



Spring Newsletter 06

Friday 14th February 2020

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have given out a lot of school values stickers this week! Some reception children have come up to my office to share their writing and to show me their 'Fred-in-my-head' reading. I have seen some fantastic examples of home learning tasks and have watched Beech Class using numicon to support them as they further their grasp of division. It is a joy to see such perseverance in action! We even have a new display in school which has the title, 'The Learning Line'. It uses a visual prompt to describe the process of learning and it stresses the fact that it isn't always easy! It is wonderful to be able to celebrate all those instances where the children have overcome learning obstacles by adopting different strategies and, most of all, by continuing to try. Keep it up, everyone!

We end this spring half term on Valentine's Day and so it seems fitting to also reflect on our school value of 'love'. As you know, our Classroom Essentials are built on the foundation blocks of our school values. Children are able to describe how they can show love and respect to others through actions and words. Staff and children try each day to show kindness and care. That said, we have recently discussed how this can be tricky when you are feeling angry, upset or frustrated. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, whilst managing different pressures and multi-tasking, it can be very tempting to act impatiently towards others. We have therefore taken time in collective worship to ask God to help us follow His words in the Bible: Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14). This can be very challenging to do but I know it is an aspiration that our school community strive to live out.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful break next week and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Mrs E Griffiths

Primary Forest School Lessons

Arrangements for forest school lessons after half term are as follows:

Thursday AM – Oak class - Children to come into school wearing their outdoor clothes with their school uniform in a bag.

Thursday PM – Beech class – Children to come into school wearing their school uniform with their outdoor clothing in a bag.

Friday PM – Chestnut class - Children to come into school wearing their school uniform with their outdoor clothing in a bag.




General Reminders

Can we please ask you to ensure that your child is wearing the correct, full school uniform each day. Full uniform consists of grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore, a white shirt or blouse (not a white polo t-shirt) a school tie, a sweatshirt or cardigan bearing our school logo and black school shoes that can be polished. Black trainers are not acceptable. The class teacher will be monitoring uniform standards and letters will be sent home should your child be missing any items or wearing incorrect uniform.

In addition to this can you please make sure that a full PE kit is available to your child to enable them to enjoy sports lessons. As the playing field can still be a little damp in the mornings, you may wish to provide an extra pair of socks for your child's PE kit so that they can change into these dry socks after their PE lesson.

Thank you for your support to ensure that your child is well equipped for school each and every day.



Reminders

Hot school Meal Order Deadline

We would like to remind you that the cut-off point for ordering hot school meals for week commencing Monday 24th February is Sunday 16th February 2020.



World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March to celebrate World Book Day children and staff are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. This year we thought it would be good to re-use any costumes which children have grown out of, then use any donations given for these to raise money for new library books. Costumes will be available to view and select for a suggested donation on Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February from 14:45.



Attendance

Class attendance figures are:

Oak Class: 97.5%

Ash Class: 95.6%

Willow Class: 97.1%

Beech Class: 96.3%

Chestnut Class: 95.5%

Whole School Attendance: 96.2%

Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence.

Please allow 48 hours after your child's last occurrence of diarrhoea or vomiting before allowing them to return to school.

Where possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours but on those occasions when this is not possible could we please ask you to provide evidence of the appointment.



PTFA

We have been working hard behind the scenes to organise some events for the remainder of this year. Confirmed dates are as follows:

- 17th and 19th March Parent Consultations. We will be selling teas/coffees, cakes, cans, sweets, and crisps for you and your children to enjoy while you are waiting to speak to your child(ren)'s teacher(s).
- 27th March is a donation day for bottles and tombola items for the Spring fair. In return, children are invited to wear hats/headwear to school with normal school uniform.
- 27th March Quiz Night with fish and chips. Our last quiz night was very popular and a lot of fun. This time we have arranged to get the fish and chips supplied by the Bennett's van.
- 18th April Family fun event at the Ship Inn. Sam at the Ship Inn has been supporting our PTFA for several years now and has opened the Ship up to us to hold another fun event.
- 16th May Spring Fair. This will be held at the school and we are hoping to have it filled with lots of fun stalls for you to enjoy.

Money raised at these events will be used to purchase new science, history, maths and geography resources, as well as funding for chicken eggs to come into school so the children can watch them hatch. We cannot do any of these things without you donating items for our fairs, attending events, and giving up you time to help. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Diary Dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – Return to school

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – KS1 SEND Parent/Teacher/Senco Meetings

Wednesday 11th March – Year 6 SAT's Parent Information Meeting – 15:10

Thursday 12th March – KS2 SEND Parent/Teacher/Senco Meetings

Tuesday 17th March – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 19th March - Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 25th March – Ash Class Phonics Screening Parent Meeting - 15:05

Thursday 26th March – Year 2 SAT's Parent Information Meeting – 15:10

Wednesday 1st April – Easter Service – 09:00 in the school hall

Thursday 2nd April – Class Photographs

Friday 3rd April – Last day of term – 13:15 finish

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April – Return to school

Monday 20th April – Rob Doyle Cycle Training – Ditch the Stabilisers – 15:05 – 17:05

Tuesday 21st April – Rob Doyle Cycle Training – Bikeability Level 1 – 15:05 – 17:05

Wednesday 22nd April – Beech class visit to Longleat

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April - Rob Doyle Cycle Training – Bikeability Level 2 – 15:05 – 17:05

Monday 27th April – Year 4 Times Table Test Parent Information Meeting – 15:10

Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 11th – Friday 15th May Key Stage 2 SAT's Week

Friday 22nd May – Last day of term – normal collection time of 15:05

Monday 25th May – Friday 25th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd June – Return to school

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day

