

**Half-term next week – Children return to school on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**What's On**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

- ❖ 10.30 am – Morning Praise

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**'Milky' Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

- ❖ Children return to school after half-term break
- ❖ Girlguiding & Scouting World Thinking & Founders Day – wear your uniform!
- ❖ Football Young Stars – Y3-Y6

**'Toasty' Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

- ❖ Writer's Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Cookery Club 3-4.15
- ❖ Football Club Y1-2
- ❖ Guitar lessons

**'Watery' Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

- ❖ Snowdonia Class visit to Sikh Gurdwara
- ❖ Rugby Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Craft Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Pyjama Drama Y1-2
- ❖ Violin lessons

**'Treaty' Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

- ❖ Piano Lessons with Mr Clarke
- ❖ Tennis Club Y1-3
- ❖ Dodgeball Club
- ❖ Swimming Gala practice (children will be notified)

**'Fruity Flapjack' Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

- ❖ **NO Walking Bus until further notice**
- ❖ Piano Lessons with Mr Clarke
- ❖ Healthy Tuck Shop – Flapjacks – 10p

**A message from Friends of Worfield ...**

Our belated thanks go to Mr Jason McComb (Dad of Oliver – Malverns Class) who once again provided us with fab music and 'DJ' services at our Valentine's Discos last week.

We could not have done it without you Mr McComb!.



**Art Competition**

Reverend Jeannetta Stokes has now judged our **Christian Values Art Competition**. We have joint winners!

Congratulations to Albert Sawyer (Wrekin) and Kira Harvey (Malverns). Both Albert's and Kira's entries were based on the value of **'Friendship'**.

Reverend Stokes said "There were some really lovely entries. Children had worked very hard and put lots of thought into creating their artwork".

Prizes will be awarded in Assembly when we return from half-term holiday, and the winning entries will be framed and form part of a display which will be created from other entries received.



**World Thinking Day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
(first day back after half-term)**

**This Year, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is World Thinking Day for Girlguiding and Founders Day for Scouts. Those children and teachers who are members or leaders of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers or Cubs are invited to wear their uniforms.**



**WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character! Children not wishing to wear fancy dress should wear their school uniform.

Also....

Parent volunteers are required to help with our Book Fair. We are holding a Book Fair from Mon 7th March – Friday 11th March. If you can help on one or more of these dates please see Mrs Dodsworth.

The fair is being held in the school hall and will be open daily from 3.10 until 3.30pm

We receive 100% commission from sales at the fair which allows us to buy books for the classrooms and the library so please come and support the school by purchasing a book.

## Dates for the Diary 2016

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** – World Book Day dress up as a character from a book.



### Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's active kid's vouchers. Please get your family and friends who shop in Sainsbury's collecting vouchers and send your vouchers into school. Collecting box is in the Hall.

### Mosaic Tile Project

**Jenny Scott and our pupils who attend after-school Craft Club are about to make a mosaic tile to show the core Christian values: Respect, Friendship, Creativity and Perseverance.**

**We would be grateful for donations of small left over mosaic tiles from home renovations to help us complete this project.**

**These can be left in the School**

**A reminder of the regulations regarding pupil leave of absence during term time.**

### Leave of Absence (in exceptional circumstances)

#### Guidance – from September 2013

As of 1 September 2013 there was a change in the School Attendance Regulations. Where there used to be the option for headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during the term time in 'special circumstances' of up to ten days in a year, this has been removed.

Headteachers are now only allowed to authorise any leave of absence when an application has been made in advance and it is felt to be for an exceptional circumstance; the annual family holiday would not be deemed an exceptional circumstance".

- Leave of Absence will not be authorised in the following circumstances:
  - for the first term of Reception and Year 3 (i.e. transition periods)
  - during examination periods
- Each request for leave of absence will be considered individually and factors to be taken into consideration will include:
  - Your child's previous attendance history.
  - Your child's age
  - The stage of your child's education
  - The time of year (SATs, etc.)
  - The reason for the request (exceptional circumstances)

Procedure:

- Parents make an appointment and discuss request with the Executive Headteacher
- Parents complete a request for leave of absence form and return it to the school for authorisation
- Parents are informed of the school's decision (ideally within 5 working days)
- If the absence is not to be authorised the EWO will be sent a copy of this communication, and in such cases a warning notice will be served
- If a Warning has been served and the leave of absence is taken and the conditions are in line with the Code of Conduct a Truancy Penalty Notice will be served
- If the TPN is not paid the LA will prosecute for the absence under the Code of Conduct Regulations.



### Walking Bus – 'Out of Service' until further notice

**As we have had no-one express an interest in taking on the role of Walking Bus Co-ordinator, we are not in a position to keep the bus running during the next half term.**

**We hope we can start up again at the beginning of the summer term, but will need your help to do so.**

**If you would like any further information regarding the role of co-ordinator then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.**

### Tag Rugby Winners!

What a fantastic result for Worfield's A team, at this year's tag rugby tournament. A superb team performance ensured that the very coveted gold medals for this event were awarded to a strong, water-tight team, that did not **concede a game** throughout the day. Well done to all children who took part in this event.

### Quilt Raffle in Aid of the Society For Mucopolysaccharide Diseases (organised by Mrs Helen Thomas)

The draw was held at the Valentine's disco and was won by Mr Charles Carver – winning ticket Yellow 357. The raffle raised a total of **£589.00** thanks to various donations and ticket sales (£97 of which was raised by Worfield parents/staff).

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