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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Head teacher's Notes...

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultation meetings just before half term; we had excellent attendance, with over 93% of parents and carers taking up the offer of an appointment with their children's class teacher to discuss progress and next steps. Our next opportunity for parents to share their children's work will be at our Spring Term 'Book Look' on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (3.20 – 5pm).

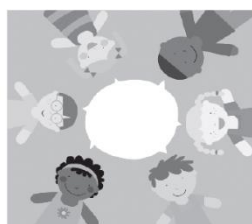
### World Book Day Activities

Just a reminder that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day. As mentioned in a parent email and on our school Facebook page last week, we have consulted with our children on what they would like to do and have decided on the following 3 options:

- 1) Pupils may come dressed as their favourite character from a BOOK if they wish, bringing in a donation of £1 for Book Aid
- 2) Pupils may come dressed in non-uniform if they wish, bringing in a donation of £1 for Book Aid International
- 3) Pupil may come to school in their uniforms as usual, bringing in a donation of £1 for Book Aid International if they would like to do so.

In the case of options 1 and 2, it is important to bear in mind that it is still cold and that the children will be doing school work on that day.

We have also talked about World Book Day in the context of our Rights Respecting School work and the children have identified that celebrating World Book Day is rights respecting because it promotes the following three children's rights:



As we can never cram in all the activities we'd like to on just one day, we have a variety of activities going on over the next couple of weeks:

- Classes are learning poems for performances at a special Achievement Assembly
- We will talk about our favourite books in class
- On Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> M&M Productions are coming to perform a 'living book' : 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'
- We are taking part in Cambridgeshire Libraries 'Read it again' Project, which encourages children to discuss books with their classmates and decide what makes a good book.

### 'Exemplar Education' information leaflets

We are often asked by parents if we can recommend additional home learning tasks or projects. Whilst we feel that we currently provide sufficient home learning opportunities for our pupils, we know that some families would like more and we have therefore agreed to allow 'Exemplar Education' to send home information marketing their on-line home learning scheme for pupils across the primary age range.

This information will be sent home this week for parents to register their interest directly with the company by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We do not necessarily endorse this company's products, but if you are looking for a home learning scheme to follow with your child in addition to the home learning we provide, this seems as good as any other.

### Uniform and Logo Update – Feedback from Parents' Forum Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Many thanks to those parents who contributed (either in person or by phone or email) to our parents' forum on the possibility of changing our uniform and logo to coincide with the move to our new school building next year. We will collate all of the ideas submitted by parents and pupils and undertake a survey in the near future.

### Iris Connect

We have the opportunity to use 'Iris Connect' for a few weeks of this term. Iris Connect is a brilliant tool which enables teachers to video themselves presenting their lessons so that they can see where their presentations achieved the right pace and clarity. It can also be used to record pupils' learning in context so that teachers can identify how best to support pupils to learn more effectively. If we feel that it would benefit your child for us to use this system to improve our teaching and learning, we will contact you for your permission in advance. For more information about the system, you can visit the following website: <https://www.irisconnect.com/uk/what-we-do/>

### Attendance

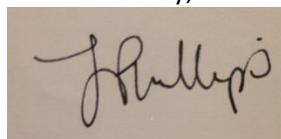
Congratulations again to all our classes with attendances above 96%. Well done, in particular to **Seacole Class**, with the highest attendance of all so far this year!

Johnson Class (Reception)	96% attendance
Nightingale Class (Year 1)	96.9% attendance
Hillary Class (Year 2)	97.4% attendance
Keller Class (Year 3)	96.8% attendance
<b>Seacole Class (Year 4)</b>	<b>97.9% attendance</b>
Da Vinci Class (Year 5)	97.6% attendance
Luther King Class (Year 6)	97.2% attendance
Whole School	97.1% attendance
<b>NB All schools expect attendance to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence, which would then be authorised.</b>	
<b>Please ensure that you call the School Office first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school and remember that if your child is attending a medical or dental appointment we are required to see an appointment card / email / message.</b>	

### Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a parent and or co-opted governor. Governors play a vital role in the strategic running of the school. Please visit the governor page on our school website for further information (<http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/Governors.htm>) and contact our Chair of Governors (Carolyn Daines) via the School Office if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Phillips (Head teacher)

<b>Wyton Primary Diary Dates: Spring Term 2018</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Week Beginning / date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Timing</b>
March	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of term concerts	9.20am & 2.15pm
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chocolate Bingo	6-7.30pm
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term 'Book Look' and last day of Spring Term	3.20 – 5pm
<b>Parenting Support Drop-in Sessions For this term:</b>			
Sadly sessions in our school have been cancelled by the locality, due to staff availability, but you can access a drop-in session on any term-time Thursday between 1.15 and 2.45pm at Huntingdon Youth Centre (PE29 7AF).			

<b>The Wyton on the Hill Community Group Events</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Proms on the Playground