

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back for our Spring 2 term. The weather seems to be picking up, with the mornings being lighter, which seems to have put a smile on everyone's faces. Next week, I will be visiting the Lake District with some of our Year 5 children to join in with a residential visit at the Outwards Bounds Centre on Ullswater. We shall be putting lots of photos onto the TTLT Facebook and twitter pages so be sure to take a look at what we are up to.

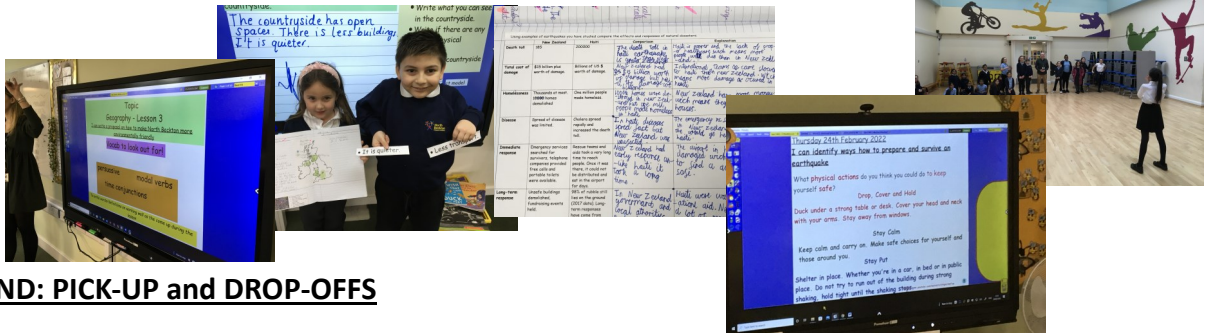
Regards, Ms Helm: Head Teacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday (3rd March) we will be celebrating World Book Day; dressing up as our favourite book characters and spending the afternoon sharing our favourite books.

Please DO NOT feel the need to go out and buy expensive fancy dress costumes . . .the teachers have discussed with the children how they can be 'creative' with things you will already have at home.

Our learning this week has been all about 'Our World Around Us' (along with a bit of Shakespeare!)



## PLAYGROUND: PICK-UP and DROP-OFFS

We are delighted that our roofing project has now been completed and the scaffolding taken down. We have used this as an opportunity to 're-paint' our walkways through the playground for the drop-offs and pick-ups which allows our Year 1/2 parents to now be able to get slightly closer to their classroom doors. Please can I ask that you stay on the path and do not go too close to the classroom doors as this allows everyone their personal space. We will be continuing to use the current one-way system around the Whiley Building as this allows everyone to arrive and leave the site in a calmer and more ordered manner.

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are aware that some parents/children like to bring some small treats for their classmates when it is their birthday. As a school, there are two points we would like to clarify as regards this:

- 1) There is NO expectation that you do this and please do not feel obligated to provide treats for other pupils when it is your child's birthday.
- 2) If your child does bring something in, it needs to either be wrapped sweets/chocolates or small individual cakes; school staff will not be able to cut up larger cakes into individual pieces to then hand out.

## Our 'Thought for Next Week'

Next week, in our assemblies, we will be thinking about:

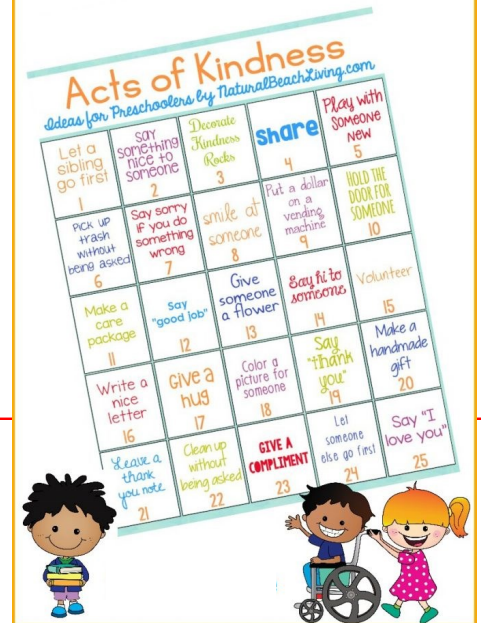
*"Do the little things . . . Random acts of kindness"*

What are some little acts of kindness we can do at home and at school?

Why do the little things in life matter?

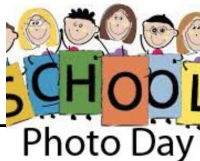
What is a 'little act' rather than a 'big act' of kindness?

## Random Acts of Kindness



### CLASS PHOTO DAY

We will be having our class photos taken on Tuesday 15th March. Please make sure your child is looking 'super smart' and in full school uniform on that day.



Keeping your children safe online . . . we are still having concerns shared with us from children as regards what is being shared between their friends via their mobile phones. Please see below for some more advice and suggestions to support parents with this.

### SAVE THE DATE: IN-PERSON PARENTS' EVENING

We are aware that it has been nearly two years since you have been into school to see your child's classroom and their books. As such, we are planning on having our next Parents' Evening as an 'in-person' one rather than on zoom. We will make sure this is Covid-safe with lots of social distancing in place however please 'save the dates' as this will be happening on **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March** between 3.30—6pm; this is the last week of this half term. More information will be shared nearer the time however there will be NO after school clubs/tuition on this last week of term.

## Social Media Settings

Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.

### Instagram

Settings → Privacy

**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers (recommended: on)

**COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY:** allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.  
You can also remove a follower using this method.

### TikTok

Settings → Privacy

**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers (recommended: on)

**SAFETY:** TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts (recommended: friends)

**COMMENT FILTERS:** you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in (recommended: on)

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.

### WhatsApp

Settings → Account → Privacy

**PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS:** You can change who can see a profile photo and status (recommended: my contacts)

**GROUPS:** allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups (recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)

**BLOCKED:** can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!

### Snapchat

Settings → Privacy

**CONTACT:** decide who can message you and send you snaps (recommended: my friends)

**VIEW MY STORY:** restrict who can see your story (recommended: my friends)

**GHOST MODE:** if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map (recommended: on)

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more