rest of the school all about their trip and the work they did. Our Year 6 Pupil Ambassadors were joined by six year 3 children who went along to find out more about the fantastic work the Foodbank does. This linked in with the Year 3 topic of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Talking in front of a hall full of people can be a daunting prospect, but they all did amazingly.

“We had a great time with Hannah and Peter at the Foodbank. It’s brilliant being able to help them.”  
Ava

“It’s great to see how generous people are. We really enjoyed being able to help others.” Neve

“I couldn’t believe how big it was. There was so much food to pack up.” Hayleigh

The Foodbank have been so impressed with the attitude of our children that they have invited our Pupil Ambassadors to go back every month to help weigh in, sort and pack food parcels. We’re really proud of them and are looking forward to helping the Foodbank in the future.



*1 - It was lovely listening to the children in assembly this week.*

### **Book Week**

Last week was very enjoyable with the fun games at lunch time and the focus on books and enjoyment in the classroom. The costumes on Friday were excellent and there was a lovely atmosphere around the school. We raised £460 in total which is a very pleasing amount of money that we can put towards the purchase of new books. Thank you once again for your support.



2 - We are pleased to be able to welcome another author into school next week (Friday 18th March), when Julia Edwards, author of the Scar Gatherer series will be hosting an assembly, giving the children a whistle stop tour of history. Afterwards, she will be working with Year 6 on writing and inference. More information early next week.

### **Diary Dates**

14th March - Yr 6 football versus Firside (away)

16th March - Yr 6 football versus Drayton (home)

18th March - Red Nose Day/Ukraine Appeal (non-uniform)

18th March - Author visit (Julia Edwards, author of the Scar Gatherer series)

23rd March - A group of children visiting Norwich Foodbank

24th March - Yr 6 Football vs Falcon (away)

24th March - Emma Adcock - Phonics & Spelling Presentation (2pm - 3pm)

30th March - Yr 6 Girls' Wildcats Rugby session (pm)

1st April - Easter holidays begin at 3:15pm

### **Spelling & Phonics Presentation**

Our 8 week spelling and reading plan has begun and as part of the plan, we have asked Emma Adcock (VNET Training & Research Director) to talk to parents all about how to support children with phonics and spelling. Emma was previously a Headteacher and literacy advisor. She has a wealth of experience and has supported the school on many aspects of literacy in the past. The presentation will, I'm sure, be of help to all parents & carers. She will be presenting at 2-3pm in the school hall on Thursday 24th March.