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14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed a very special end to the week, celebrating 20 years of having Mrs Saunders working and supporting us at our school. The day ended with a lovely celebration assembly where most of the awards were presented to Mrs Saunders, along with some gifts and messages from the children. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for her future retirement.



We also had some exciting visitors in school this morning. D16, a performing arts company, came to entertain the children with two fabulous performances of 'Princesses vs Pirates' and 'The Ugly Duckling'. The children loved the performances and really appreciated the visit.



I have been made to feel very welcome at the school over these past couple of weeks, thank you. I am starting to get to know some of the children and have seen some fantastic learning behaviours, alongside kindness and perseverance, which has been our value this half term.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

Mrs Kelly Scott

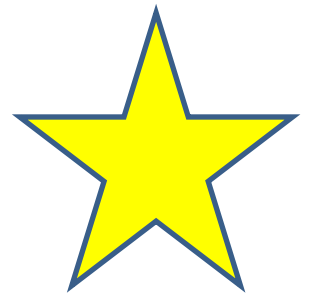
### Special Awards this week



***Hedgehog Class*** - Mrs Saunders, for being kind, friendly and helping us.

***Badger Class*** - Mrs Saunders, for never giving up on us, or the school.

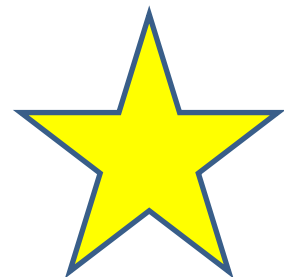
***Fox Class*** - Mrs Saunders, for being an outstanding member of our school for the last 20 years.



***Book of the week*** - Fox Class and thanks to Harriett for reading her contribution to the 'Book of Mrs Saunders'.

*When we return to school after half term, Jack J will be presenting our book of the week.*

***Writer of the week*** – Badgers Class for an acrostic poem about Mrs Saunders.



## **Other Messages**

### **World Book Day**

We are celebrating this on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March and children can either come to school dressed as a book character or can wear their pyjamas to school.

### **Thinking Day**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February (our first day back) children who attend groups such as Brownies, Cubs, Scouts etc can wear their uniform to school to celebrate 'Thinking Day'.

### **Morning and afterschool club price increase**

Just a reminder that charges will increase to £2.50 per session from Wednesday 23rd April. This will be reflected when you book on ParentMail.

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 17th February Half term

Monday 24th February Return to school - Thinking Day - Children can wear their uniforms

W/C 3rd March Year R-5 Parent meetings - booking information to follow

Friday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 4th April - Last day of school

Monday 7th April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd School Closed INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd April - Children return to school

Monday 5th May - School closed Bank holiday

W/C 12th May Key Stage 2 SATs Week

W/C 19th May Curriculum Week

Friday 23rd May Last day of school

Monday 26th May - half term

Monday 2nd June - Children return to school

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of school

Wednesday 23rd July Summer holiday

# SEND Parent Café

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

## WHEN?

Monday 1:30- 2:30pm

## WHERE?

Dereham Library  
59 High St, Dereham NR19 1DZ

## WHO?

Who can attend?

Anyone who may feel that they need a friendly and supportive safe space to share ideas, make friends and gain professional information, advice and guidance.

## WHY?

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