



Reception Newsletter - February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful half term!

World Book Day

On **Thursday 7th March** it is World Book Day. We would love to see all the children dress up as their favourite book character - the teachers will be dressing up too! Children can also bring in their favourite book to school - remember to put their name in it. If you would like to borrow a costume from school, please let your child's teacher know.

Author Visit

On **Wednesday 6th March**, we will be welcoming the brilliant author **Kelechi Okafor** into school to visit the children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. She will be talking about her new book, **Strong Like Me**, a heart-warming picture-book about finding your own ways to be strong.

If you would like to pre-order this book for your child to have signed personally, please visit our local children's bookshop, Pickled Pepper Books' website and order on this link:

<https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/products/strong-like-me-by-kelechi-okafor-coleridge-primary-school-6th-march-2024>

Please remember to add your child's name and class to the 'notes to the book fairy' when ordering.

Children in receipt of the *Pupil Premium Grant* will receive this book for free.

Visiting your child's classroom

We loved inviting parents/carers into the classroom last term and look forward to welcoming you in this half term. The dates are: **Tuesday 19th March** and **Wednesday 20th March**. The session will last from 8:50am to 9:20am and are spread over a couple of days to avoid the rooms being too crowded. A sign-up sheet will be put up in your classroom doorway in the coming weeks.

Contributions for Trips

Unfortunately, school trips and other experiences can only go ahead if we receive enough voluntary parental contributions. If you have not yet contributed £30 towards school trips this year and would like to, please do so via your ScoPay account. Any money left over at the end of the year is rolled over into the classes Year 1 fund.

Parent meetings

This term, parent/carer meetings will be taking place on **26th March** and **27th March** between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. This is an online programme that allows you to access the meeting from your phone or computer via a video call. More details on appointment booking and how parents/carers access to follow. Please also note that if you have a review for your child, e.g. SEND review, Well-being review, teacher review, you do not need to book to attend a SchoolCloud session.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 15th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

Monday 18th March – Coleridge's Reading Bingo Challenge finishes – please bring your bingo card and any money raised into school by this day.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us; if you need more than just a quick chat, we can make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely
The Reception Team