



Dear Parents

A big thank you to all parents who were able to support **World Book Day** last week. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and as always, so many of you were able to attend our Reading Open Morning on Thursday. Continued thanks for ensuring your child reads every night—updated scores from our weekly competition are opposite.

Many parents have expressed their worries over the **Coronavirus**. The school is getting daily updates from the Government about what to do or not to do. At the moment there are no plans to close the school unless we suspect we have a case but there is a Government helpline that we can call whenever we have a question or a query. We won't be able to close the school unless we have the permission from Public Health England. The school nurse will be in to talk to children this week about the importance of washing hands etc and staff are being very vigilant about monitoring any children with the symptoms. I've attached some of the basic advice that schools are getting which I think is useful for parents too to help you or your children avoid catching the coronavirus.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to **Catie Bass**! Miss Bass started as a student with us and then worked in Year 1+2 for 2.5 years after that. She has also been involved in drama, FOSTA (school discos) and more recently leading Art. Catie has proved herself to be a popular member of staff with adults and children alike and we will all miss her but wish her luck when she takes up a post at Loatlands Primary school after the Easter holidays.

Next month our Value of the Month will be **EXCELLENCE** and we're hoping that all parents can support our latest home challenge! During the month of April we will be challenging all children to walk or run 5K! There will be a medal for those children achieving it—more detail to follow!

Lastly, updated diary dates are on the reverse of this—don't forget it's our **SCIENCE FAIR** for parents this Friday. 9-10am for KS1 and 1.30—2.30pm for KS2.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)



READING SCORES

Reception classes = 2 times a week

Morey Gompertz = 3 times a week

David Attenborough = 2 times a week

Charles Wicksteed = 4 times a week

Steve Redgrave = 5 times a week

Martin Luther King = 6 times a week

Anne Frank = 5 times a week

Winston Churchill = 5 times a week

Malala Yousafzai = 5 times a week

Stephen Hawking = 4 times a week

William Knibb = 6 times a week

FORGIVENESS is our value of the month.

Here are some examples of what children could do:

- Show **forgiveness** by accepting someone's apology even if they have hurt your feelings
- Show **forgiveness** by understanding that people can make mistakes and give them another chance
- Show **forgiveness** by not bearing a grudge against someone when they've done something wrong to you.

The '**philosophical question**' we would like you to discuss at home this month is:

'Is saying sorry always enough?'

Malala Yousafzai is our Values hero for **Forgiveness** and **Alex** from MY has designed our badge!