



## Welcome Back

This week it has been really lovely to see pupils return back to school and school life begin to return to something more normal. Hopefully, we can continue to build on this over the coming weeks. Please can I thank everyone for sticking closely to the start and end times at the beginning and end of the school day and remembering to socially distance outside of the school gates. Please take great care to maintain this whilst on the school grounds.

## Reading at Home

As prior to lockdown, we are continuing to have a huge focus and emphasis on Reading at home. As a whole school community, we know the importance that reading fluently and with understanding has on becoming a successful learner and that the way to becoming a good reader is through regular practice at home and at school. Please make sure that you hear your child read daily at home and record this in their home school reading record. Each day your home school reading records are checked in school. Thank you for your support with this.

## Dates for your Diary:

### March

- 11th Time to shine cricket
- 18th Time to shine cricket
- 19th Red Nose Day
- 24th Easter Lunch
- 25th Time to shine cricket
- 26th Break up at 12.30 for Easter
- 26th PTA Virtual Balloon Race

### April

- 13th Return to School
- 23rd St George's day Lunch

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

### Every Minute Counts

#### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

1 day absence over the whole year  
97% - 100%  
Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year  
90%  
Lost chance of success (harder to make progress)

30+ days absence over the whole year  
Under 90%  
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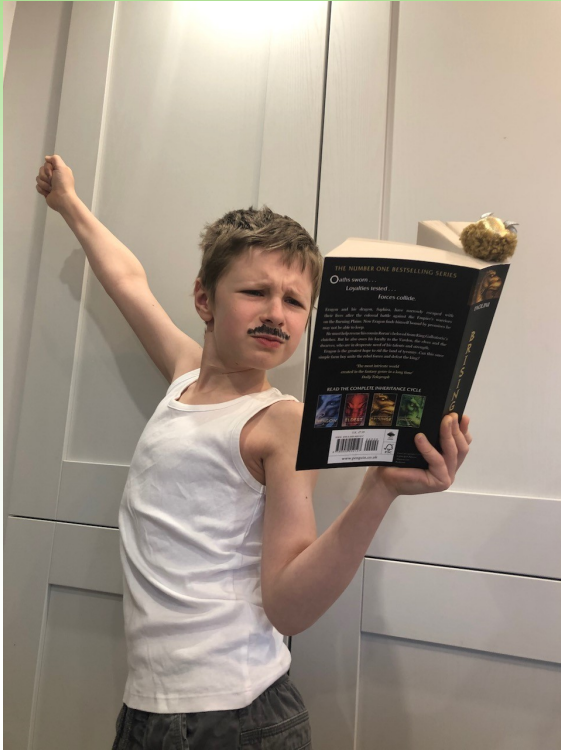
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!



"In the line for ten to nine!"



## Our Reading Star Winners for World Book Day—Well Done



# School Term and Holiday Dates 2021/2022

	AUGUST 2021	SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021	NOVEMBER 2021	DECEMBER 2021	JANUARY 2022
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

	FEBRUARY 2022	MARCH 2022	APRIL 2022	MAY 2022	JUNE 2022	JULY 2022
Monday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31

 Bank Holiday  
 School Holiday  
 Professional development/training days





**Thirsk Community Primary School PTA**

# **ViRTUAL BALLOON RACE**

Start 12pm on Friday 26th March  
and finishes 12pm on Friday 2nd April

After the amazing success of our virtual balloon race last summer, we have decided to hold another over the Easter holiday and slightly different this time as it is only our school taking part.

Each balloon costs £3 and you can buy as many as you like. Once you buy a balloon you can decorate it and track it via the website.

**Good luck!**

**1<sup>st</sup> place 5 x £10 vouchers for local businesses.**

## **How to enter**

To buy your balloon(s) just follow this link.

<https://www.balloonrace.com/TCPPTA>



## **Red Nose Day**

It is Red Nose Day on March 19th. We are asking the children to come in Non School Uniform on this day.

For any children doing PE that day please come in non-uniform but suitable for a PE lesson.

Any donations can be via the class or via Parentpay.

