



Headteacher writes:

**“But the true nature of the human heart is as whimsical as spring weather. All signals may aim toward a fall of rain when suddenly the skies will clear.”**

**-from The Collected Autobiographies of Maya Angelou by Maya Angelou**

We are already at the end of Week 2! I saw many of you arriving or departing the Sharing Learning parent/ carers sessions this week. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work and looking at the progress they have made. If you have not as yet seen the class teacher, they will be following up with you so that you do come to celebrate the learning your child has done in the first half of this academic year. Thank you to the staff for the devotion and the late nights!

World Book Day was celebrated yesterday. I managed to resist shouting, 'You shall not pass!' while on the gate, dressed as Gandalf! It is always amazing to see the efforts made for the costumes. As you know, reading is important and is at the heart of our curriculum. Reading for pleasure is something both children and adults can do. It is often all too easy to do something instead of reading. It might be easier to sit down and watch Netflix (other streaming services are available) rather than reading a book. But, books are special - reading fiction draws you into a different world and sparks imagination. It also does a lot more... Those who read often; live longer; have slower cognitive decline and reduced stress levels. I wonder if you can find a few extra minutes to read a little more?

Now that we are in spring, we begin to see the shoots of new life and regrowth. Some people like to spring clean or have some form of refresh in their lives. It is a chance to revisit the importance of positivity and to review and improve our resilience. Looking after our wellbeing is important. The NHS has five areas of focus to support wellbeing; connect with others, be physically active, learn new skills, give to others and pay attention to the present moment. It might be possible to do most of these through having strong links with school.

Yours in partnership,  
Mike, Headteacher

### World Book Day

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in school. The children dressed up as their favourite book characters and they enjoyed seeing the staff dressed up too! During the day, the children engaged in lots of activities linked to reading and different books. Across the school, we enjoyed hearing stories read in different languages and finding out about different authors and stories.





The Book Fair is coming from 10<sup>th</sup> March . This will be held at the Infant School

**Timings for the fair:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 3.15 - 4pm  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 8.15 - 8.45am and 3.15 - 4pm  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 8.15 - 8.45am  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 8.15 - 8.45am and 3.15 - 4pm  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March: 3.15 - 4pm

**Everyone is welcome to come along and take a look.**

**Cashless Payment Option:**

You can now pay for books at the Fair using a QR code. You will be able to scan the code on your phone to easily access the payment platform. Please bring your mobile phone and credit/debit cards to the fair, as the card details need to be entered.

**Chester Park Iftar—Everyone Welcome!**

This event is for all families in our community. On Tuesday 11th March at 5.30pm, we will be holding our Chester Park Iftar at the infant school. Everyone is welcome to join us in opening the fast together. Please bring vegetarian or Halal food, which does not contain nuts, to share with the community. If food is homemade, please label with the ingredients used to support our families with allergies. There will a space available for prayer, so you are welcome to bring a prayer mat. We are looking forward to welcoming our families in joining us in school on this evening.



**Dates for your Diary**







**Infant School**

**Tuesday 11th March**— Chester Park Iftar 5.30pm at the infant school  
**Monday 10th-Friday 14th March**—Book Fair at the infant school  
**Friday 28th March**—Inset Day  
**Monday 31st March**—Inset Day  
**Friday 23rd May**—Inset Day

**Junior School**

**Tuesday 11th March**— Chester Park Iftar 5.30pm at the infant school  
**Monday 10th-Friday 14th March**—Book Fair at the infant school  
**Friday 28th March**—Inset Day  
**Monday 31st March**—Inset Day  
**Friday 23rd May**—Inset Day

# Weekly Celebrations

	<b>Dojo Hero</b> 	<b>Pot of Gold</b> 		<b>Dojo Hero</b> 	<b>Gold Card</b> 
<b>Class</b>	<b>Infant School</b>		<b>Class</b>	<b>Junior School</b>	
<b>Badger</b>	Justin		<b>Apple</b>	Finley	Rashid, Hana
<b>Rabbit</b>	Nadia		<b>Pear</b>	Elijah	Aisha, Arthur
<b>Squirrel</b>	Ehsaan		<b>Cherry</b>	Jevon	Kelen-Jay, Sia, Lucas
<b>Bumblebee</b>	Hugo	Eunice	<b>Acer</b>	Milo	Tom, Damilola
<b>Hedgehog</b>	Vinny G	Memphis	<b>Rowan</b>	Henry	Dante, Thandie
<b>Otter</b>	Saliha		<b>Cypress</b>	Dido	Rafi, T-Shii
<b>Owl</b>	Melody	Kensa, Evie, Ewan, Bonnie, Muhammad S	<b>Hawthorn</b>	Zayan	Albie, Sophia M
<b>Fox</b>	Jessica	Adam	<b>Sycamore</b>	Haseeb	Yaseen, Ekamjot
<b>Ducklings</b>	Noah		<b>Maple</b>	Muhammad	Leah, Zaynab
<b>Woodlands</b>		Ousmane, Kai,	<b>Ash</b>	Izzy	Abdullah, Alfie
			<b>Whitebeam</b>	Nyla	Evie, Hassan
<b>Congratulations to this weeks winners!</b>			<b>Oak</b>	Shayla	Corey, Naomi

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
<b>Badger</b>	97.3%	<b>Apple</b>	95.9%
<b>Rabbit</b>	90.8%	<b>Pear</b>	93.6%
<b>Squirrel</b>	91.1%	<b>Cherry</b>	96%
<b>Bumblebee</b>	95.1%	<b>Acer</b>	89.7%
<b>Hedgehog</b>	92%	<b>Rowan</b>	93.5%
<b>Otter</b>	94%	<b>Cypress</b>	92.6%
<b>Owl</b>	86.6%	<b>Sycamore</b>	93.2%
<b>Fox</b>	97.2%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	93.2%
		<b>Maple</b>	92.9%
		<b>Whitebeam</b>	91.3%
		<b>Ash</b>	90.8%

## Online safety

The Internet is a good resource for research and can be an exciting space for children to watch animations, play games and connect with others.

Children will often need support to access apps and Internet sites that are appropriate for their age. They will sometimes need reminders of how to be kind to others whilst online. BBC Bitesize has some good resources about how to be kind online that you can use with your child

### [How to be kind online - BBC Bitesize](#)

It is helpful to know the age limits on popular apps; these are in place as children are not yet mature enough to use these apps safely. If you would like further information, please follow these links: [Papaya Parents](#) and [Keeping children safe online - Parent's questions answered | Barnardo's](#). The age limits for many popular apps are shown below.



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## YOU ARE OFFICICALLY INVITED TO...

### WOMEN & GIRLS TAKE OVER DAY

- Rugby games & activities
- Tag & T1 rugby for all ages & abilities
- Food
- Skills coaching
- Red Roses Final Match of the Six Nations being shown in bar at 4:45pm



Sat 26th April • 1pm

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# CHESTER PARK IFTAR

JOIN US IN OPENING OUR FAST TOGETHER  
TUESDAY 11 MARCH  
(5:30PM @ THE INFANT SCHOOL)

PLEASE BRING A  
VEGETARIAN OR HALAL  
AND NUT FREE DISH TO  
SHARE

