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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

As we come to the end of our first half-term of 2023, it is wonderful to reflect upon what an exciting term it has been...

The BRW Talent Show

Our FS/KS1 and KS2 Talent Shows were a wonderful success, full of children who impressed us with their energy, skill and true talent! We are exceptionally proud of all the children who auditioned and performed in the shows. It takes real courage to stand up in front of others and the children never fail to inspire us with their bravery and spirit.

Safer Internet Day

As our pupils are growing up in a digital era, we believe it is of the upmost importance to teach them the skills and knowledge they will need to be safe online. The theme for this year was, 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The day called upon all of us at BRW, and across the globe, to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, especially for children! As part of Safer Internet Day, children took part in RHE lessons that focused on keeping safe online, communicating appropriately online and how to spot fake news. Please talk with your children about safety online and ask them about all of the ways they can stay safe and kind when playing games and having fun online.

Looking forwards to next term...

Ash Wednesday Mass – 22nd February

We are looking forward to celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February at 9:30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Mission Statement

'We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn'

DATES - 2023

Wed 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Mass in Church

W/C 27th February

World Book Week at BRW! The dress-up day and Reading Café will occur on

Thursday 2nd March

Tuesday 7th March

Rags to Riches Collection

W/C 13th March

BRW Science Week

Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March

Parent Consultations

Friday 24th March

Spring Raffle

W/C 27th March

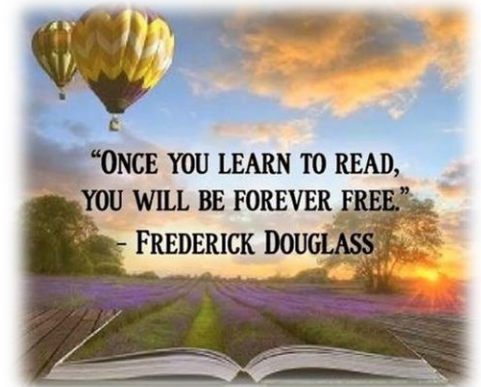
Holy Week at BRW

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term

World Book Week!

"The World belongs to those who read!" With this in mind, we are determined to ensure all of our pupils are skilled readers by the end of their Primary School journey. Part of becoming a skilled reader is learning about the joy and adventure we can experience whilst losing ourselves in a good book! Feedback from last year's World Book Day suggested that parents/carers would appreciate the events to be spread over the **W/C27th February** so that they have more opportunity to join in with events. In response to this, a variety of events will be run over the week including: 'Mystery Readers', dress-up day, the BRW Reading Café and of course, lots of time for reading!



Rags to Riches

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items, which we will put towards school projects and we would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. Our last collection was such a success that we have booked in for another collection in March. Our next collection is booked for **7th March 2023** so please keep good clothing to donate to us on this date or the day before.

Fair Trade Fortnight

We will celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight from **Monday 27th February to Sunday 12th March**. For two weeks each year, thousands of schools across the UK come together to learn from the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and the people who grow the cotton in our clothes – people who are often exploited and underpaid. Through learning about how we are all connected through the things we eat, drink and wear, young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to shape a more compassionate and sustainable world. The Eco Team will be in contact soon with more news about the events we will be running during Fairtrade Fortnight.

BRW Science Week

We love to inspire the children as investigators and budding scientists. During BRW Science week (**w/c 13th March**), the children will take part in Science lessons that will focus on this year's theme: '**Connections**'. There will also be an **OLOL Trust Competition** for the children to take part in so keep your eyes peeled for more information!

Safeguarding Update

As always, safeguarding at BRW is our priority.

If you have any concerns about a pupil in school, please speak to one of our DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

- Mrs Maylard-Mason
- Miss Lee
- Mrs Cross
- Ms Chapman
- Mrs Henderson

"SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS IS THE MOST NOBLE AND BEAUTIFUL END OF A HUMAN BEING."

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BRW Spring Raffle

We will be holding our **BIG BRW Spring Raffle** on Friday 24th March. This year, we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs, which will be raffled off to raise money for school funds. Tickets will be available through the school office. Thank you so much for your support.

Parking Reminder

We respectfully remind you of our rules regarding parking:

- *Keep any 'Keep Clear' markings clear*
- *Ensure pavements, driveways and pedestrian access points are kept clear*
- *Ensure emergency vehicles would be able to get past if needed*
- *Turn off your engine when parked*
- *Behave in a manner that is respectful towards others – including fellow parents, guardians, pedestrians and local residents*
- *Consider whether or not the car is necessary in drop off and collecting your child(ren) from school*
- *Park further away from school if at all possible - please remember that Corpus Christi Church Car Park is open and available for parents to park there in the morning, then walk round to school with their children.'*

Please visit our school website to read about other exciting events at <https://www.brwacademy.com/> .

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason
Head Teacher