

Culworth CofE Primary Academy

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Upcoming Events

Monday 22nd February – start of term 4
Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

www.culworthschool.org

Happy Half Term!

Thank you as ever for your continuing, unwavering support. Now we've reached half-term please take the time to relax, unwind and enjoy some time away from home-schooling. When we know more about the full re-opening of school we will, of course, be in touch with more information.

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. This will be a non-uniform day for children in school but there is no need to dress up as characters from books this year. The day, both on-line and in school, will be full of reading and book related activities so a good, fun-filled, exciting event to look forward to. **Half-term homework for all is to send in pics of you reading with your child in the most unusual place for reading you can find so we can create a lovely display in school. Apart from that just have fun and relax!**

Creative Earth Art Competition

A parent alerted us to this art competition which looks fun and supports 'looking after our world'. Please do encourage your child to enter if they wish to. So many of the children are wonderful talented artists we thought this might appeal.

<https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/>

Websites for phonics books

We have discovered some really good websites for decodable phonics e-books for home.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/collins-big-cat-ebook-library>

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.lpearson.com Bug Club Family

Our value this term is:

Courage

**'Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever
you go.'**

Joshua 1.9

Storytime

We have also discovered some excellent websites with activities and where stories are read to children.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Congratulations go to the winners of the Head teacher's reading award this week for readers who are challenging themselves, these are: Neve and George.

The winners of the Head teacher's outstanding effort with school work this week is awarded to Olivia for her amazing efforts with maths.

Certificates will be sent to parents via e-mail and your postcard is waiting for you in school on your return.

Link from DfE re Update from GOV.UK for : Coronavirus (Covid-19): regarding keeping children safe online

We have been asked to pass this link on to all parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Reminders

Additional Google Meet times for after half-term.

Don't forget the afternoon sessions starting next term. Times are all on the e-mail sent out via Parentmail.

Half-term contacts

If you need to get in touch with school **urgently** please e-mail Mrs Prewer at the address below rather than contacting individual teachers.

Coronavirus information over the half-term

As per Christmas time we do need to be kept informed of any positive test results for any children who have been attending pre-school or school up to Monday 15th February. After this the children will have been away from school long enough for it not to affect bubbles within our setting. Please e-mail Mrs Prewer at s.prewer@cb-cepa.org if you need to report any such incidences. PLEASE NOTE: THE ANSWERPHONE MAY NOT BE CHECKED SO please use the e-mail address above to report any cases.

Reminder about Mrs Prewer's Wednesday assemblies after half-term.

Wed at 2.30 pm for KS1

Wed at 3 pm for KS2

You can use the link on the original invite each time – let the office know if you have lost/deleted it and we can resend.

Reminders:

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs are not running at the moment. We hope to re-start these when school re-opens.

Coronavirus Prevention Measures relevant to Critical Worker children. Along with enhanced hand cleaning, promoting good respiratory hygiene and keeping children in year group bubbles, government guidance on reopening schools states that to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 contact with individuals who are unwell must be minimised by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. In line with this guidance, schools are now required to send any child presenting with coronavirus symptoms home. We also ask for your support in following this guidance by ensuring that if your child or anyone in the household has symptoms or a positive test result you follow government guidance on household isolation. It is also important for anyone returning home from a country that is on the quarantine list to follow the guidelines including keeping children off school for the specified time.

Helplines

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk

Childline: 08001111

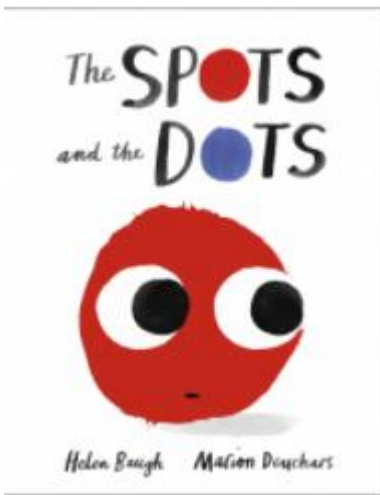
National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Women's aid: womensaid.org.uk

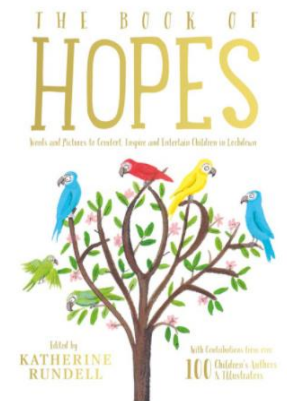
Mind: 0300 123 3393 or mind.org.uk

Coronavirus helpline: 0800 028 2816

Mrs Stephens's recommended reads....

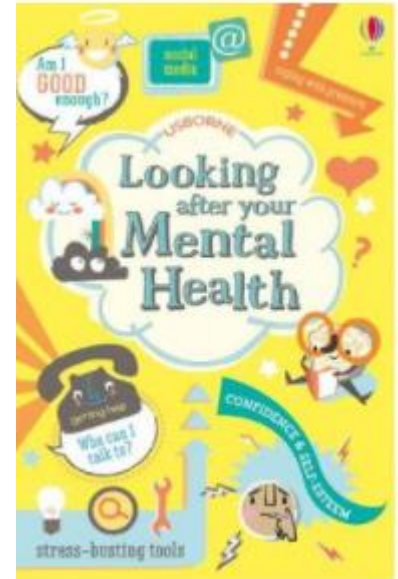


Key Stage 1 : A humorous way to introduce differences and the potential fear, which may go round them. Explore the world of spots and dots, and what happens when they meet each other. The illustrations, help to bring the book to life and will help early readers to understand the moral dilemma.



Lower Key Stage 2 – Katharine Rundell is an amazing author, who has turned her hand to creating a book of short stories, poems, thoughts and illustrations, from a variety of authors, all focusing on hope. Not only will it leave you feeling full of hope but will add laughter and maybe even a few surprises to your day – a perfect addition to some lockdown reading!

Upper KS2: This book has been recommended with lots of ideas about dealing with m



Mental health issues and how to have conversations about dealing with emotions. We have talked a lot about this recently, so this might give you more food for thought!