



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

With World Book Day falling this week we have spent the whole week celebrating all things book related, especially dressing up as characters today!

On Thursday each year group had a visit from a librarian. The children were very engaged and listened superbly to the visitor, who told them about Barnstaple library and how it is free to join. If your child is not already a member, please take them to join and they can choose up to 20 books every 3 weeks for free. Libraries have recently had funding to purchase new books, so there are lots of exciting new texts to discover!

There will be a few photos on the website soon.

World Book Day vouchers have been sent home with the children and can be used in most bookshops and supermarkets.

#### **OFSTED visit**

Thank you to those of you who showed your support for the school this week during our two day visit. We were very proud of the children and hope they were able to tell you about the various activities they were involved in. We will be able to share the outcome with you once the report is published, this will take up to 30 days.

#### **Federation Consultation Process**

Following on from the information sent out by email on Monday and on the website about the Federation consultation process, a quick reminder that Governors would welcome your views and comments and invite you to attend the following meeting:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 5pm and 7pm at Bishops Tawton Primary School

\*With the presentation repeated remotely the following week (date to be confirmed)

If you are unable to attend the above meeting and would like to discuss federation further please contact the school and a further information sharing meeting may be arranged. Written responses should be addressed to 'The Chair of Governors' of your school and must be received by Friday 08 April. The letterbox outside the office for written responses will be provided in each school. You can also share your comments via email to: [btclerk@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:btclerk@bishopstawton-primary.org)

**World News: Coverage of Events in The Ukraine** I am sure that many of you will be closely following the events in Ukraine, and whilst we are geographically far away from the events, and they are rare, some in our school and community will be directly affected and have families or roots in the region. The news and social media feeds are filled with the latest information, some of which is very upsetting and may not even be verified. If it becomes evident that any children are aware of, or interested in, the events that are happening, although we do not want to alert or worry any of the children, it may be necessary, over the coming days and weeks, to navigate them through what they have seen and heard on the news. Please be assured staff will deal with this subject sensitively and in a way appropriate to the age of the child. We have a variety of sources of information to hand, but one I felt may be of help to families at home is hosted by 'ChildNet', a UK based charity whose key aim is to give young people, families and schools the knowledge they need to safely make the most of their time online: ['Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine \(Childnet\)'](#)

#### **Some other useful places for child appropriate information:**

BBC Newsround: [Home - CBBC Newsround](#) : the videos and features are constantly being updated. Their 'Advice If You Are Upset By The News' is helpful: [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#) .

#### **Diary dates:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Tempest whole class photos

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 5.30pm and 7.30pm: Federation Consultation Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Oral health talk for parents 9am

Last day of Spring Term: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Very best wishes

M Smallwood