

Message from Miss Fendley . . . We are slowly creeping away from the cold and wet winter weather and into the warmth of springtime! With the sunny days, comes the opportunity for the children to make use of our wonderful outdoor space and spend playtimes on the field - *as long as they have a second pair of shoes at school to change into.* I've managed to have individual chats with lots of pupils during my regular class 'check-ins' around school and I'm so pleased to hear that they are really enjoying their learning and the current topics they are studying within their year groups, which I feel is good news all round.

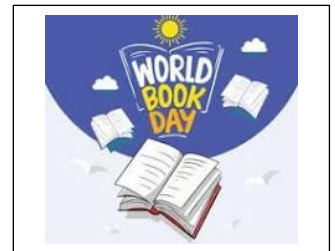


Another stage appearance for Reffley Voices

The school choir, Reffley Voices, will be joining in with other local choirs within our area, when they feature at the '**Schools Make Music**' festival at the Corn Exchange, on **TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH.** We send the 'star struck' group our very best wishes and hope they all thoroughly enjoy their moment in the spotlight.

World Book Day - 6th March

£1 World book day tokens have already been issued to all pupils, so we hope you find an enjoyable book to buy and read. Pupils are welcome to dress as their favourite book character on the above day, if they wish to do so; *we'll see if we can guess the character you are trying to resemble!*



We hopefully have an author in the making at Reffley Academy!

We had several pupils from school take part in a literacy competition. The competition had been organised by Russen & Turner, a local company of estate agents and we are very pleased to report that the winner was one of our Yr. 3 pupils. The young gentleman concerned bagged himself a prize for himself and also attracted a very generous book voucher for the school to spend too. Our £200 voucher was soon spent on a variety of reading books for all pupils throughout the school to enjoy - so thank you very much Sami for your wonderful story entry, we are very grateful for the new books.

Our new school menu has already begun!

If anyone would appreciate a printed hardcopy of the new school menu, one can be collected from the school office. The new menu started on 24th February and runs for a six week period; it continues to offer the choice of either a daily hot, plated meal, a jacket potato with a choice of filling, a cheese or ham sandwich or the hot pasta option, which is served with or without a sauce topping. Meals can be booked via your child's Pupil Asset account, at a cost of £2.65 per day. Children in Reception through to Yr. 2, receive their lunch free of charge, as could certain older pupils too, as long as their family circumstances meet the necessary criteria to receive free school meals.

Pupil Review Sessions – Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th March*

Appointment sheets are in the office foyer for parents and carers to book an appointment with their child's class teacher. Most classes will be offering appointments over the two dates listed above, with the exception of Fir Class (Nursery) which is only available on Wednesday, 12th and Yew Class, which offers appointments on Thursday, 6th and Tuesday, 11th March. Mrs. Lee, our school SENco will be available at both sessions, no appointment necessary, should you feel the need to have a chat with her about any special educational needs you feel your child may have.

We will be recognising two very special causes on the same important day – 21st March

At Reffley Academy, we will be holding a combined NON-UNIFORM DAY to highlight the work of Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) by wearing COLOURFUL CLOTHING, combined with ODD SOCKS to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day on **FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH**. Pupils wishing to take part in the non-uniform day and care to send in a small donation to school, we will be happy to send off a collective total to charity.

Pre-loved school uniform

If any of your children have experienced a 'growth spurt' and, therefore, require larger uniform items, we have a wonderful array of trousers, tops, etc., to choose from in school - all free of charge. Lots of our lovely parents and carers donate pre-loved clothing to be upcycled and used again. Tesco stores have also been extremely generous with providing 'end of line' clothing, plus school shoes too. Please pop in to the school office, we'll be more than happy to show you what is on offer to choose from.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club opens its doors at 7.30 a.m. and operates each school day morning, at a cost of £2.50 per child, per day. The breakfast club is open to all pupils and if you have the need for your child to take advantage of this facility, **PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR THE SERVICE** on your child's Pupil Asset account (under the 'clubs' section)