

West Thornton Primary Academy

Friday 15th March 2019

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Dear Families,

Well what a week!!! The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed all the activities which have taken place around World Book Week.

Thursday 7th March was of course World Book Day and the amazing range of book characters who descended on the school was a sight to behold. Pupils and staff worked together to make the day very special, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them and to thank you as parents. I would also like to thank Mrs. Callaghan for organising the week.

Unfortunately I do not have any further news about the before and after school provision. Pioneer, the chosen provider, are still waiting for news from Ofsted regarding their license for the school. We will contact you as soon as we have any more news.

We are delighted that the children are having the opportunity to take part in competitive sports, well done to West Thornton's year 5 and 6 netball team on their terrific performance. We look forward to hearing about year 3's handball festival later this month. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA, who ran an excellent film night which was enjoyed by many. Thank you also to Mr.Schwartz for his support. Please contact the school office if you would you like to find out more about the PTA.

A number of parents have kindly asked me about Mr.Roberts. Unfortunately he is still suffering from the injuries of his fall and therefore will not be returning to school for some time. I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Have a great weekend,
Mr.R Hall,
Interim Principal

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest."

— C.S. Lewis

ATTENDANCE

This week's % attendance:

R.1	98.3
R.2	96.1
R.3	100
R.4	96.4
R.5	93.8
1.1	96.5
1.2	98
1.3	98
1.4	95.8
1.5	97.7
2.1	98.9
2.2	99.7
2.3	98.1
2.4	98.6
2.5	95.1
3.1	97.8
3.2	96.7
3.3	97.5
3.4	98.2
3.5	96.1
4.1	98.1
4.2	99.4
4.3	98.9
5.1	100
5.2	99.2
5.3	98.9
6.1	99.4
6.2	97.4
6.3	99.7

This year's % attendance:

R.1	95.5
R.2	95
R.3	96.2
R.4	94.3
R.5	94.5
1.1	96.4
1.2	96.2
1.3	96.5
1.4	95.3
1.5	92
2.1	97
2.2	96.4
2.3	97.3
2.4	94.6
2.5	94.3
3.1	97.2
3.2	96.8
3.3	96.8
3.4	96
3.5	93.9
4.1	96.3
4.2	97.1
4.3	96.5
5.1	98
5.2	96.9
5.3	97.7
6.1	97.2
6.2	96.8
6.3	97.3

World Book Day at WTA



As part of our commitment to raising the profile of reading, the children had the opportunity to enjoy a week of reading related activities and enjoyed a variety of texts including 'The Day the Crayons came'. Pupils came dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 7th March – they looked fantastic. Even the adults dressed up!..



WTA's Reading Patron!

On Tuesday 5th March we were very excited to welcome our new Patron of Reading, Chris Callaghan. Chris Callaghan, author of 'The Great Chocoplot'. Chris spent the day working with the children across both sites. He talked to the children about the process of writing and publishing a book. He also launched our new 'Free Writing' campaign (inspired by Cressida Cowell – author of How to Train your Dragon) where the children will be given regular opportunities to write for pleasure. Chris said, "I had such a great day with so many enthusiastic imaginations ready to be freed!" Chris will visit school regular to work alongside the children to inspire and promote reading and writing.



A Patron of Reading is a school's special children's author. The school and their patron develop a relationship over a period of time. Everything the patron does is related to helping encourage and develop a **reading for pleasure** culture in the school: blogs, book recommendations, discussions, parent sessions, book festivals and school visits. The possibilities are virtually endless.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is very important to us. If you are concerned about a child, please do contact any one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Rosecourt Rd: Mrs. Cathrae, Mrs Callaghan,
Mrs.Pinheiro Canterbury Hub: Mrs McPhee,
Mr.Schwartz, Tel: 02086843497

Parents evening:

For: Parents of Reception – Y6

When: 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday 9th April & Wednesday 10th April

Where: Your child's classroom

This is a fantastic opportunity to share in your child's learning and take part in learning opportunities with your child.