

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Rainbow Room visit to Manchester Airport

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 4 visit to Weaver Hall

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Rainbow Room Library Visit

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Y6 MEN Arena

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Valentines Disco £5

-3.30-4.15 Preschool only

-4.30-5.30 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

-5.45-6.45 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 2 visit to Jodrell Bank

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Artis Drama Club performing to parents 4pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of term- Wacky Hair Day in aid of Ethical Enterprise (£1)

**National Story Telling Week**

At Bexton, a key part of our English curriculum is to share stories with the children. Reading stories are important because:

-Stories help us shape our view of the world. Reading to children can show them far-flung places, extraordinary people and eye-opening situations to expand and enrich their world

-Reading stories to children can help them deal with real life situations and learn how to solve problems.

Researchers have found that children who have fiction read to them find it easier to understand other people

-When reading together, children can ask questions and begin to make more complex 'inference' questions like, 'why do you think that character did that?'

-It's so relaxing! It is wonderful to see a classroom full of children totally engrossed in a story.

On our website [here](#), you will find lots of information to help parents with reading at home. There are the bookmarks for each year group (also found in your child's diary) and some suggested books for each year group.

Our top tip for parents who want to encourage reading at home is to read anything that your child enjoys. That might be the same book night after night, or a comic.

Anything goes! All children (right up to Y6 and even beyond) should have some time when someone reads to them, please don't stop reading **to** your child when they've learnt to read fluently- there's still so much more for them to learn!

On Friday, we'd like to do a story-swap time. Please ask your child to bring in **ONE** book they'd recommend someone else to read and they'd be happy to swap.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 campaign has started and we are collecting vouchers for sports equipment and cooking utensils. The collection box is in the foyer outside the office.

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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** School opens

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February -Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Booking for Parents' Evening opens on School Spider & the website. Once closed, final appointments will be displayed on the class website page. Parents are responsible for checking times before their appointment.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Book Fair

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Open Afternoon for all parents 1.30pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Bike ability Mr Hammond's class

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Bike ability Miss Aldridge's class

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Y5 Residential

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** School closes for Easter

**National Funding Formula**

As you may be aware, national government is consulting on proposals for changes to school funding that will result in a £9.3 million reduction to funding for education across Cheshire East.

All schools in Cheshire East are currently working together, with the full support of the local authority, to challenge these proposals. A delegation has met with Nick Gibb MP who has given a commitment to consider the minimum level of funding required to maintain quality education and consider some historic anomalies which have resulted in this potential reduction in funding.

Current proposals suggest our budget may be cut by 2.7% which could make a significant impact on the school. There is a further briefing on 9th February that will provide us with more information and at that point we may be asking for parental support to contribute to the consultation!

**Dentist Appointments**

Please can you ensure all routine and non-urgent appointments are made out of school hours. It is disruptive to your child's education to be missing their lessons. Many thanks for your support.

**Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament**

Last Thursday, 32 children from Y5 & Y6 competed against the other Knutsford schools in the KSSP football tournament. Our five teams were incredible and battled the freezing conditions to some super wins.

One of our teams got through to the final and won, bringing home medals and a trophy.

Well done to all the teams!

