



# Smallthorne Primary Academy Monthly Newsletter

## March 2022



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### Message from Mrs Steele:

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful half term. We have had a busy start to our new half term with World Book Day, Our Ready to Learn Family Breakfast and Reading Raffle draw all happening in the first week.

We have completed a survey with the children this week to see how they feel about school and we will be able to share the results of this in the next newsletter. As I write this, I can hear the children practicing their World Book Day dances in the hall and it is so lovely to see and hear them fully engaging in the opportunities we provide them. They always represent the school so brilliantly and make us proud every day. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for videos and photographs of what we have been up to. All information about what is happening at school is available on Seesaw, Parent Pay and Facebook so make sure you give us a follow and a like.



### Are you 'Ready to Learn'?

At the start of last half term we introduced our new Ready to Learn initiative, where children earn a house point if they meet the three areas of Ready to Learn below. They could also be in with a chance to win a family breakfast if their Ready to Learn score is over 96%.

Our Ready to Learn initiative includes:

#### Attendance

100% attendance is the best way for your child to receive the best possible education. If your child is going to be absent then you must contact the office before 8.30am.



#### Punctuality

The school gates open at 8.30am and children are expected to be in class by 8.40am to start learning. If your child is late, you will need to bring them to the office.



#### Uniform

Children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. This also includes correct PE kit to be worn on PE days.



**Last half term, 16 children received a breakfast with their families. A huge well done to:**

- Nursery—Sam and Evie
- Reception—Millie and Tobias
- Year 1—Jacob and Angel
- Year 2—Kasper and Sharkshana
- Year 3—Noah and Mya
- Year 4—Lily-Rose and Elina
- Year 5—Isabella and Sam
- Year 6—Georgia and Macie



We look forward to celebrating with the next group of Ready to Learn winners!

### Important Dates

**Friday 4th March 2022**

Family breakfast for Ready to Learn winners

**Thursday 10th March 2022**

Reception trip to Warwick Castle

**Friday 11th March 2022**

Reading Reward trip to Waterstones and breakfast with Mrs Steele and Miss Holford

**Monday 14th—Friday 18th March 2022**

Mother's Day Sale (open all week, or until everything is sold)

**Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 22nd March 2022**

KS2 Cross Country Race at Endon

**Friday 18th March 2022**

Red Nose Day—Parents invited in for some Red Nose Day fun! (More information to follow)

**Tuesday 29th March 2022**

Year 5 Recorder Festival at The Victoria Hall

**Tuesday 29th March 2022**

KS2 Choir Concert at The Victoria Hall

**Tuesday 29th March—Friday 1st April 2022**

Year 3 City-Wide Times Tables Rockstars

Competition—Lets Get Rocking!!!!

**Thursday 31st March 2022**

Reports sent out to Parents/Carers

**Monday 4th April 2022**

Parent drop-ins to discuss reports (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 6th April 2022**

Whole School End of Term Behaviour treat!

**Wednesday 6th April 2022**

School closes for the Easter Holidays.

**Monday 25th April 2022**

School opens after the Easter Holidays.



### Rising 3s

Rising 3 is a program where your child can start at our nursery the term after their third birthday.

For more information, please contact our school office.



### Topics for this Half Term

Nursery—**In the Forest with Gruffalo and Friends** — Who lives in the forest?



Reception—**Long, Long Ago** —What is the past?



Year 1— **Continents of the World and Animals Who Live There**



Year 2— **Arctic Adventures**

Year 3—**Landmarks of the World**



Year 4— **Volcanoes**



Year 5—**Emergency on Planet Earth**



Year 6— **Our Interconnected World**



### Seesaw

We are continuing to use Seesaw as the main platform for sharing messages, key information and a direct contact between you and your child's class teacher.

Please make sure you are checking it daily to ensure you don't miss out on the exciting things happening at Smallthorne!

If you are having any difficulties please contact Miss Fox in the school office.



### WISH

We would just like to remind parents/carers that the legal age for all social media is 13 and if children are accessing these sites then please can we ask that you remind them of the right ways of using social media and monitor their usage closely.



In school we are organising for the local PCSO to come in and deliver a talk on the safe usage of social media and we will be covering this during PHSE and ICT lessons too.

Our aim is to keep all of our children safe and happy both inside and outside of school!



If you have any questions or concerns around this, then please contact the school office.



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### Behaviour for Learning Treat



On the last day before half term the children enjoyed a visit to 'Smallthorne Cinema'. They watched Clifford the Big Red Dog and indulged on sweet treats of Slush Puppies and Popcorn. The children had a great time and it was very well deserved!



Next half term, the magic number is **50**. The reward will be...

A day of bouncing fun! We can't wait to treat all of our children for their excellent attitude to learning!



### Look at what we've been doing!



Year 5 visited the Think Tank!

Year 4 had a visit from a Roman soldier.



Mr Egypt came to visit Year 3.

### We need your help!

The PTFA is a collective group made up of both staff and parents/carers. We work together to help raise money for the school and our children. If you would be interested in joining and helping our team to plan exciting events in the future, please contact Miss Fox in the school office.



### World Book Day...WOW!

You smashed the costumes this year! We were amazed to see all of the wonderful animal costumes, mix and match outfits and characters from Roald Dahl's stories fill our school on Thursday. It was a great day all round: sharing our favourite stories, designing characters using Pixlr, reading with children in other classes and performing a dance routine based on different stories. We have been extremely busy, but had so much fun!



# Smile, Strive, Shine

