

**Upcoming Events:**

**Friday 10th February:** Half Term (School closes).

**Monday 20th February:** Children return to school.

**Monday 20th February:** Engineering Day

**Thursday 2nd March:** World Book Day –Dress as a book character and donate £1 to the World Book Day Charity. Use this link for costume ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

**(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS OPTIONAL—School uniform may also be worn)**

**Friday 3rd March:** Science coffee morning. Parents and carers are invited to join our science subject leader to find out how we teach this exciting subject across the school (8:45-9:30am)

**Monday 6th March:** Spelling Bee heats in classes.

**Messages from the Principal**

Good afternoon,

Our children and staff have had a busy half term and look forward to a well deserved break. I must stress the importance of keeping safe throughout the holiday period and encourage all parents and carers to be mindful of the online platforms used by our children. Please ensure that the children are not accessing platforms that are not age appropriate and their use of social media and messaging services are strictly monitored. We must do all that we can to safeguard our children when using technology.

Please see the attached parents’ guide to Snapchat from National Online Safety. Snapchat is age restricted to 13+. This guide will highlight the dangers posed to our children when using Snapchat and offer guidance for parents and carers on how to protect your child if they are allowed to access the platform.

This week has been Children’s Mental Health week. We have supported children’s knowledge of strategies to enhance mental health throughout the week in addition to our strong mental health programme woven through our school curriculum.

Achievement Awards			
Class	Researcher	Citizen	Academic
RLE	N/A	Oliver	Teddy
RCT	N/A	Oliver	Ellie
RCB	N/A	Mila-Maria	Hugh
1AC	Natalya	Jillie	William
1AL	Ada	Franki	Leo
1CL	Phoebe	Khalan	Louie J
2SW	Evie	Jessica	Alexi
2LD	Isla N	Eva	Dilan
2AT			
3JW	Rhys	Daisy	Isabella
3EN	Elia	Kieran	Elliott
3GG	n/a	Freddie	Olly
4JB	Lainey	Elliot	Molly
4RW	Olivia	Ava P	Ross
4BH	Harlow	Harrison	Alexander
5RC	Rishaan	Lacey	Leni
5SM		Madison	Dexter
5SG	Jude A	Daniel	Harry M
6KD	TJ	Brisham	
6ME		Toby	Grace
6JM	Noah	Megan	

Enjoy the half term, I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February.

David Livie  
Principal

**Updates and Reminders**

**Parent Gym**  
Parent Gym will begin again after half term on Friday 24th February at The Westerton School House, 9.30-11.30am. Parent Gym offers support and advice to parents and carers, we also value parents sharing their own experiences in the group.  
Please see the attached information and contact details in order to sign up to the gym.

**Arrival to school on time**  
There has been an increase in the number of pupils arriving late to school in recent weeks. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at:  
8:30am- Y3-Yr6  
8:35am - Reception, Y1 & Y2  
8:45am - Nursery.  
Registration is a very important part of the day. Crucial wellbeing and learning opportunities are missed when children arrive late to school.

**Earrings**  
Please remember Westerton’s school policy on uniform only allows for small stud earrings.  
Earrings that are not stud are a health and safety risk and are not to be worn in school.

**Something to read this week:**

Follow this link to the National Geographic website to read the truths about various artefacts:  
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/zeus-the-mighty/article/truth-behind-artifacts>



**Vocabulary corner**

“To enjoy and learn from what you read you must understand the meanings of the words a writer uses”. — Charles Harrington Elster

**aquiver:** To quiver or tremble

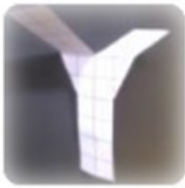
"With legs aquiver, the trembling swimmer climbed to the top of the very tall diving board."

How many different ways can you use the word **aquiver**? How many other sentences can you generate?

**Challenge of the Week**

Helicopters

Imagine you have been asked to design a helicopter to drop supplies to people in a remote disaster area. A controlled descent and soft landing is essential - too fast might damage the load and too slow might blow off course! Use this link to find out how to create your own helicopter: <https://rich.maths.org/7459> and then consider how the helicopter could be adapted to be improved!





### This week...

#### Young Voices

On Thursday evening our children attended the Utilita Arena Sheffield for their Young Voices concert. The Young Voices experience is not simply a children's choir concert, these are the largest children's choir concerts in the world. Our children performed alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir to a capacity audience of family and friends. The concert is the culmination of a lot of hard work from our children and teachers who have rehearsed weekly in preparation for the concert. Well done to all of you and thank you for representing the school with such enthusiasm and expertise.



#### Our Young Authors

Harrison in year 5 has spent many months at home creating his very own chapter book titled Creature Island. His book has over 100 pages containing 14 chapters of exciting adventures and exciting illustrations. Here are some sample pages of his book. Unbelievable commitment and passion to your writing Harrison. Well done!

