



# March 2022 Newsletter

Dear parents / carers,

I am delighted to say things are finally returning to normal in school. We have now returned to whole class assemblies (no more zooming into classrooms). It is wonderful having all the children together in one space again - it's been a long time!

We have lots of exciting events happening over the next two terms. Trips are now back on (your child's class teacher will be in touch) and we have lots of other events planned in school (see dates for diary below).

I do hope you are enjoying 'Beat the Street.' It's a great way to get children out and about in the local area. We are doing extremely well (I believe we were 3<sup>rd</sup> in Loughborough on the last count) and with our enthusiastic children I'm confident we can get even higher on the leader board. Good luck!

Mrs Harvey

Headteacher



## Russia and the Ukraine

First of all, I would like to thank you for your kind donations. Miss Harrison took many, many bags to the drop off point and I'm sure they will help a great deal of people. I know this is a worrying time for all of us. Your children will naturally pick up on anxieties and it is only natural that they will start asking questions. As a school we are dealing with this in an age-appropriate way. Of course, there are so many new words that children hear during such a time and sometimes it's hard to find the simplest explanations. Programmes such as **Newsround** offer clear explanations to help youngsters understand exactly what's happening. At the end of this newsletter there are some simple key terms about the war in Ukraine and what they mean which may help.

## Uniform reminder

Polite reminder, children are required to wear school uniform everyday apart from when they have PE. On PE days they are allowed to come to school in their PE kits.

## Main Uniform:

- School V neck jumper
- Navy blue with logo Cardigan
- Navy with logo Polo Shirt

- White or navy with or without logo Dark trousers/shorts
  - black/navy/dark grey Skirt (tartan) Summer dresses
  - blue and white gingham. (with or without logo) Pinafore dresses
  - navy/grey (with or without logo) Footwear
  - Black robust shoes. NO TRAINING SHOES Socks/tights
- **Year 6 uniform: Initial uniform will be provided by the school free of charge for Year 6 pupils only.**

#### PE Kit:

- Blue/Black shorts White T Shirt (with or without logo)
- plimsoles or training shoes for indoor PE. Training shoes must be worn for outdoor PE lessons.
- Tracksuit or jogging bottoms for the winter.

#### Gem 106 visit Booth Wood



On Tuesday, Jo and Sparky visited Booth Wood to interview Zac Starbuck our very own Karting Champion. All the children enjoyed seeing them around school and we have been invited to be their “school of the week” next week. Every morning at 7:50am one of our children will be live on air playing the “Kids tell fibs games”. Please listen out if you can.



#### Easter Coffee Morning – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Coffee/tea and cakes will be served from 9:30am until 11:00am. Any cake donations would be gratefully received (please remember we are a nut free school). The events below will be part of the coffee morning event.

#### Easter Raffle

You should have already received two strips of raffle tickets. If you wish to purchase them, please return with monies by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to purchase extra tickets, please contact the school office. The raffle will be drawn during the Easter Coffee Morning. All proceeds will go towards purchasing additional resources for our Reading Lodge.





### Easter Bonnet Parade

As part of the Easter Coffee Morning, there will be a parade of all the children who have made Easter Bonnets. We are asking for a £1.00 donation and there will be a prize for the best bonnet in each class.

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



**Red noses will be sold from individual classes from tomorrow, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at a cost of £1.50 each. These normally sell out very quickly and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please do not bring monies into the school office. The younger children will need to have their monies in a named envelope for their class teachers to sort.

Weather permitting Miss Wolfe will be holding a “Wake up with Miss Wolfe” session out on the playground at around 8:30am for parents to take part. It would be lovely to see you there.

The theme this year is “Superheroes”. Children are invited to either dress up as their favourite superhero or wear red.

**We appreciate these are difficult times and you do not have to donate to take part in any of the above events. However, we will still be collecting for the charity should you wish to do so.**



### The Circus is coming to Booth Wood!

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Booth Wood Primary School, we are organising a fabulous event for the school and our extended community. There will be two performances in the big top and numerous side stalls and games on the day. More details to follow.



## Dates for Diaries

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day. Dress as a superhero or wear red.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents evening (3.30pm-7pm)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 to Twycross Zoo Cherry class to Stonehurst farm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents evening (3.30pm-5pm)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Zoo Lab visit (in school ) for Year 1
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Morning (9.30am) Easter bonnet parade (10am)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 visit to Loughborough library
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5A visit to Loughborough library
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Year 5B visit to Loughborough library</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 visit to Loughborough library
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 (Y6) SATS
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 visit to Loughborough library
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Adventure Golf
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Warning Zone trip
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 2 music morning (in school)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 trip to the National Justice Museum and Nottingham caves
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Cherry class & Years 1-3 SPORTS DAY 9.15am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Years 4-6 SPORTS DAY 9.15am
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Circus comes to Booth Wood</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for summer (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July is the additional day given for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee)</b>

## key terms about the war in Ukraine

### **Annexation**

Annexation is when a country decides it now controls another area, without the agreement of the people involved or anyone else they might need to get permission from.

It is forbidden by international law. It's what was done to Crimea by Russia in 2014 - something that is seen to have been the start of the current war in Ukraine.

### **Displaced**

If a person is displaced, it means that they've been forced to leave their home because it's no longer safe to live there. If someone displaces another person, it means they are the reason the other person is forced out of where they live.

### **Invasion**

An invasion is when an army enters another country by force. It's usually done to take control of the area or country they're entering.

### **Kremlin**

The Kremlin is a big fortress in Moscow containing government buildings and the official residence of Russia's leaders. Think of it like number 10 Downing Street in the UK, or the White House in the US. It was built hundreds of years ago, at the end of the 15th century. The Kremlin is also a term used to refer to parts of the Russian government - again, in the same way someone in the UK might refer to Number 10 as a way of talking about the Prime Minister's team.

### **NATO**

NATO stands for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It is an international organisation which brings together the armies of various countries, including the UK, the United States and France. The aim of NATO is to make sure that its member countries all defend each other against anybody that might attack them, like Russia. Ukraine isn't a member of NATO, which is why NATO isn't getting involved. It was formed by 12 countries in 1949, four years after the Second World War. As of 2022, NATO now has 30 member countries.

### **Oligarchs**

Oligarchs are a group of very successful business people in Russia who became very rich very quickly after the collapse of the Soviet Union. They own a lot of important things in Russia, like media companies, oil plants and banks. They've also bought a lot of businesses and properties in places like London. Because of their involvement in such big Russian organisations, some people think they have a lot of political influence in the country.

### **Refugee**

A refugee is someone who leaves their country because it has become unsafe for them to stay there. They then go and look for somewhere to live in a different country.

War is often a reason this happens - the United Nations say that up to four million refugees could flee Ukraine as a result of the war that's happening there.

**Sanctions** A sanction is a penalty applied to a country by another when they are seen to be doing something wrong. They can also be set against companies, organisations or even individual people. Sanctions are imposed in an attempt to change a country's government's behaviour. Short of going to war, they are one of the toughest measures a country can take.

Sanctions are often financial, so about money - for example, a country may say they'll stop trading with another, which impacts how much money that country can make.

### **Separatists**

A separatist is a person who is a member of a certain group (this could be religious, or people with particular political beliefs) who think that this group should be independent from the country they're in. This means that they would have a separate government or in some way live apart from other people.

### **Slava Ukraine**

This is a phrase that's being used a lot in videos of people in Ukraine right now, including the country's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. It's Ukrainian for 'Glory to Ukraine' and started in the army - it first became popular during the Ukrainian War of Independence from 1917-1921.

**Sovereignty**

This is the term used to describe the authority a country has to govern itself. This means that no one else has the right to interfere in their affairs, or decisions that their government makes. Similarly, a sovereign nation is a country that has a government that has the power to decide what happens within its borders. People are angry at Russia's invasion of Ukraine because they think it violates Ukraine's right to govern without interference.

**United Nations**

The United Nations, or UN, is an organisation made up of representatives from 193 countries (which is almost every country in the world).

They have a few aims, including bringing governments together to meet and form friendships, and to promote peace and security around the world. If any of the member states has a problem, they can bring it to the UN, where it will be discussed, and they will try to find solutions.

**USSR**

Russia and Ukraine both used to be part of a very big country called the Soviet Union, and before that the Russian Empire.