

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 th February	3.10/3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 19 th February	8.40/8.50am	Children return to school
Monday 19 th February	all day	KS2 trip to York
Thursday 22 nd February	pm	Tempest Class Photos
Friday 23 rd February	9.00am	Bag2School collection
Tuesday 27 th February	all day	KS1 trip to York
Thursday 9 th March	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly
Monday 19 th March		Parents' evening
Wednesday 21 st March		Parents' evening
Tuesday 27 th March	2.00pm	School Easter Service at Christ Church

- **Tempest Photography** will be in school on Thursday 22nd February to take the annual class group photos. Nursery children who are not normally in on a Thursday afternoon are invited to come at 2.30pm to have their photo taken along with the rest of the Nursery children.
- **Extreme reading challenge** For World Book Day on Thursday 1st March we are holding an 'Extreme Reading Competition' – the challenge is to find the most unusual / interesting place to read a book and to bring in a photo proving it! Photos need to be in school by 9am on World Book Day ready for judging. We hope you all have fun but remember to stay safe!
- **Literacy Competition** The literacy group would like to launch their second competition. They invite the children to design a book cover or write a short story from one of the following titles: *The Aliens who invaded Mars* / *Mixed up fairy tales* / *Jack's magic clock* / *The giant who went to school* / *The lost shoe*. All entries to be returned to Class 3, clearly named by Monday 26th February.
- **Sharing Assembly-** we would like to invite you to join us on Friday 9th March at 2.30pm to celebrate the work which the children have been doing in class. The assemblies will be run by a group of children and they will have an opportunity to share with you some of their work.
- **Hot Chocolate Fridays** Well done to our Hot Chocolate Friday superstars. This week the Golden Tickets were awarded to: Jemima, Joe and Olivia. Great work everyone!
- **Class 2 have a request for any donations of compost.** If anyone has unwanted bags/partial bags of compost lying around then Class 2 would be grateful if people could bring them in to school. This is so we can complete and plant up the 'stumpery' section of our wildlife area over the Spring. Any donations can be left by the garden



shed to the right of the main gate. We will be collecting contributions during the first week back after half term. Many thanks Class 2.

- **Muddy Shoes** We are struggling to contain the amount of mud brought in to school on children's shoes. Please do not allow your children to play on the grass in their school shoes at drop off or pick up time. If your child's shoes are excessively muddy we would be grateful if you could clean them before they come in to school. Your help with this is much appreciated.
- **Email address for payment and school invoice queries.** If you need to contact Ms Voakes about payments or your child's nursery or BAFTA invoices you should email direct at office@marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk. Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
- **Cricket** Whixley Cricket Club cater for players from under 7 running teams at under7, under 9, under 11 and under 13 plus 2 Saturday senior teams and a Wednesday mid week team. DBS checked coaches for all junior teams and Clubmark accredited. Training sessions are on a Sunday 3-4pm at Boroughbridge Sports Centre. A flyer is attached to this week's newsletter email and is also on the school website at <http://marton-cum-grafton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/letters-home/>

News from The Friends

Our next Bag2School collection is at 9am on **Friday 23rd February at 9.00am**. Please have a sort out and donate your unwanted items to school to raise funds! Bag2School recycle good quality second hand clothing and pay the school £4 per 10kg weighed so **the more weight we have, the more we raise - please donate as much as you can!** A bag (1 per family) has been sent out in book bags this week although any refuse bag will be accepted and you can bring as many bags as you like. Please observe the list of 'no thanks' as we won't get paid for these:

YES PLEASE: clean clothing (adult or children's), paired shoes, handbags, ties, belts, hats, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedsheets, pillowcases and duvet covers & jewellery.

NO THANKS: Duvets or pillows, blankets, rugs or wet/damaged/soiled clothing, corporate clothing, cushions, carpet off-cuts, school uniform.

Please leave your filled bags on the grass by the new entrance next to the school vegetable garden before 9am on the day. Any queries, please ask Sarah Harrison (Thomas year 5). Thank you.

www.bag2school.com

School Tea Towel and Bag Orders

We are still selling the tea towels and bags with the children's self-portraits. Please contact Bianca Gaspar (Oliver Class 2 and Sebastian Class 3)