

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed a restful February break. It was lovely to welcome you all back on Monday and I was particularly impressed at all the children remembering to come off their scooters and bikes once they entered the school site.

We have had an excellent start to the term – the sun has been shining and the children even got back out of the field on Wednesday. We are all looking forward to some excellent learning in the weeks ahead.

Linsay Thomson
Headteacher

Parent Governors

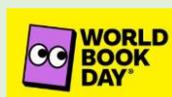
We are seeking to appoint up to two parent governors to join our local governing body.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents/carers from a variety of backgrounds. You do not need leadership or education experience; just a desire to give back to the school and its community and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

Parent Governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to governors' meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email the school office on admin@thealton.q1e.org.uk for more information.

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 5 March.

The children will be exploring lots of exciting book-related activities in school. They will all receive a £1 book token to spend on a World Book Day book in shops including TG Jones, Asda and Sainsburys. There are [ideas and information for families online](#).

Children can dress up as their favourite book character, or in pyjamas/onesies ready for a bedtime story, and bring a book from home to share with their class! Here are [some great low-cost ideas](#) that can be adapted for many book characters.

Important Dates

World Book Day – Thursday 5 March.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20 March.

Last day of Spring Term 2 – Friday 27 March.

School Holidays - Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April.

Inset Day – Monday 13 April - School closed for children.

First day of Summer Term 1 - Tuesday 14 April - School open.

Year 2 visit Chiswick Pier – Wednesday 22 April.

Year 1 visit Holly Lodge – Thursday 30 April.

May Day Bank holiday – Monday 4 May - School closed for children.

Full Term dates are [on our website](#).

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Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school. Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE. Childline: 0800 1111

Year 5 Residential Trip

An invite has gone out to all families of year 5 pupils to sign up for next year's PGL residential trip. The trip to Marchant's Hill, will take place from Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October.

We believe that this residential trip is an exciting opportunity and hope that all our children can attend. To try and ensure it is affordable for all, we have subsidised this trip using our PE and Sport Premium funding and applied for the PGL Breakthrough funding. For this reason, we are pleased to announce that instead of £279 per child, we are able to offer this trip for £80.

Places are limited therefore you will need to complete the slip and return to the school office by Friday 17 April with the non-refundable deposit of £25 to secure your child's place.

Red Nose Day

We will be supporting [Red Nose Day](#) on Friday 20 March and raising money for Comic Relief.

Children can dress in red or wear a red accessory e.g. hat/socks/hairband and put a donation into the collection bucket.

Every penny raised will help support local community organisations and change-makers in the UK and across the world.



Pancake Day

Reception children celebrated pancake day a little early before the holidays, they look delicious! Did you have pancakes at home?



Domestic Abuse Support

At the Family Hub, there is the Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop. You do not need an appointment and they are available every Wednesday from 10am – 12:30pm. You can call for free and in confidence 24/7 on 0808 200 0247 or Monday to Friday on 020 3879 3544. [Information is available here.](#)

Wellbeing Resources

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars and groups across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to their full programme of free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Reception – Year 6\)](#). Their next webinars are on Supporting common child anxieties and worries, including around exams on [Tuesday 24 March at 1pm](#) and [Thursday 26 March at 7pm](#).