

# Beecroft Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents

February 2019

**World Book Day:** We are holding a book fortnight. We would like pupils to take up the challenge during the holidays (see over). Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March will be a 'dress as a book character day' and on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special story reading library session from an actor. There will be a book for each child to bring home free on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Reading is important – the key to all learning and we want to encourage it. I'm sure you will agree (see over).

**Residential Visits:** We have 2 residential visits after half-term (Y6 have already been to Castleton)

Year 4: Malham 26-27 February

Year 5: Herd Farm 11-13 March

**Music Family Assembly:** Our musical family assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February was very enjoyable. All Key Stage 2 performed – ukulele, djembe our orchestra – flutes, recorders, violins and a trumpet. Beginner recorder groups also 'played their pieces'. We are very proud of the music we provide in the school and how staff give of their time freely.

**Internet Safety:** All classes have been doing vital work on keeping themselves safe on-line. Please support us with your own safety in place at home. (Mr Campbell sent details and leaflets last week).

## **Homeless Project with St George's Crypt**

Drama club and Year 6 have started some acting and research on the homeless in Leeds. An assembly will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Family Assembly. Each class will have a container for 'change'. For £30 Beecroft can support by buying a bed to help with the problem of the homeless on the streets of Leeds. We ask that pupils bring £1 which can be exchanged for a fair-trade item and then the rest of the change will be donated supporting the homeless project. Year 6 have already raised £60. Can we all help our city?

**Wellbeing Day:** Once again this was a very successful day. Thank you (see wellbeing newsletter)

**School starts at 8.50am.** Please support us. Break up Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February for half term and return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Dates for your diary**

**School Trips:** - Year 5 - 24<sup>th</sup> January – Armley Museum

Year 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> February - Saltaire

Year 4 - 26<sup>th</sup> February - 27<sup>th</sup> February - Malham Cove – Residential

**World Book Day:** - All school – Dress up as a book character Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March (Prizes)

**Well-being day:-** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Fair Trade Fortnight:-** 25<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Family Assembly Dates:-** 8th March, 22nd March,

## **RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

Thank you for your continuing support for the school.

Yours sincerely

J. Turner  
Headteacher



# World Book Day Holiday Challenge



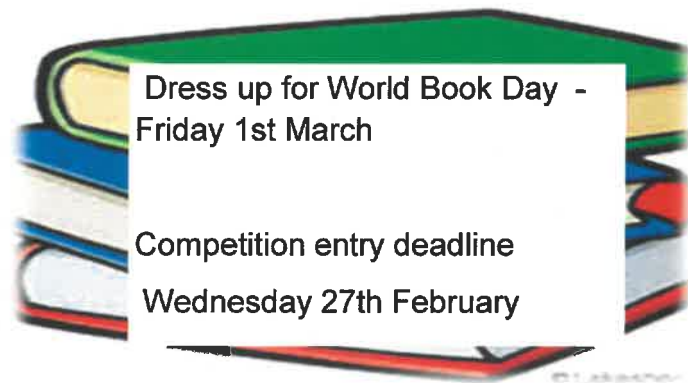
This year for World Book Day we are celebrating our love of reading, over two weeks:

**W/c 24th Feb - Thursday 7th March**

We are asking all of our children to choose their favourite author, their favourite book, their favourite character or even their favourite nursery rhyme to complete a project over the half-term holiday.

This could be:

- A book review
- A poem
- A description
- A themed bookmark



Dress up for World Book Day -  
Friday 1st March

Competition entry deadline  
Wednesday 27th February

Entries for the competition must be brought into school by Wednesday 26th February for judging.

- There will be prizes for each year group.
- There will also be prizes for the best costumes (all book themed) on our dressing-up day , Friday 1st March

On Thursday 7th March children will receive their world day book and each class will read a story in the library with a special guest reader!



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15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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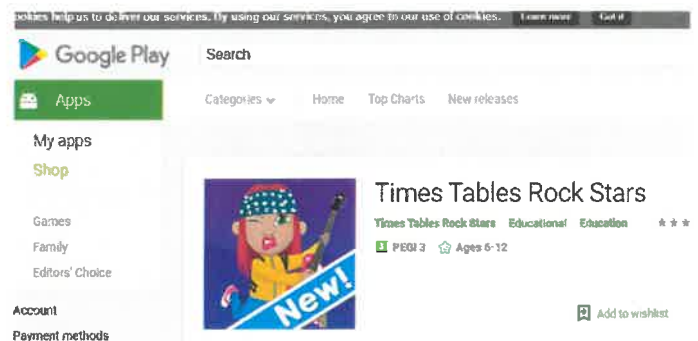
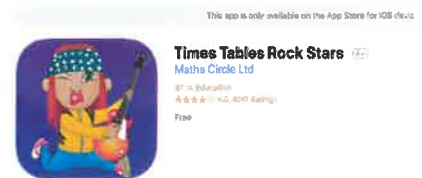
I am writing to inform you that the school has now purchased a license for **Times Tables Rockstars** for your child to practise their tables at home. As you will know, along with listening to and encouraging your child to read, the most important thing to help your child with at home is learning their times-tables. These are vital for them to be able to succeed in all areas of maths.

You will find your child's username and password stuck inside their homework or reading diary, for them to practise during the holidays.

The game can be played in three different ways:

1. Online at <https://ttrockstars.com/>
2. Downloading the app from itunes
3. Downloading the app for android from Google Play

App Store Preview



The website has two main modes: The garage mode is where your child's teacher will set weekly times-table focus homeworks. The studio mode is where children can practise all times-tables up to 12x12. It is a fun game, where children's scores and times are recorded in a class league table. Trialling it in Year 5, we have seen a rapid improvement of children's speed and accuracy when answering questions, while all children have enjoyed the competitive element!

HAVE FUN PLAYING!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Campbell

