



IMPORTANT DATES:

World Creative Writing Month 1st March – 31st 2021

British Science Engineering Week 6th – 15th March 2021
Comic Relief 19th March 2021

World Poetry Day 21st March 2021

Reading Matters Week 22nd to 26th March 2021

World Autism Awareness Day 2nd April 2021

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please **wear face coverings while on our School grounds.**

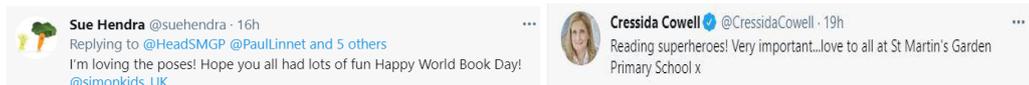
Change to the Dinner menu for Monday 8th March

Sausage
Veggie Sausage
Chips
Beans or Peas
Raspberry Muffin & Cream

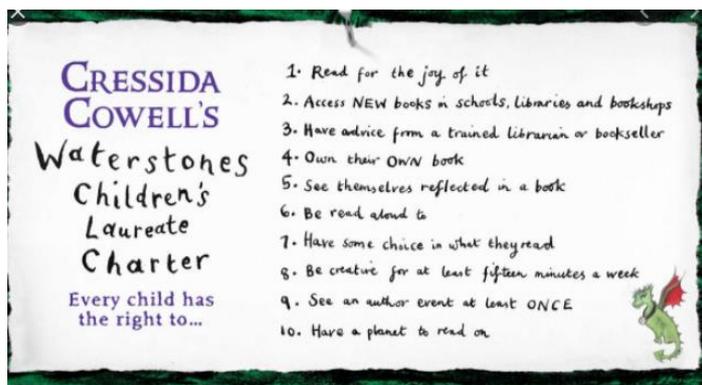
Dear Parents/Carers

The sun is shining again today and I can see blue skies as I write the newsletter and looking at the weather forecast it should be the same for Monday. What a lovely way to **welcome back** all those of you who have been learning from home. **I have sent a number of letters via email in the last few days so please do take the time to read them before Monday.**

World Book Day even though a little unusual this year with both in school and virtual celebrations was still an opportunity to celebrate a love of reading. **Two of our caped crusaders** managed to pose and attract the attention of two authors; **Supertato author Sue Hendra and Cressida Cowell author of 'How to Train a Dragon'** Please see all the **photographs** at the end of the newsletter to see which book characters you can spot. Thank you to all those who have sent in, emailed or uploaded photographs of their **Vegetable Book Characters** it is going to be very difficult choosing the winners. Lots of you have also sent in **Reading selfies** as well. If you haven't had time to send one in these are not being judged until Monday so you still have time! We look forward to seeing all the exciting places you can read.



Talking of **Cressida Cowell...** As a school we believe that the author Cressida Cowell summed up the reading entitlement all schools should provide.



We already ensure that many of the Laureate's requests are taking place e.g. accessing new books, be read aloud to, have access to a library and advice from a librarian.

Message continued over

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Friday 18th June 2021

We have **two libraries** currently one which is dedicated to Fiction and the other the Learning Enquiry library which contains Non-fiction books and was opened last year by the author Justin Anderson. **Today in school we have an exciting new Reception and Key Stage 1 Library space being created and our current Fiction Library is being updated.** In the last 17 months we have also now had over **5 author visits** and we have some more exciting author events planned for later in the year. As a school we also have exciting events planned for our **Reading Matters** week which is taking place between the **22nd and 26th March.**

Mrs Barrow, our trained Librarian, the staff, and I are passionate about ensuring the children have access to the latest books and we are always recommending new books and authors to the children. The school have also **invested in a new Reading Cloud Library** system which the children will find out more about during our **Reading Matters week.** They **will be able to create their own Avatar, post reviews about books and reserve books they would like to read from the Library using the APP when they are at home and at School.** There is **one further exciting addition arriving in the next few months** and I can't wait to share this news with you and the children. It is all linked to books!

Next week we are celebrating **British Science and Engineering Week.** I know that the teachers have plenty of exciting investigations planned for our Learning Enquiry linked to materials. How many materials can you name? Which is the strongest material in the world? Which materials would you never make an umbrella out of? Which materials are really difficult to recycle? What does a Material Scientist do?

On Friday the children will be taking part in a **whole school Science quiz during the day on Let's Localise.** I will keep you updated on the outcomes of the quiz next week.

If you would like to **find out more about famous scientists over the weekend** and in the week ahead then please do click on **The Art of Genius** link below. The website contains a range of information about famous scientists from different fields of science including Astronomers, Biologists, Physicists and Scientists from Ancient Times.



Famous Scientists
The Art of Genius

<https://www.famousscientists.org/popular/>



Have a lovely weekend,

take care and we will see you all on Monday!

Claire Parfitt, Headteacher

Coronavirus advice from NHS England

If you or anyone in your household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), **get a test as soon as possible**. You **MUST ALL** Stay at home until you get the result. Only leave your home to get a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> for more information on the current COVID-19 procedures.