

This week's merit certificates
are awarded to;

Darwin Class - Phoebe

Curie Class - Rafferty

Attenborough Class - Poppy

Einstein Class - Isabella

Key worker child in school - Sophie

Well done everyone!



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd February - Open parents' zoom meeting with Debbie and chair of governors (Karen Kemp)

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Rohan for next week. Hope you have a great day.

Well done!

Well done for getting through another week. We know it is incredibly hard for you to home educate your child(ren) and maintain calmness but you are all doing a great job. Despite what you hear on the news, our children will cope with this and it will not ruin their life chances when they are older. There are thousands of children in this world who have lost years of education due to natural disasters and war yet have gone on to get degrees or good jobs. As long as your child continues to read, write and do some maths they will be fine. When we are back in school it will be the staff's job to support your child catch up (which they will). All we ask is that you keep things 'ticking over' at home. The best education you can give your child is conversation to develop their vocabulary and understanding of the world. All children need is to feel loved and secure, warm and fed and have the opportunity to get outside and

experience the natural world. Do not put too much pressure on yourselves or your children as we will all begin to crack.

Stay strong, positive and relaxed - we are here to help wherever we can.



**One important reason to stay calm
is that calm parents hear more.
Low-key, accepting parents are
the ones whose children keep
talking.**

Mary Pipher

Half Term Week

Following guidance from the DfE and the Local Authority, schools will close to ALL children from 15th to 19th February and will reopen for vulnerable and critical worker's children only on Monday 22nd February.

Home Learning - Weekly Challenge - Art



Thank you to everyone for your amazing winter pictures. Please keep them coming as we have another board to cover

Other home learning activities



Tom having fun in the snow



Summer and Connie building a snowman



Francesca and William's dog looking gorgeous Sonny and Lily enjoying the snow



Sonny went on a night hike and spent the whole night in a tent!! Lily enjoying freshly baked bread and they also made crystals

Free Relaxation Sessions for parents and carers



Free relaxation sessions for all parents and carers who need a bit of time to unwind and reconnect.

These will run every Thursday evening from 7.30pm and will be recorded so if you cannot make the live session you can do them at a more convenient time for you. There will be five sessions starting next Thursday 4th February.

If you would like to take part, live or recorded, please complete the form (link below) and Katherine will be in touch.

<https://exhalevocalife.uk/classes/health-questionnaire/>



Open Zoom coffee afternoon for all parents and carers

Please join Debbie and Karen (chair of governors) for an informal chat over a cuppa and biscuit. It is an opportunity for us to get together and discuss ways we can all support each other and our children. If you have a question or would like to share some good ideas, this is the time. Hope to see you there at 3pm on Tuesday 2nd February.

Topic: Parents and carers meeting

Time: Feb 2, 2021 03:00 PM Greenwich Mean Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84486089498?pwd=dWltN0JaVmV6NEVyaC8vT2dNMzJyZz09>

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My Pet Star

Celebrate National Storytelling Week! 1-5 February

Join author Corrine Averiss reading her book *My Pet Star* on Monday 1st February at 3pm on the Leicestershire Libraries Facebook page www.facebook.com/yourlibrary

If you loved the story you can also enjoy Bookstart's My Pet Star activity sheets here: <http://ow.ly/U78B50DeJnA>. If you are booking a library Click & Collect order you can ask staff to include any of our free Bookstart resources in your bag at the following libraries: Ashby, Birstall, Blaby, Broughton, Coalville, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Glenfield, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Melton, Oadby, Shepshed, Syston, Wigston. To find out more about our Click & Collect service visit: <http://ow.ly/FFYx50DeJGx>



Wriggly Readers at Home

Join us once again for Wriggly Readers at Home!

Can you roar like a lion, hiss like a snake and rabbit like a frog? Join us on Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th February at 10.30am on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/yourlibrary where you can listen to a story and sing along with the staff during our special Wriggly Readers to celebrate National Storytelling Week.

Share Stories with Ali Sparkes

It's Tell Tale Time with multi award winning children's author!

We have set Ali the challenge of encouraging everyone from school age to pension age to share stories. Whether you are sitting around the kitchen table or waving to each other over Zoom she will show you how to put extra chunks of fun into reading out an adventure story or sharing a picture book ... or even just making stuff up. Join Ali's free events on Wednesday 3rd February at 11am and again on Weds 17th February at 11am on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/783134679219054



Harry Potter Night

Fancy Dress Competition and Family Quiz!

Join us on our Facebook page for a Harry Potter family quiz night on Thursday 4th February at 4.30pm.

Families also have until midday on Wednesday 10th February to dress up in their best Harry Potter outfits and post a picture to www.facebook.com/yourlibrary to be in with a chance of winning one of four Harry Potter goodie bags. We will be looking for creativity so make sure you use whatever you have around the house to create your final look!

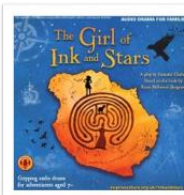
How Do You Get to be an Author? with Ali Sparkes

It's not easy getting a book published!

Join award winning children's author Ali Sparkes for her free event **HOW DO YOU GET TO BE AN AUTHOR?** on Wednesday 17th February at 11am on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/yourlibrary

Ali Sparkes, winner of the Blue Peter Children's Book of the Year Award, knows how hard it is. In a story which will have you gasping, crying, laughing and yelling NO! NO! NO! (possibly), Ali will share her own journey from being the worst reader in school to writing more than 50 books enjoyed by young readers all over the world.

There will be time for live questions and answers afterwards via Facebook.



The Girl of Ink and Stars

A gripping audio drama performed over three episodes!

The Girl of Ink and Stars is a story of myth, magic and the power of friendship. Available on demand, from 11am Saturday 13th February until 6pm Saturday 20th February. You can book your pass now via the Spark Arts for Children (see link below). This and all Festival events operate on a pay-what-you-can booking basis.

Direct link to *The Girl of Ink and Stars*: <http://ow.ly/qiij50DiFAF>

Check out the full Spark Festival half-term programme here: <https://thesparkarts.co.uk/festival/programme>

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Spring is coming! Miss Winter has been helping with lambing this week