

## **Parent email update 9: Spring 2 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back after our February Half Term break. Although the weather wasn't particular kind, we hope that everyone still enjoyed the break from routine and created many good memories. We now have a short second half of term until we break up for Easter but we still have plenty to enjoy and look forward to.

**To celebrate...**

### **Book of the Month**

After our launch of our February focus book 'The Big Book of Birds', we have been overwhelmed with outcomes for our creative challenge. We are currently displaying these ready for our forthcoming Open Gallery event.

We would also like to mention our Year 6 Gallery Monitors, Florence and Adel, who are guiding our monthly event – this week they have read to each Year group from 1.15pm – 1.30pm and this has been warmly received!

### **Local artist visit to Year 3 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

As part of their Geography and Art focus. Year 3 enjoyed the opportunity to learn from a local charcoal artist, Kate Lynch. We were all overwhelmed with the quality of their collaborative A2 portraits – absolutely stunning Year 3!

### **Head Student Video call to Riverside on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

We were extremely excited to plan and complete a video call with the Head students of Riverside Primary school. Following initial letters throughout the Autumn term, this was our first opportunity to actually 'meet' each other! A huge Well done to Tiah, Flossy, Florence and Billy.

### **Somerset Council Monitoring visit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

We received our annual monitoring visit on Thursday morning and were overwhelmed with our feedback. Our report has been circulated to our Governing body with phrases such as '*exemplary behavior .... pupils are confident and articulate and show high levels of respect for each other and staff.*' and '*outcomes consistently above national expectations, exceptionally high standards in books and high-quality displays of work across all curricular areas.*'

We thank everyone who is part of the SPJS team – children, parents, governors, visitors and staff - who have contributed to this incredible feedback.

### **World Thinking Day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Thank you to our Brownies and Cubs who proudly attended school in uniform on Thursday.

**To update...**

### **Open Gallery on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February / 3.30pm – 4pm.**

Please join us after school to enjoy the incredible outcomes from our creative challenges linked to our 'Book of the Month'. Every child, who has submitted their

creative project, will be presented with a certificate during the event.

### **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

We invite children to enjoy the challenge of attending school as a book character – this is a voluntary event and please do not feel the pressure of needing to buy an expensive costume. Over the years, it has been the creative ‘home costumes’ that have been the most memorable!

### **Parent Appointments w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be holding our second formal opportunity to meet your child’s / children’s Class teacher. Next week, you will receive a separate letter offering slots for an appointment. Please remember that school clubs have been cancelled within this week (with the exception of YTFC).

### **Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

We will participate again in this national event – children may attend in non-uniform for a voluntary donation for Comic Relief.

### **Dates in the diary**

<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Open Gallery</b> from 3.30pm – 4pm (Book of the Month display)
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> – children may choose to dress up as a Book Character
<b>W/b Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent Appointments</b> – <b>no clubs this week</b> (apart from YTFC)
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Year 6 visit to St Peter &amp; St Paul’s</b> (RE curriculum focus with Rev Tracey)
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b> – children may choose to dress up/attend in non-uniform for a voluntary donation
<b>W/b Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Production</b> (More info to follow)
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Last session for YTFC</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Year 5 WOW Day at Stanchester</b> – opportunity to experience life at a secondary school
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Break up for Easter</b>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School returns for Summer Term</b>