



**NORTH RIGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## BULLETIN – FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

“GROW, BLOSSOM, FLOURISH”

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see all the children back in school on Tuesday and to hear all their exciting holiday news. It was also wonderful to see the amazing costumes for the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. There has been lots of talk in school about for reading for pleasure and this is something we will be promoting this term and will feature in our next bulletin. To celebrate the 25th birthdays of both Harry Potter and World Book Day in 2022, Bloomsbury has partnered with World Book Day to feature an exclusive competition on the **printed £1 book token**: offering fans a chance to win a magical Harry Potter trip, as well as runners up prizes of Harry Potter books and National Book Tokens. The competition opens on 17 Feb – enter at [www.worldbookday.com/harrypotter](http://www.worldbookday.com/harrypotter). Good Luck!

### **Invasion of Ukraine**

Last week, Ukraine was invaded by Russia. This has no doubt led to many conversations at home, as children try to understand what it means and why it happened. School has received guidance from the DFE about supporting conversations in school and answering pupils' questions. Although this is happening in another country, we should not underestimate how a child processes what they see and hear and the scenarios that they believe could happen. It is important that our children understand the world in which we live and of course, how they can make a difference, but we should also continue to reassure them that they are safe at home and at school and that they should let a trusted adult know if they are worried. Below is a Newsround link that you may find useful at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

In addition, First News has a six-page special report which has been written specifically to help teachers, parents and children understand what's happening in Ukraine, presenting the events in a non-sensationalised and unbiased way. It also showcases some of the positive actions and people that have come out of this terrible event, to show children there are more good people than bad in the world. They are giving all parents FREE access to this Friday's full First News edition (attached).

The **Disasters Emergency Committee** which has launched a [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#). You will be aware that the DEC brings together a number of leading aid charities including Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children in order to raise funds quickly when large-scale disasters hit countries without the capacity to respond. It is quick and easy to donate and the UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal. DEC charities and their local partners are in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries providing water, food, shelter and medical assistance.

### Outdoor Play Equipment Request

If any families are having a spring clear out of their sheds and garages please keep an eye out for any unused outdoor play equipment. Our children try their hardest to look after what the school and FoNR provide but ultimately it is a tough job being playground equipment for 100 children! We would welcome any donations such as balls, rackets, hoops, skipping ropes, balance boards....you get the picture! Many thanks in advance, Mrs D x

### Comic Relief Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief day. The dress up theme is once again super heroes (nice and easy ) or you could just wear your own clothes with a red nose or other Comic Relief attire. Once I have met with the charity advocates I will be in touch with more information about activities on the day. We will not be taking cash on the day, but instead using a personalised Just Giving page - I have the link already 😊 (apologies for my name on the link!!)

[Cath Down is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/CathDown) Mrs D x

### FONR Update

A huge thank you for your generosity and support of FONR over the past few weeks. Before the half term break children celebrated Valentines by coming to school dressed in what they loved, writing poems about what they love, and eating lots of lovely treats that were very kindly donated. The total raised was £210.

Yesterday the children marked World Book Day by dressing up as book characters. Your child also came home this week with Usborne book leaflets and reading sponsorship forms. Please do take a look and help us to raise money for school whilst celebrating a love of reading and books.

Every single child in Apples and Pears stayed after school for a World Book Day themed movie night, watching films that were adapted from books. Your support has raised another £235.

Movie night for Busy Bees and Y5/6 will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Attached are the letters with booking information - please return these by Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March to help the FONR team with snack bag shopping. Fingers crossed for another movie night full house!

Many thanks  
FONR



### Message from The Benefice

Please find attached our planned schedule of services in March and April. As mentioned on Sunday, we are moving towards having a family service on offer every week in one of the churches in our Benefice, or on Zoom.