

Events – Spring Term 1 (2020)

Each term we look at different Whole school House group PSHE/curriculum Optional topics highlighted in around the world. We have various formats to deliver and discuss events.

Discussion point	Detail	Date	Format
World Braille Day	World Braille Day is used to raise awareness for issues affecting blind people. These range from the availability of printed books and information to making sighted people more aware of the issues facing blind people in today's society.	4 th January	PSHE & subjects
World Religion Day	World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. It was initially started by followers of the Bahá'í faith. Bahá'ís believe that all religions have common features and that all religions should be respected. They believe that there is one god who is known by different names in all religions.	19 th January	PSHE & subjects
National handwriting day- 23 rd		23 rd January	PSHE & subjects
Burns Night- 25 th	January 25th marks the Birthday of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns. Burns Night is celebrated by getting together with family and friends and sitting down for a Burns Supper.	25 th January	PSHE & subjects
Chinese New year	Chinese New Year is a traditional holiday that is very important in China. Traditionally, Chinese New Year would begin on the last day of the month in the Chinese calendar, Chinese New Year's Eve, and would end on the fifteenth day of the first month – the Lantern Festival. This makes it the longest festival in the Chinese calendar.	25 th January	House Groups
Holocaust Memorial day	Holocaust Memorial Day is the day that the British Government has chosen to remember the millions that were murdered during the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and terrible crimes committed during conflicts in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.	27 th January	House Groups
Big Garden Birdwatch	The Big Garden Birdwatch is a time for your children to take have an hour outside and make note of every bird they see in the school grounds. The Big Garden Birdwatch runs over 3 days, so if it falls on a weekend or the weather gets bad there's a third day to try it on.	28 th – 29 th January	Optional
Young carers' day	The purpose of the day is to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by young people because of their caring role, and to campaign for greater support for young carers and their needs.	30 th January	House Groups

Backwards Day	Backwards Day is a fun event that encourages people to do things they'd do normally, but backwards. For example, wearing clothing backwards, talking or writing backwards, having dinner at breakfast and breakfast at dinner! This is a perfect way to brighten up someone's day and develop fine motor skills with thinking or writing things in reverse.	31 st January	Optional
National story telling week	National Storytelling Week takes place in storytelling clubs, theatres, museums, schools, hospitals, spoken word venues, and care homes (where this event has been steadily growing each year!) Where ever the events take place, the web of stories will be spun with sufficient magic between the breath of the teller and the ear of the listener.	1 st – 8 th February	PSHE & subjects
Candlemas	Saint Blaise was born in Sebastea and preached Christianity in his home town. He was a healer who became famous for performing miracles of helping sick people and wild animals. He lived for some time in a cave where he spent all of his time praying.	2 nd February	Optional
Rosa Parks day	On 1st December 1955, after a long day at work, Rosa boarded the bus home and sat on the first row of seats intended for black people. By the time the bus reached its third stop, all the 'white only' seats were full. Rosa and three other black people were sitting on the front row of the black section of the bus. So, the white bus driver stepped back into the bus to tell Rosa and the three other black people to move back to give their seats to the white people. After being asked to move by the white bus driver, the other three black people moved further back in the bus to give the white people their seats. But, Rosa moved to the side and not back. The driver told her that if she did not move back then he would call the police, and she told him to do just that...So he did.	4 th February	House Groups
Charles Dickens' birthday	Today, 7th February is Charles Dickens Birthday. Charles was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's most memorable fictional characters and is generally regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian period.	7 th February	PSHE & subjects
Safer internet day	Safer Internet Day is designed to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones. A really key and useful area to discuss with your class.	11 th February	Whole school
Random acts of kindness week	Random Acts of Kindness Week takes place for 7 days each year, beginning on the 11th of February. It is a week dedicated to kindness and taking that extra, conscious step to brighten somebody's day.	11 th – 17 th February	Whole school
International Day of Women and Girls in Science	International Day of Women and Girls in Science is a global celebration of the Women who work and contribute to the major scientific findings that we see every day, in the past and in the future. Utilise some of our science resources as well as our Women in STEM resources to celebrate this day with your class.	11 th February	PSHE & subjects
Valentine's day		14 th February	Optional