

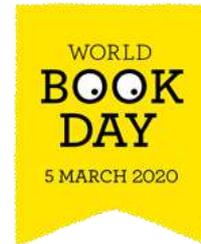


### Upcoming Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00 Shaw Trust Work and Health Program Coffee Morning in Lower Hall

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 Year 3 Exeter Class Assembly

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day – *please see overleaf for details*



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March Tri-Borough Music Hub's Infant Voices Festival @ Kensington Great Hall

Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Sacred Heart Girls School

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March Inspiring Excellence Choir Rehearsal

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 Parent Meeting in Lower Hall – come along to meet with Mr Upfield and Mrs Kilyan to hear the latest Ed City updates, find out about our current school improvement priorities and how we are evaluating Ark Swift in advance of our next Ofsted inspection**



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 Year 1 Bristol Class Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 9.00 Year 5 Worcester Class Assembly

Year 6 @ H&F Junior Citizenship Scheme, St Paul's Girls' School

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Swift's Got Talent!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 13.30 Close for Easter Holiday**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Staff INSET Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Start of Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> half**

*This is not an exhaustive list of dates and weekly events will be published on subsequent newsletters*

## Attendance

Attendance statistics for Attendance statistics for **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.5%
Year R Bath	95.6%
Year 1 Bristol	93.8%
Year 2 Manchester	95.2%
Year 3 Exeter	99.2%
Year 4 Sheffield	98.3%
Year 5 Warwick	91.1%
Year 5 Worcester	97.1%
Year 6 Durham	96.9%
Year 6 Loughborough	99.5%

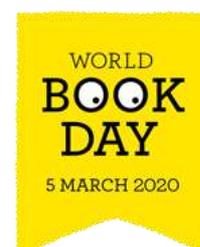


Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.1%**

**We're -0.9% below our target of 96%. This week is showing a much more positive picture with a number of classes with great attendance above target – keep it up!**

## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day is on **Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March** and we are very excited to share some activities and ideas that we have in store for the children.



### Extreme Reading

We would love your child to take a picture of themselves reading in an 'extreme' place. This could be in a bathtub, on a bench in the park, on a swing etc. It would be great to receive a printed photo for us to compile as a collage for a display in school. If this isn't possible then we would love for you to send the pictures through via email at [info@arkswiftprimary.org](mailto:info@arkswiftprimary.org)



## World Book Day Cntd...



### Share a Million Stories

From 27 February-29 March, we are supporting World Book Day's Share A Million Stories campaign, championing the importance of sharing stories and for the **chance to win £1,000 of books for our school.**

### Why Share a Story?

Sharing a story for just 10 minutes a day can have a lasting impact on a child's future and can help to create readers for life.

### How can you take part?

In February, your child will receive their Share A Million Stories Reading Record, for children to tick-off how many stories they're sharing at home and at school (including their curriculum books, audiobooks, magazines, comics or graphic novels), which we can then add to our school total, which feeds into the live national total.

### Why is this campaign so vital?

- Sadly, reading for pleasure is in decline: only 29% of 0-13s read for pleasure daily (down from 30% in 2017).
- The number of parents sharing stories with their children is also in steep decline: only 56% of 3-4-year-olds are read to daily or nearly every day (v. 69% in 2013).
- Fewer than 19% of 8-10-year-olds are read to daily or nearly every day (down from 25%).

### So, let's boost reading for pleasure back up! There are so many benefits to sharing stories together:

- It boosts creativity and imagination
- It's a calming, bonding experience that improves well-being
- It builds empathy and closeness

It's great fun for everyone involved!

World Book Day needs ALL of our support and we look forward to helping them reach their goal of one million stories shared nationwide – and the opportunity to win an amazing new supply of books for our school worth £1,000! Find out more at [worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories](http://worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories)

Our aim is to encourage children to read as many different stories as possible. Every time a child reads for more than 10 minutes at home, they should tick off their reading record. It would be great to see how the children get on and we would love for them to bring in their charts to see how well they have done in comparison to the rest of their class.

**We ask that children bring in one book from home that they really enjoy, that they can share with their peers on World Book Day.**

***It is also important to note that this year we will not be dressing up as we would like to solely focus on celebrating books and promoting a love for reading.***

We look forward to seeing all of the photos and how the children get on with their reading records.

Mrs White and Mrs Kilyan

## Sport @ Swift

Ark Swift are now running '**Marathon Kids**' as another initiative to improve children's health and fitness. Marathon Kids is all about getting children active in the school day and the ideal way to get the recommended 30 minutes of daily physical activity. An evidence based, SEND friendly programme where running distances can be tracked, and milestones celebrated.

Please look out for further information and permission letters next week.

Mr Blair



**MARATHON KIDS**

**ON A MISSION TO GET KIDS MOVING**

Marathon Kids is an exciting programme from the charity Kids Run Free that gives primary school children the opportunity to run or walk the distance of up to four marathons throughout the school year.

Our programme emphasises personal achievement over competition and inspires and empowers children of all fitness levels to set and reach goals. Running a marathon is recognised by all as a huge achievement and we break it down in a way that makes it possible for all children.

Marathon Kids is:

- Is flexible and sustainable
- Works with existing school timetables
- Provides a free package of support tools
- Enables schools to track each child's progress
- Provides a clear and accurate picture of when and how children attain their personal goals

Schools have the option to purchase full starter kits to get their programmes up and running as well as exclusive Nike branded incentives to drive participation.

Participation in Marathon Kids ensures a better chance of achieving the recommended 30 minutes of daily physical activity provided within school time.

That's great for their bodies and their minds; physical activity has been proven to help kids perform better in school and exhibit better behaviour too.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We know you will have been hearing a lot about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on TV and in the media.

**We have no reports of anyone connected with our school – staff or students – being at risk of having Coronavirus**

The good news is that the risk of getting the virus remains low. The health of all of our students and staff is our top priority. We are monitoring the advice from the Government and the NHS on a daily basis.

I am including this information here to make sure you have the most up to date information about and what we can all do to help prevent it from spreading.

### KEY FACTS FOR ANYONE WHO HAS TRAVELLED TO THE AFFECTED AREAS

If you or your children have...	You should...
...travelled to the UK from the areas below in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath - Mainland China - Thailand - Japan - Republic of Korea - Hong Kong - Taiwan - Singapore - Malaysia - Macau	...stay indoors at home and call NHS 111, even if your symptoms are mild.
...returned from any of the areas below since 19 February - Iran - specific areas in northern Italy - 'special care zones' in South Korea - Hubei province of China	...call NHS 111 and stay indoors. Avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms.
...returned from the below areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild. - northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini) - Vietnam - Cambodia - Laos - Myanmar	...stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people. Immediately call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

### KEY FACTS FROM THE NHS:

There are things you can do to help stop viruses like coronavirus spreading:

- when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands)
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

The latest NHS information is available here - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cntd...

If you are worried that your child may have been exposed to the virus, it is vitally important that you do not go to the doctor or the hospital, you need to call NHS 111 who will advise you on what to do.

It is vital that you let the school know immediately if you have been told by NHS111 that your child could be at risk of having Coronavirus. Please contact the school office to let us know. If NHS 111 has said that your child must stay at home, then they **must not come to school**. We will make sure that they can keep up with their studies if they have to be away from school. Any parents or carers who have been told to stay at home by NHS 111 should ask someone else to take their children to school for them.

I will keep you updated on the situation, if you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Kind regards,



Daniel Upfield  
Principal