



# Newsletter 11th February 2022

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**With love we grow!**

**“Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love and the future to God’s care.” - St. Augustine of Hippo**

## *I Opened a Book*

*I opened a book and in I strode.  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
Im wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me.”*

**Julia Donaldson**

**Cinema Trip** - Friday 18th February 2022. Please can all children arrive at school as near to 8.45 am as possible to allow them to be registered and ready for a quick departure? Please ensure school meals are prebooked, as these will be checked on Thursday instead of Friday morning. All children will receive a drink, popcorn and some smarties, which is included in the price. The whole school will be attending and will return to school in time for their usual lunch. Please can any outstanding payments be paid via Eduspot? We encourage as many pupils as possible to take a lateral flow test on Thursday evening or Friday morning. This day is also the PTFA "Break the Rules Day", children can still break as many of the rules as listed including not wearing school uniform.

**Break the Rules Day** - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, each rule costs 50p to break and can be paid via Eduspot. Remember to make your contribution via Eduspot if your child wishes to break the rules. The PTFA have not been able to have as many fund raising events recently and therefore need your support to enable them to make additional funding available to support trips and all of the extras that we would not be able to do without their support.

### **Options for Rules to Break:**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Wear full school uniform | 4) No crazy hair colours or styles | 7) No juice in water bottles         |
| 2) Wear school shoes        | 5) No nail polish                  | 8) No hats or large hair accessories |
| 3) Fruit for snack          | 6) No temporary tattoos            |                                      |

**Changes for Next Week** - on Tuesday Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6 - will need to be in PE kits. Y3 and Y4 will also need old trainers/wellies and a suitable outdoor coat.

There will not be any music lessons next week (i.e. guitar, keyboard and recorder).

After school clubs will go ahead as normal except Jam Coding which has finished their block.

Wednesday and Thursday are Science Days so there will be no PE on those days for Years 1-6, school uniform as usual. Reception class will have PE as usual on Wednesday.

**Jam Coding** - No Jam Coding next week, but the new course for after half term is available to book for KS2, please see details sent via School Spider this week.

**Library Books** - Please can we request that parents have a good look at home for any school reading books that have not been returned. We are missing quite a lot and would like the libraries to be replenished to give more choice to the children.

**PTFA 50/50 Winners** - November - Lara Y2, December - Samuel Y1, December - Millie Y4, January Alfie Y2 & February - Nathaniel Y5.

**Children's Mental Health Week** - This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together' and is focusing on how we grow and develop emotionally and what we need to do this. Children have taken part in a number of class based activities on this theme in school and looked bright and cheery in their colourful clothing items today.

Please click the link below to the Place2B website which has resources and tips for parents on supporting children's mental health and well being

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

**Eduspot** - We have been informed that Eduspot are undertaking some maintenance on their system between 14- 16<sup>th</sup> February and you may experience some 'downtime'. If you do experience any problems, please just try again a little later. We encourage parents to pre book meals over the weekend to avoid any problems.

**First Holy Communion Dates** - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Session 2 - Tuesday 1st March (school)

Session 3 - Monday 28th March (school)

Session 4 - Monday 9th May (school)

Stations of the Cross - Tuesday 5th April 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm in church

First Communion Rehearsal - Tuesday 17th May 6.30 - 7.30 pm in church

First Holy Communion Service - Saturday 21st May 10 am in church

Corpus Christi Mass - Sunday 19th June 11.30 am in church

**School Levy** - Some £10 per family payments are still outstanding, please can we request that all payments due are made via Eduspot? It will not show on Eduspot if you have made payment.

**Home Learning** - Should your child need to be off school with Covid related illness or isolating for any reason, all home learning is available on each class page on the school website. If you need any further assistance or resources, please contact school.

**Twitter Accounts** - Reminder of class twitter pages. Please note the new Twitter page for Y1.

School - @stjosephsander2      Reception - @EYFSwithMissS

Year 1 - @Year1withMissR      Year 2 - @Year2withMissJ1      Year 3 - @Year3MrsP

Year 4 - @Year4withMrsC      Year 5 - @Year5withMissB      Year 6 - @Year6withMrM1

**Half Term** - School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**YSA**  
**Yarrow School**  
**Alliance**

New Year, new challenge  
Train to teach with the best, to be the best!  
Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month.  
If you are interested in learning more about our School-based  
Initial Teacher Training Programme, email  
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