

# The West Thornton Weekly - 28 February

## News from West Thornton

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday morning the children returned to their classes to find wonderful new displays showcasing their fantastic English and Art outcomes from last half term. The children were very excited and proud to see their hard work beautifully presented and displayed. Their resilience and hard work with the publishing really paid off.

Classroom transformations taking place have also included setting up beautiful and inviting reading corners. The children have spoken very positively about spending time in these areas and are greatly enjoying the fantastic new selection of books that have been purchased for each reading area.

In assembly this week we have started to discuss this term's value; **responsibility**. We started by thinking about what responsibility means and what it looks like. For example; why it is important to take responsibility for your own actions and how being responsible strengthens trust and leads to more responsibility being given. We discussed our shared responsibility for looking after our new and improved school learning environments and living up to our shared values.

On Monday 2 March the school is launching a new behaviour policy and reward scheme based around a system known as 'Good to be Green'. The 'Good to be Green' scheme is an effective way of promoting positive behaviour, rewarding those children who consistently behave appropriately, and is a means of being able to track and support those pupils who sometimes find it difficult to meet our agreed school values..



The scheme is very visual, with child-friendly resources which allows children to easily see how well they are doing in class. We believe that it is important to promote a positive message regarding behaviour management at all times - 'Good to be Green' is a means of promoting our high expectations of positive behaviour.

This new system will be shared with all of the children in assembly on Monday morning.

More information about how positive behaviours will be celebrated and how the system works, please visit our school website.

Reading is core to the work we are doing at West Thornton, thousands of pounds have recently been invested in books and book corners. Everyday at West Thornton is a book day, so on Thursday we will not be asking the children to come to school in costume. However, there will be a series of events throughout the year to promote, teach and celebrate books, starting with the author MG Leonard (author of 'Beetle Boy') visiting Year 5 and 6 in a couple of weeks to discuss the creative writing process.

## Displays and book corners



## Dates for your Diary

Year 3 Canterbury Road - Trip to Kidzania London - March 3 2020

Year 5 Trip to Paultons Park, Romsey, Hampshire - March 6 2020

Reception Rosecourt Road - Trip to Godstone Farm - 10 March

Reception Canterbury Road - Trip to Godstone Farm - 12 March

Year 3 Rosecourt Road - Trip to Kidzania London - March 13 2020

Year 4 Canterbury Road - Trip to Imperial War Museum

Parents evenings - 1 and 2 April 2020

Easter Bonnet Parade - 3 April 2020

Last day of term - 3 April 2020

First day of term - 20 April 2020

Mayoral Elections, both sites closed to pupils - 7 May 2020

Bank Holiday - 8 May 2020

Attendance - 6 Jan - 14 Feb 2020

The figures below are attendance for the whole of last half term. Well done to Year 5 for

having the strongest numbers and it is very pleasing that the vast majority of groups have attendance over 96%.

Canterbury Road

Reception - 93.6%

Year 1 - 94.1%

Year 2 - 94.5%

Year 3 - 96.2%

Year 4 - 96.2%

Rosecourt Road

Reception - 94.4%

Year 1 - 96.3%

Year 2 - 96.3%

Year 3 - 96.5%

Year 4 - 96.6%

**Year 5 - 97.3%**

Year 6 - 96.1%