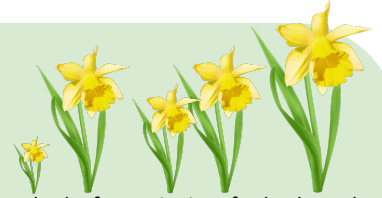


### Message from the Head



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly I wanted to send out a few thank yous to our parent community. All of your support during the busy Messing Maths Week and World Book Day was very much appreciated. We hope you enjoyed joining in with some of the learning and community events, including the Family Codebreaker Challenge and World Book Day Parade. The children had a fantastic time for both, and Mrs Eagland (Maths Subject Leader) and Miss Snodgrass (English Subject Leader) have shared some of the children's comments in their write-ups. This week is British Science Week, a great opportunity to ask your child what they have been learning in Science this half term.

A further thank you goes out to a parent for their help during the snowy weather last week. On arriving to school at 7am to begin moving the snow and salting, to my surprise, a parent was already half way through this job! It was a true act of kindness and brought a real sense of our community coming together.

In the coming weeks the teachers will be working through assessments with their classes. It has been my pleasure to meet with the teachers to discuss areas of progress and review some of the interventions taking place. For children with One Plans, Mrs Lewis and the class teachers will continue to meet with parents to review learning. Parents evening will be taking place next week, Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March and you will be able to sign up for this on Thursday and Friday (16th/17th) before and after school in the hall.

Very best wishes,  
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

### Call for Community Governor

Messing Primary School is looking for new Community Governors to join the Local Governing Body. This is an unpaid volunteer role. The LGB meets four times a year at the school, usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Training is provided. Governors are also invited to come into school for events and to visit classes and meet with staff. No experience of education is necessary – you do need to be willing to work as part of a team and to take an interest in the life of our lovely village school.

For further information, please contact the Vice Chair, Pip Parmenter at [p.parmenter@messingprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:p.parmenter@messingprimaryschool.co.uk)

### Messing Maths Week

Quotes from the children:

- 'I enjoyed the code breaking with my family' Neve
- 'We loved using our fractions knowledge to make pizzas!' Pippa & Thomas
- 'The codebreaker was fun because we got to do it with our parents' Alfie
- 'I enjoyed working out the words in the code breaker challenge' Alba
- 'I liked trying to make the shapes stable in the STEM challenge' Shyla
- 'The Maths cafe was fun and it was good to challenge our parents to maths games' Kaebreyan
- 'I liked the different ways we could do maths practically and with games' Zach
- 'I enjoyed the TTRS battles, especially challenging Mrs Eagland' Jacob

Mrs Eagland's top tips for engaging in Maths:

- Make it fun, play games, challenges or make stories out of it
- Use practical resources - pasta, buttons etc work just as well as counters and resources in school
- By measuring their height and working out how much they've grown
- Practise on car journeys - playing number-plate games, adding and subtracting with road signs, thinking about speed by dividing distance by time
- Practise at the shops - weighing fruit and vegetables, budgeting with pocket money, working out the relative value of products by comparing prices and weight
- In the kitchen - with weighing and measuring, and temperature and timings
- By making models and origami shapes
- By playing games together– jigsaws, monopoly, top trumps, match attack cards

[Resources for parents following Messing Maths Week can be found here.](#)



I have 207 stickers

Have a go at this family challenge. If your child is in Wrens or Robins, you could lower these numbers or create your own similar problem.



I have 150 stickers

Mo gives Alex some stickers. Alex now has twice as many as Mo. How many stickers did Mo give Alex?



## World Book Day Highlights

On Thursday 2nd March the school came together to celebrate World Book Day! It was a fun filled day with lots of great memories made. Everybody dressed up and we had some incredible costumes! The focus was on reusing and upcycling costumes and the children enjoyed sharing these during our parade in the morning. Dexter and Toby said they found the parade fun and that they enjoyed the music. Lots of children loved not having to wear their school uniform and Ben in year one enjoyed the adults guessing what their costumes were.

Mrs Owens treated us to a special book themed lunch which was a real hit. Alfie said that the world book day toppers on the cookies really made it special.

In the afternoon the children were put into four groups with children from each class. Each group took it in turns to visit each teacher and complete an activity. From bookmarks to designing a new sweet for Wonka's factory, it really brought the school community together. Alf said he loved visiting the other classes and Esme and Kaebreyan said they enjoyed working with others and spending time with the younger children.

Each class finished the day off with a mystery reader, who visited the class to share a book. A big thanks to our fantastic volunteers, the children found it very exciting and enjoyed sharing a book with their special guests.

Well done to the PTFA for organising a book swap event at the end of the day and the costume swap prior to world book day. It was great to give these items a new home and help save the planet.

Overall there has been a real buzz in school and it is fantastic to see such a love for reading and books.



## Governors- Spring 2023

The governors met on 7 March. We received a full report from Ms Brown and talked about the progress our children are making, the development of the school curriculum and the importance of good attendance.

We looked again at the school's current financial position and reviewed contracts with outside providers to make sure we are getting the best value for money. We reviewed the Smiley Club and talked about its importance as part of what our school offers to parents and pupils.

You can contact the governors through the school office if you would like to speak to us about any queries or concerns you may have.

Anne-Marie Renshaw

## Mother's Day

The PTA have provided the school with a fun range of giftables for children to shop from for a secret mother's day gift. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to the cause: you can hand money into the school office/give it in an envelope to your child's teacher. All of the money raised will go towards supporting upcoming events and new materials at the school.

## Words of the week

The words of the week have been...

**Abibliophobia**- being scared of running out of things to read

**Lickety split**- to do something as fast as possible

## Key dates for Spring 2 Term

Kingfisher's trip to Tiptree- 14th March

Parent consultation sign up- 16th/ 17th March

Comic Relief- 17th March

Stay and Play/ Share and Learn- 17th March

Parent Consultations- 21st March

Parent Consultations- 23rd March

PTFA Easter Cake Sale- 30th March

Easter Holiday- 3rd-14th April

