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To all Parents/Carers,

16/3/18

It's fair to say that this week has been pretty busy!

It all started on Monday with our rescheduled World Book Day celebrations.

The children came dressed up as a multitude of different book characters including Harry Potter, Dennis the Menace, Gangsta Granny and many more!

Miss Gaskin and Mr Rowcroft did a fantastic assembly (re-enacting a scene from George's Marvellous Medicine) and then one child from each class was awarded a certificate for being a superstar reader.

It was a great day and thank you to all parents/carers for spending many hours making costumes!



We've also had Y6 parents/carers join us for lunch, Y2 have been to Holdenby House and the Reception children have been to an outdoor forestry centre. Not forgetting Mollie the dog, who visited us yesterday as part of a six week Pet Therapy program which we have introduced for some of the children. It was quite amazing to see what impact a friendly dog can have on children who may struggle with anxiety or confidence issues. Mollie had such a calming influence and there was a very serene atmosphere in the room whilst the children read their books and talked about their hobbies. Meanwhile, in the community room, the Y1 children were handling snakes, tree frogs, chinchillas and lots of other rainforest animals! We don't usually have that many creatures in the building at the same time!

This week was also the last week of Parent/Carer Meetings in school. We have received lots of positive feedback about the meetings and how well the teachers know your child. However, I am aware that it can be noisy in the hall from time to time so this is something we are hoping to address next time round.

And finally, special mention has to go to the Y2 children and their fantastic WWII VE Day Party. There was a bit of dancing, a bit of singing (Vera Lynn) and a bit of food, not to mention lots of brilliant WWII costumes and memorabilia. Thank you for attending in such huge numbers and we hope you enjoyed your afternoon – the children certainly did!

Mr I. Johnson

**PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb:**

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx>