



# Newsberries

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## Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We have had another busy week in school as we approach the half term break. A big thank you to the PTA for organising the Quiz Night on Wednesday. An extra thank you to the 'Quiz Masters' who we understand will be stepping down, following their most recent performance. We cannot thank them enough for the seven years of quizzes they have entertained us with. We had a brilliant participation from parents and hope you had an enjoyable evening whilst, once again, adding to our PTA funds!

We have enjoyed two class assemblies this week. Year One started the day on Thursday with their lovely assembly on the Chinese New Year. This was followed by a day of Chinese New Year Workshops arranged by Mrs Hore and Miss Reilly. All children had the opportunity to participate in a dance workshop and learn a dance routine using accessories and costumes. Thank you once again to the PTA for funding this.

Well done also to Year Three who shared their assembly this morning. We were so impressed by the confidence they showed and the work they had been doing around the value of Kindness. Please look out after half term, as we will be sharing with parents our plans to enrich our curriculum by launching values based whole school themes.

All parents should now have received their appointments for parents evening which will take place on Tuesday the 5th and Thursday the 7th of March. We hope you have a good break next week and look forward to seeing you all at the meetings after the half term break.

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to say 'goodbye' (for now) to Mrs O'Sullivan our Year 6 teacher. She will be leaving us today to begin her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing more about the new arrival in due course. Our Year 6 class will be taught by Miss Howe and Mrs Baxter from next half term.

**Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon**

# World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place on **Thursday 7th March**. To celebrate this event in school we would like the children to come in on this day dressed as their favourite book character. This could be a character from a comic book, a novel or a picture book. Please feel free to 'think outside the box!'

Please remember that the children will continue to be outside at playtimes and lunchtime so will need appropriate footwear and a coat. Reception children will be using their outside areas so please ensure that costumes are appropriate for outdoor learning.

The children will have a special assembly together in the morning with author Sue Hamilton who will be carrying out workshops (funded by the PTA) with each class throughout the day and selling her books in the dining room after school.

If you have any questions regarding costumes for World Book Day, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

**Mrs O'Sullivan**

## PTA

### Quiz Night Success

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our fantastic Valentine's quiz night. We are thrilled to announce that we raised £600! It was great to see so many people there and we hope you all had a good time. A special thank you to Trinity Gardiner and Kate Mawdsley for being such fabulous quizmasters every year. You will be missed!!

### School Uniform Sale

Thank you for all the donations for our school uniform sale. We hope you enjoyed picking up a bargain! Thank you to Lucy Harrington-Smith and the rest of the team for their hard work in running the sale. Have a lovely half term!

## Diary Dates

18 - 22/02	Half Term	
25/02	Back to School	
5/3	Parent consultations	
7/3	World book day	
15/3	Red Nose Day	
22/3	PTA Mother's day sale	
29/3	PTA Easter cake bake	
5/4	End of term	

## Letters / Emails Home

<b>Y5</b>	Hazard Alley trip letter	Dinner Bill Letters for Junior children
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# Class Blogs

Class Blogs are updated each week and give a flavour of the things that have been happening across the school. Please take a look when you can! It can give you a valuable insight into work across the school as well as offer a good talking point if you would like to find out more about your child's learning each week.

<https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/classes/>

## Stars of the Week

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

Professor Stephen Hawking



Congratulations to all our stars!  
**This Week**



Reception	Eva Patel		
Y1	Evie Griggs	Y2	Bertie Vincent
Y3	Dan Slater	Y4	Willow Knowles
Y5	Edie Goodman	Y6	Max Zissman