

Southrop C of E Primary School

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Together we can fly

World Book Day is one of the highlights of the year at Southrop School and this year Mrs Tipple, our English Coordinator, went above and beyond to organise fabulous reading events throughout the week. Each day we had a mystery reader who shared a favourite story. These ranged from former pupil Jonty, retired former teachers, the minibus driver, to one of our governors, Mr Smith, who demonstrated a telehandler at the field and then sat in it to share a story! On the day, all the school came dressed as a famous book character and the staff were all characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Visitors expecting to meet with the Co-Head Teachers were a little surprised to be greeted by an oompa loompa and Willy Wonka! Other activities included a book swap, MC Grammar rapping, a masked reader competition, quizzes, sharing a book, comic strips, hot chocolate and a story. Kim Harvey from Madhatter Bookshop, Burford, kindly gave us a voucher to buy some extra books for the library. 10 pupils were lucky enough to accompany Mrs Tipple and had a wonderful morning exploring the bookshop, choosing and then enjoying reading the new books on the minibus journey back to school.

Our value this term is forgiveness, which is especially fitting in this period of Lent. The whole school enjoyed our customary pancake race and then consuming the pancakes, on Shrove Tuesday. Gareth Griffith, our curate, was in school reading a book on Ash Wednesday. He shared a prayer to ask for forgiveness and made the sign of the cross in ash on the foreheads of those Swan children who wanted to partake, as a symbol of a desire for forgiveness.

Over the past weeks, our thoughts have been with the people suffering so terribly in the war in Ukraine. Like many across the country, we participated in the day for Ukraine on 11th March and collected money and goods. As our school uniform colours are yellow and blue, two of our pupils came up with the idea of arranging the pupils in a flag configuration in the playground, half the with jumpers and half with jumpers off to show support for the people of Ukraine. You can see a photo of the resulting flag on our Facebook page.

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