



# RICHARD TAYLOR

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Headteacher's Update Monday 3rd March 2025

#### What is happening at RTS?

- Tuesday 4th March 2:30pm Nidderdale Class Worship for parents in hall
- Wednesday 5th 9-10am SEND Coffee Morning with Mrs Styles
- Thursday 6th World Book Day 2025: dress up optional  
3:20pm Bishopdale Story and Hot Chocolate time with Parents



#### Nidderdale Class Worship

Nidderdale will be leading the Class Worship this Tuesday, starting at 2:30pm in the Hall. All parents and family members are warmly welcomed to join us.



#### SEND Coffee Morning

On Wednesday, parents of children with SEND are welcome to join Mrs Styles for a coffee and chat. Just come to the Office after dropping your child off.

#### World Book Day Thursday 6th March

Children who don't wish to dress up can come in normal school uniform. Thanks to our partnership with the bookshop 'Imagine Things' every child at school will be able to exchange their £1 book voucher for a free book on the day. Bishopdale Class are inviting their parents to story time after school.



#### Friends News

Thank you to Becky and all of the parents who came to the Big Quiz last Thursday, it was a great evening! Mrs Crisell, Mr Symonds and Mrs Johnson, our chair of governors, along with Mr Johnson were the winning team! The friends have a [questionnaire](#) about raising funds and involvement. We would appreciate you taking 4 minutes to complete it. THANK YOU!

#### PreLOVED Uniform

£1 per item; do you need a top up or some new items of uniform in time for warmer weather? Email friends to put in a request with payment via Arbor: [richardtaylorfriends@gmail.com](mailto:richardtaylorfriends@gmail.com)



#### Volunteers needed!

Our Bunny Bounce fundraiser is coming up at the end of the month. We need help to count the bounces!

#### Veg Box Competition

The school has entered the 'Great Yorkshire Show' Veg Box Competition. For 2025 the theme is worms. We are looking for the following, if you are able to donate:

- Perspex sheeting
- a wormery
- compost for our class potato growing competition.



#### Musical Magic on Saturday

Thanks to Mrs Crisell and the staff who supported the children at the 'Kids Aloud' concert at the Royal Hall. RTS sang their hearts out and it was a fantastic evening!





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### Our School Prayer

Thank you for guiding us as we build a community of *Love* where *respect, trust and service* shine brightly.  
 Sorry if we have not always shown our school values  
 Please help every child to be *safe, loved and flourish* at our school.  
 Thank you for the help given to us by our teachers and our friends.  
 Sorry if we don't always make the right choices  
 Please help us to learn to look after the wonderful world that you have given us.  
 We love our school,  
 Amen



### New School Prayer

The children have been working together to produce a new school prayer. They have thought about our vision and values and created the new prayer with Mrs Shaw, our parent governor on Friday. The Classes will be working well to learn our new prayer which we share during worship times.

## With World Book Day coming up...

**20 is plenty!**  
 Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their critical thinking skills
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results

**Reading at Home With Your Child**

- Predict**: Ask your child to predict what they think is going to happen next.
- Build**: Build reading together into your daily routine.
- Find**: Find a quiet, comfortable place to read together away from any distractions.
- Recap**: If it is the same book, ask your child to recap what has happened so far.
- Start**: If it is a new book, start by looking at the cover, title, pictures and blurb.
- Discuss**: Discuss and research the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases.
- Allow**: If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt. Allow them time to self-correct.
- Check**: Check their understanding of the book. Ask questions - Why? How? Who? When? Where? What?
- Connect**: Try to connect the story to your child's own world.
- Ask**: Ask about their opinion of the book. Discuss story, style likes and dislikes.



### Look out for "No Shelf Control"

The latest edition of the Children's Book Newsletter will be sent by email later today.

### Reading Ambassadors

On Friday we announced the names of our new 'Reading Ambassadors' who will be promoting reading around school. The photo shows our new team. Well done!



### And Finally!

Please save RTS as a "safe sender" in your email inbox. Some emails have been going rogue!