



## World Book Day: 5<sup>th</sup> March NOW Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

We have moved our celebration of World Book Day to the Friday due to year 5 going swimming on a Thursday and us wanting to celebrate the day together.

On the day after World Book Day we will be celebrating as follows:

- Early Years (nursery and reception) can come to school dressed for a bedtime story, all other children (Years 1-6) can come dressed for a bedtime story **or** in book character costume.
- Library visits are being looked at for the time around World Book Day
- We are going to pair up classes to share books.
- Teachers will be choosing age appropriate book themed activities to do on the day with their class.

## Reminder: INSET day closure

We will be closed for staff training on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

## Contacting School

We have been made aware today of a couple of parents having left messages on our school answerphone recently who have not had a response. We can only apologise for this. We are investigating whether there are any issues with our answer phone service. However, to reassure you, we would never intentionally or knowingly not respond to a query from a parent. If you have left a message and have not heard back please call again during office hours. You can also email [birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk). This email inbox is monitored by 3 people in school and messages can be picked up and directed to the right member of staff to respond. If you email and do not want to put the details of your query in an email you can simply request a call back from school via an email to this inbox.

Please also be reminded that school staff should be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. We understand how precious children are and how upsetting life events can be, we are here to support you and your children. However, we have had a couple of instances recently where parents have spoken to school staff in unacceptable ways. Should parents speak in a derogatory or abusive fashion to or about school staff (or pupils), either in person, on the telephone, via email or on social media, those parents risk a warning or banning notice from our premises.

## Childcare Provision

Children can now be in school from 7.45am to 6pm each day.

To register for **Breakfast Club** please email [birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

To register for **Wrap Around Provision after school** please complete this form: [After School Wrap Around Provision Registration Form - Fill in form](#)

Contact number for Wrap Around Provision after school office hours: 07734569973

