

## What's gone... 13th - 17th February

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.



### Star of the Week

Year 1	Carter
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Jamie
Year 4	Keira
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Rhianna

### Weekly Attendance League Table

😊 = 100% class attendance  
😬 = best class attendance (not 100%)

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
😬	😊 😬	😬 😊	😬 😬	😬	😬

Remember to check out our Facebook page



*Head Teachers Award*  
**Arya**



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
<b>Blue</b>	<b>Y3 100%</b>	<b>95.3%</b> 

### OFSTED:

I am delighted to formally announce that the school successfully retained our grading of 'Good' during the inspection on February 2nd.

In a climate where standards and expectations of schools have never been higher we are proud that Ofsted have recognised the excellent work that takes place at Dame Dorothy and the 'innovative' approach we take to school improvement.

I would like to thank all of the people who have played their part in achieving this outcome. Our governing body who work tirelessly behind the scenes in a voluntary capacity to lend their areas of expertise to finance, HR and ICT. Their work often goes unnoticed so I am delighted that Ofsted have recognised the 'strong understanding' they have of the school.

Thank you to the entire staff at Dame Dorothy for their commitment to helping every child each day. They take enormous pride in the school and a comment from one of our parents says it best: "They go the extra mile in everything they do, everything is about the children."

The support staff receive from parents has always been a strength and this was underlined by the huge response we received on Parent View. Some 75 responses were posted in one evening which said that 100% of our parents would recommend this school to other parents. We are very humbled by your backing.

Finally, I've said this so many times in the past but I will repeat it again, our pupils are the greatest asset we have. They make our work a pleasure even on the most difficult of days. Behaviour in school is excellent and during the inspection the pupils were so polite and hard working. They are a credit to all of our families.

There is a link to the Ofsted report on the school website. This report will also be available on the Ofsted website next week.

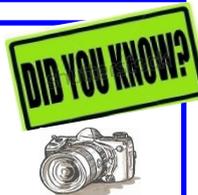
### Cook for the Day!:

Well done to our special cook for the day Lily who has chosen and helped prepare Friday's school dinner. I am sure her choice of pepperoni pizza has gone down very well with the children today. Lily has worked very hard in the kitchen and had a fantastic time working alongside our cook Marieangela. Well done Lily.



**Dinner Money Reminder**  
**Payment for school lunches should be paid on a Monday for the week ahead to enable us to do the school banking.**  
**Thank you.**

*The photographer will be in school for Day Care and School on the 14th March*



### Fab Lab

Year 5 started their trips to the FabLab on Wednesday, with 12 children visiting Sunderland University site. We learnt how to use a design programme to create space images to engrave onto wooden postcards. Overcoming problem solving when they went wrong! It took a while for the children to gain confidence at the different steps needed to produce digital images but soon became the experts, teaching Mrs Campion!

The children then moved onto looking at T-shirt design and working out best designs that would fit within our space logo. We had a tour of their new technology of 3d printers (we are hoping we get to try this next time) wooden graphic printers and new vinyl printing.

Thank you to Sir Tom Cowie Trust for funding our trip.



### Opera North - Y5

After half term Year 5 have the fantastic opportunity to be involved with Opera North's production of Hansel and Gretel at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle. This begins with two of the artists visiting school to work with the children and prepare them for the amazing sights and sounds that they will see. The following day the children will attend a school's performance in the Theatre Royal. There is no charge for this experience - our thanks go to Sunderland Music Hub for funding this event.



**Half Term:** School is closed from Monday 20th February and will re-open on Monday 27th February.

#### Standing Reminders:

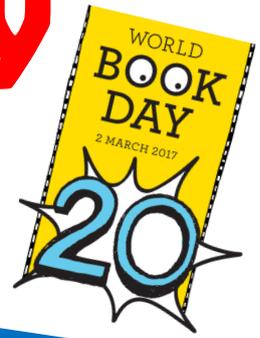
- 02.03 World Book Day
- 03.03 School Council visit to SVPS
- 03.03 Y5 Sleepover
- 13.03 RNLI to speak with Y1-6
- 14.03 School Photographs
- 15.03 Year 5 @ Fab Lab
- 23.03 Year 3 @ The Word South Shields
- 24.03 Comic Relief
- 28.03 Year 3 Tennis @ Monkwearmouth

**The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon.**

**The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.**

# World Book Day

## 2.3.2017



### Dame Dorothy Book Swap

We would like to encourage children to bring a book to school that they have read and would be prepared to swap with their friends.

*Pyjama Day* Come to school on **World Book Day** in your pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story to read to your friends!



### Donate your old books

Have your children got books that are in good condition that they have read or perhaps grown out of?

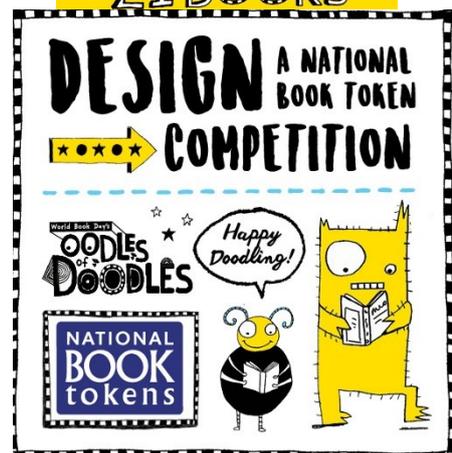
Would you like to help restock our library?

We would be very grateful if you could help us out by donating any unwanted books that are in good condition for our school library.

**A huge thank you in anticipation of your generosity!**



CHECK OUT  
★ ★ 2017's ★ ★  
£1 BOOKS



# Remember this?

These photographs were taken 5 years ago after a very successful 'Sponsor a Book' campaign in school. Dozens of children took part by donating a sum of money that was then used to buy books for our school library. The children had the opportunity to choose the books themselves during a shopping trip to Waterstone's book shop in Newcastle. The books were inscribed with the child's name and date and are still read by our children after all this time!



This book was kindly sponsored by **Nevaeh**. Thank you Nevaeh! You are helping our children to become great readers.

## With your help, we'd like to do it again!

This book was kindly sponsored by **Amiee**. Thank you Amiee! You are helping our children to become great readers.

If you would like your child to take part, would you please complete the details on the envelope provided along with a sum of £5.00 and return it to the school office.

Thank you  
for your  
continued support.