

SARRATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Laying the foundations for our children to be confident, respectful
and to achieve their full potential.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a difference the sunshine makes! Last week was a fantastic start to the new half term – the children came back to school smiling and raring to go. We now have a very busy couple of weeks coming up to look forward to. It all begins this Monday, 4th March, when we have West End in Schools hosting dance workshops for the children in Reception class, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2. This ties in beautifully with the beginning of our World Book Day celebrations, as they will be basing their routines around the story, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We can't wait to see what they come up with.

We have lots going on for World Book Day and Science Week, not to mention Red Nose Day on the 15th March. This year we will be inviting children to show their support for Comic Relief by wearing a red item of clothing along with their normal uniform – this could be a t-shirt, jumper, a pair of shorts or even just a pair of socks or hairband. We will not be taking any donations through school, but invite you to make contributions directly to the charity.

With all this excitement going on, it's wonderful to have a moment of calm and reflection. Year 5, with the support of Reverend Michelle and Bridget Smith (our Foundation Governor), have been taking part in daily meditation sessions. The children begin every afternoon session with 10 minutes of meditation. The sessions have proved to be very positive, with the children's focus improving. We hope to roll out the use of meditation to other classes over the coming terms.

Mrs Nicola O'Hare
Head of School



Events

March 4

Dance workshops YR-Y4

March 7

World Book Day

Week beginning March 11

Science Week

March 11

Alom Shaha, visiting author, in school

March 13

Science Boffins Workshop

March 15

Red Nose Day

March 18

Lucinda Williams, visiting author, in school

Important information

Our ongoing drive to improve attendance continues. Children who achieve 100% attendance across a half term will be presented with a certificate and badge at the final Gold Book assembly. We will also be giving recognition to those whose attendance has significantly improved.

Please do not park in the turning circle outside the main gates.

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Important information

Following reports from some of our older children about an online video, we are asking you to be extra-vigilant when your children are online. The video, named Momo's Challenge, pops up during YouTube clips aimed at children. It then encourages children to take part in different dares. If you need any information about helping children to stay safe online, please contact Mr Young through the school office.



World Book Day and Science Week

There has been a lot of excitement building up to this year's World Book Day, with much of the playground conversation dedicated to costumes and outfits. Thursday 7th March is the big day with a special themed lunch, costume competition and lots of story inspired activities. Parents and family members are invited into school at 2.45pm to share in Storytime too. All donations will go towards updating reading resources in school.

"What is science? What do scientists do? How can children do real science at home? These are just some of the questions the author, Alom Shaha, will answer when he visits on the 11th March. He will share his passion for science through a series of spectacular demonstrations of scientific phenomena using household materials. Based on the ideas in his book 'Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder'. This is a perfect way to get the whole school enthused and engaged with science and literature.

On Wednesday 13th March, Science Boffins will be in school. They will lead workshops designed to deliver aspects of the curriculum in fun and imaginative ways to get children excited about science. The day will be rounded off with a whole school rocket launch on the school grounds!

At the beginning of the week, Mrs Whittaker, our science leader, will be setting the whole school a challenge to get us all using our scientific skills to answer questions. Look out in next week's newsletter to see how we get on.



Pictures from this West End in Schools Dance Workshops.



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