



JOHN RUSKIN  
SCHOOL



## Spring Term - Newsletter 3 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Once again, plans are afoot as we aim to make **World Book Day** another reading inspired, fun and imaginative day. Children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character, together with the story they have been inspired by. Looking for some dressing up inspiration?

Check out <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> or Pinterest for ideas.

A £1 donation/child is requested to support the SMILE TRAIN charity – look out for information on this worthy charity next month or see <https://smiletrain.org.uk/>

As part of the launch for our Spring Reading focus, we're going to be encouraging everyone to '**Share a Story**' on World Book Day - whether that's with your parents, your siblings, your colleagues, your friends or even your cat - then continue to read **every day** after that! We'll be having afterschool workshops to inform and support this initiative.

At John Ruskin, we recognise the positive impact that reading together for only 10 minutes a day can have on a child's learning outcome. We also want to celebrate a love of shared reading and the sense of wellbeing that it brings.

In support of this, every child will be bringing home a **£1 book voucher** that can be exchanged for one of ten selected books in participating bookshops. It can also be used in our **BOOK FAIR** running from **12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the month of March, but really look forward to **WORLD BOOK DAY** starting off our celebration of reading.

Thank you for your continued support and look out for posters of activities and events around school.

Happy reading!

Sheila Siebert  
English Co-ordinator



## Attendance

John Ruskin School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all our pupils. We believe that all pupils benefit from high quality education and from regular and punctual school attendance. We also recognise that good attendance correlates with high levels of achievement.

Our current whole school reported attendance is very positive, with many children having 100% attendance in the academic year so far. All children who have 100% attendance in the spring term will receive badges in an assembly, after half-term. Children with 100% spring and autumn term attendance will also be presented with certificates at the start of the summer term.



Attendance and punctuality information leaflets are available from Mrs Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) or the school office.

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## Year 5 School Journey to Arethusa

A meeting for parents will be held in the bottom hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Information about the school journey site and the activities that the children will be taking part in will be given at this meeting.

Parents will be sent packing lists for the journey before this date.

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## Internet Safety Day

As part of Internet Safety Day, the children took part in a range of assemblies and class activities last week.

Following on from these workshops, we would like to remind parents of the possible dangers of mobile and online applications such as Ditty, Snapchat and Instagram.

**We strongly recommend that you supervise your children's online activity at all times.**

Please also remember that children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school.



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## Forthcoming Dates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Children’s reward morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half-term

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half-term break**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Staff Inset day (school closed to children)

**February 26<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 School Journey

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Children’s reward morning

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Easter term (school closes at 2pm)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter break**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - INSET day for staff (School closed for children)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school for summer term**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of summer term 1

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term break**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return to school for start of summer term 2**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of summer term (school closes at 2pm)