Dear Parents/Carers,

Everybody has been working hard in school this term.

This half term children in Y3 have been learning about persuasive arguments and they have made adverts trying to persuade people to like and buy sprouts!

Pupils in Y4 have been learning about the human body and now know all about the skeleton.

Y5 have been studying literature from other cultures and have written some cracking stories based on traditional tales.

Finally Y6 have not just been working hard on preparing for SATs but have been learning about light and The Rocky mountains.

The Y6 theatre trip to London, to see 'Wicked', was a big success. The party had a great time and returned full of tales of the West End.

Thank you to those parents who came to the parent forum on vision and values. The Governors will be sharing their collated ideas with you at the end of this term,

After half term we are planning a poetry event to coincide with World Poetry Day. Y4 children will be visiting, and some staying, at How Hill and the Lower School will be performing at the Norfolk County Music Festival. A full list of forthcoming events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, it does seem like spring may be just round the corner. However, please make sure that your child continues to bring a coat to school. Every child is expected to be outside at break and lunch where possible.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Boyce



## **Operation Encompass**

I hope you received the letter regarding Falcon's participation in Operation Encompass. We hope that it enables us to be prepared to meet the needs of our ncompass pupils should an incident occur. If you did not receive the letter, copies can be found on the website or available from the school office..

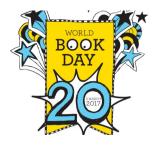
#### **Falcon Football**

Congratulations to our Y5 Football team who beat St. William's Primary School in the semi final of the cup on Wednesday 3-0. They don't know who they will be playing in the final yet but the game will be played at the end of March.

Congratulations also to our Y6 Football team who beat Angel Rd Junior School 4-3 last night, also in the cup. This time it was the quarter final so we wish them luck for their semi final and here's hoping there will be 2 Falcon teams in the finals of the cup this year.



### **World Book Day 2017**



This year World Book day is Thursday 2nd March. At school the children have asked if they can come dressed as a book character for the day. Each child will be given a £1 book token which they can exchange for selected book titles priced specially for this event or put it towards another book of their choice. A list of participating retailers will be given with the book token.

We haven't dressed up for Book day for the last couple of years so it will be nice to see what creative ideas the children come up with this time.

## School Games

Falcon Junior is part of the Norwich East School Sports Partnership (NESSP). Each year children from schools in the partnership take part in different competitive events. Following these events children are chosen from the schools in the partnership to represent NESSP at the Schools Games. This term we have had children taking part in swimming and Cross Country events. Y6 pupils went on

to represent NESSP at the Schools Swimming Gala at the end of January. Five Falcon pupils qualified to represent NESSP at the X Country Finals at Greshams at the end of this week.

Congratulations to our swimmers:

Robert Brezczek, Freddie Goodson and Charlie Gosling

And our runners:

Sam Yellop, Jess Barnes, Jess Hyam, Robert Brzeczek and Sophia Fossey Finally, congratulations to all our swimmers and runners who represented Falcon in the partnership events.



Half term



The PTA are organising fund raising and social events for the remainder of the year.

The PTA Disco organised for 24th February has had to be postponed until 10th March. This date change is outside our control, apologies for any inconvenience.

The PTA are organising a gift event to coincide with Mothering Sunday for children to buy small gifts for someone special. Details of this will be available on our return after half term.

The Spring term finishes with the ever popular PTA Bingo on Tuesday 28th March from 3.30pm. In the summer term the PTA are organising more events, including the summer BBQ, a ladies shopping night and another disco for the children. Details to follow.

#### **Half Term Activities**

Broadland DC and The Open have arranged lots of half term activities for children. If you are stuck for ideas as to what to do with kids, visit their websites:

febhalftermfun.eventbrite.co.uk

or

https://www.broadland.gov.uk/info/200152/ communities in broadland/110/ tots2teens school holiday scheme/2

Links are available on our website

# **Parent Governor Vacancy**

The governors are looking for a parent representative to join the governing body. Someone with legal experience, or know how, would be particularly useful as this is an area of development identified in the Governors last skills audit.

If you are interested or want to know more before making a decision please see Mr. Boyce in the first instance.

# **Upcoming Dates**

| February                     |  |                   |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Pupils break for half term   | 3:10pm            |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>      | Pupils return  | 8:40am            |
| Tuesday 21st                 | Y6 Phil Hill Cup at the UEA  | 1pm               |
| Wednesday 22nd               | Cluster Parent Event about the Local Offer at Sprowston Junior School  | 10:30am - 11:30am |
| Wednesday 22nd               | Cluster Parent Event about the Local Offer at Lodge Lane Infant School | 4:30pm - 5:30pm   |
| Wednesday 22nd               | Parent Meeting about How Hill  | 3:30pm            |
| March                        |  |                   |
| Wednesday 1st                | Nurtured Heart Parenting Course at Cecil<br>Gowing School              | 9:15am - 10:45am  |
| Thursday 2nd                 | Dress up for World Book Day  | In school day     |
| Monday 6th                   | Lower School at Music Festival   | 11:55am           |
| Friday 10th                  | PTA disco  | 6:30pm-8pm        |
| Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th | Y4 at How Hill (group 1)   | residential       |
| Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th | Y4 at How Hill (group 2)   | residential       |
| Friday 17th                  | Y4 day trip to How Hill  | In school day     |
| Friday 17th                  | Y5 tournament at UEA   | Morning           |
| Tuesday 21st                 | World Poetry Day   | In school day     |
| Tuesday 21st                 | Y3 Visit from Buddhist Centre Jays/Robins                              | In school day     |
| Thursday 23rd                | PTA Mother's Day Gifts   | 3pm-4pm           |
| Friday 24th                  | Y3 to Kew Gardens  | All day           |
| Tuesday 28th                 | Y3 Visit from Buddhist Centre Hummingbirds/<br>Puffins                 | In school day     |
| Tuesday 28th                 | PTA Easter Bingo   | 3:30pm-4:30pm     |
| Friday 31st                  | Silly Sock Day for Autism Anglia                                       | In school day     |
| Friday 31st                  | Pupils break for Easter  | 3.10pm            |
| April                        |  |                   |
| Tuesday 18th                 | Pupils return  |                   |

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