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Dear Parents,

## Important letter

Also coming home tonight is an important letter from our Chair of Governors with information about Uppingham C of E Primary School converting to an academy and joining a Multi-Academy Trust. This is a very exciting time for the school so please read the letter and share your thoughts with us as part of the consultation process.

## Saxophone Lessons

The school had the opportunity to hear a Saxophonist play several tunes before half term. If you are interested in saxophone lessons then please see the details at the end of the newsletter.



## Star Gazing



Woodpeckers Class and their parents spent Wednesday evening learning more about space by a guest speaker from the Rutland Astronomical Society. Mr Reid gave a presentation about the stars and planets before everyone headed outside with their telescopes. The skies briefly cleared and they managed to observe the moon and a few constellations. The children



were the real stars of the show – they showed lots of enthusiasm, demonstrated their great understanding and asked lots of thoughtful questions. Thanks to everyone who turned out for the evening!

## Aberdeen House

On Thursday, Badgers Class visited Aberdeen Residential House in Uppingham. The children had been learning about the local area and wanted to get to find out more about it from other generations as well. This was also a great opportunity to build a link with others in the community. The children spent the session introducing themselves to the residents and getting to know them. They also shared some stories too. It was a wonderful, positive experience with many of the children commenting on how much they enjoyed it. They can't wait to visit again.



## Brownies

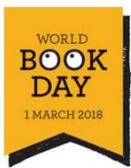
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February was World Thinking Day where Rainbows, Brownies and Guides across the world think about the guiding community. This day was picked because it was the founder of the Guiding movement, Lord Baden Powell's birthday. Eleven girls wore their uniform to school with pride to remember this important day.



## Tag Rugby Club Update

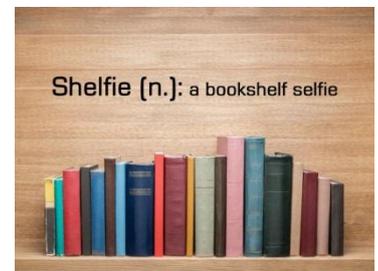
There will be no Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Club on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The club will resume on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## World Book Day



It's 'World Book Day' next Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> March) in school! To make the day special and to encourage reading for the rest of the year, we have planned lots of fun activities. All the children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. During the day, there will be a 'Book Swap,' where children can bring in unwanted books from home and swap them for new ones, for free! We will also share stories with our reading

buddies and have a special assembly celebrating reading. We would also like the children to send us a 'Shelfie' via Class Dojo of their book collection at home, showing off their favourite books so we can make a montage in school. There will be small prizes for the tidiest, most organised and most creative!



## Big Battery Hunt



Eco Club would like your support in a nationwide recycling campaign called, 'The Big Battery Hunt', which is taking place until March 29<sup>th</sup>.

We would like you to collect as many used batteries (AAA, AA, C and D) as you can and place them inside the box provided. (These will be given out on Tuesday.) When you have collected as many as you can, please return the box to school, with the completed competition slip. Individuals and schools have a chance to win prizes, so the more we collect, the better chance we have of winning! Good luck and thank you for helping us with our recycling mission!

## Job Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our staff team to support teaching and learning in school. If you are interested please pop into the school office for more details. Please also share this message with any friends or family who may be interested. The closing date for applications is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

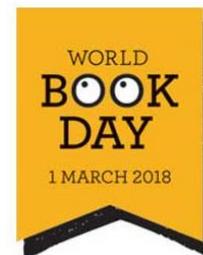


Best wishes

J. Exton  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March **World Book Day** – come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book. I wonder who you will choose!
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March **Woodpeckers Collective Worship** to parents at 9.00am
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March **Open Afternoon** 3.00pm Come and visit your child's class and find out more about what they are learning this term.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March **Parents' Evening** – more details nearer the time
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March **Parents' Evening** – more details nearer the time
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March **Badgers Class Visit to Bugtopia** – more details about this will come home next week.
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March **Easter Service** 2pm at Church
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March **Foxes and Rabbits Production of "Daniel and the Lion's Den"** – further information will follow nearer the time.



### Saxophone Lessons

There is now an opportunity for your child to learn saxophone at Uppingham Primary school!

I have been teaching saxophone for over 10 years and am extremely excited to be continuing in Primary schools in Rutland. Currently holding 100% pass rate for pupils entering exams, I am hopeful for that to continue with all new students.

Costs of lessons are as follows:

15 mins - £10

20 mins - £15

Payments are due at the beginning of each term. I hold 2 weeks unpaid at the end of each year to allow for holiday that may be taken over lessons, allowing pupils to have their full entitlement. Group lessons are available on request and the cost of the lesson will be split. Group lessons are a minimum of 20 mins.

Saxophones can be rented from Stamford music shop starting at £16 per month. If you decide to buy the instrument at a later date all rental payments will be deducted from the price. Smaller/ lighter and even plastic saxophones are available too for the smaller children. Do not hesitate to contact me for more advice regarding this.

Please contact me for further information and/or to book your child in for their first lesson.

Kind regards

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