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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **Derbyshire STOP Anti-Bullying Award**

We are really pleased that we have passed our renewal for the DCC STOP Anti-Bullying Award. This award is given for Excellence in Identifying, Preventing and Responding to Bullying. Steve Boyd, DCC Anti-Bullying coordinator came along last week and was impressed by what we do in school. He particularly liked our Well Being Committee. Thank you to Mrs Newton for her hard work in the preparation and ongoing organisation of our PSHE and well-being in school.

### **Y2 CHINA ASSEMBLY**

Well done to our Y2 children for a super CHINA assembly last week. They certainly had lots of work and facts to share with us all. A big thank you to Mrs Dennis and Mrs Snidall for their hard work too.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**

A reminder we are celebrating World Book Day - **this Thursday**- by allowing the children to wear their pyjamas (with extra clothes underneath and dressing gowns!) to school. We will also be eating toast and drinking hot chocolate. We would like the children to bring along their favourite bedtime story to share with their friends. Please ensure their storybook is named.

Parents are welcomed to join their children to read stories from 2.30pm onwards on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the afternoon; Afternoon Nursery parents at 12.05pm - the start of the session.

Accompanying this letter is a World Book Day Token 2017 worth £1.00 towards the purchase of a book which can be used at a range of retailers. Alternatively the Book Day Token may be exchanged for one of the specially produced £1 books listed on the token. World Book Tokens can be used from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 inclusive.

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

We have been monitoring our children's school attendance so far this year. As a school our attendance is 94.8% which is below government expected attendance. We also have 11 children that are classed as persistent absentees by the government (i.e. their attendance is below 90%).



We know children can't come to school when they are ill and certainly wouldn't want them to. Can I also remind you that holidays in school time are not authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

As mentioned in letters at the beginning of the school year - our Y2 children will be taking their end of year Y2 government tests after the Easter holidays; Y1 children (and some Y2 children) will be taking their government phonic screening test at the beginning of June. Please ensure your child attends school during this important time in their school life.

School doors open at 8.40am and school officially starts at 8.50am; if you arrive after 8.50am please come to the main door. Children receive a late mark up to 9.20am; and are classed as an unauthorised absence after 9.20am.

Accompanying this letter is a leaflet all about attendance for your information.

### **FRIDAY READING MORNINGS**

It was lovely to see some of you last Friday morning first thing reading with the children. You are all welcome to stay between 8.40am - 8.55am in your child's class.

### **READING CERTIFICATE - MARCH**

Don't forget we are having our March reading initiative. Children who read 15 times or more at home during the month of March will receive a certificate and a prize.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathryn Fretwell