

# School Newsletter Spring 2019 No. 15

**22nd March 2019**

**Week no. 2 on the lunch menu**

**Next Week:**

- 25.3.19 9am, Celebration Assembly (invite only)
- 25.3.19 11.55am Mothers Day Lunch—Year 6
- 26.3.19 11.55am Mothers Day Lunch—Year 1
- 26.3.19 12.25pm Mothers Day Lunch—Year 4
- 27.3.19 Year 6 Swimming
- 27.3.19 11.55am Mothers Day Lunch—Year R
- 27.3.19 12.25pm Mothers Day Lunch—Year 3
- 28.3.19 11.55am Mothers Day Lunch—Year 2
- 28.3.19 12.25pm Mothers Day Lunch—Year 5
- 29.3.19 11.55am Mothers Day Lunch—Siblings
- 29.3.19 Non-Uniform Day
- 29.3.19 Year 3 Forest Schools Day

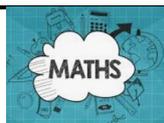
**ZooLab in Year 5**

On 19th March, Year 5 had a guest visitor, Tom, from 'Zoolab' to come and show us some amazing animals. His 'animal colleagues' were fascinating and we loved being able to handle them. We met Peter - the giant African land snail, Molly - the corn snake, Ron and Harry - two four-month old gerbils, a tree frog, a cockroach and a millipede. We got to hold all of them apart from the gerbils because they were too little and the frog because his skin was too delicate. Tom taught us lots of interesting facts about each creature which really helped our learning for the science unit we are about to start on reproduction and animal life cycles. After our memorable experience, we made sure that we washed our hands to stop germs spreading, and checked that all of them were safely back in the boxes (we didn't want any escapees lurking in the school!) It was a great experience!



**Maths Course for Parents**

Following the success of the recent English course to support parents, we are excited to offer places for a Maths course run by the same company. 'Keeping up with children's maths' will help to improve your own maths skills and also support parents to help their children at home. This is a five week programme on Tuesdays from 10-12, commencing on 21st April. All parents are welcome to attend, so if you are interested, please sign up via Sims Pay. See the attached poster for further details.



Birthday greetings go to:



All of our pupils who have celebrated their birthdays this week. **Happy Birthday to you all.**

**Chocolate Spread**

Please can I politely remind you not to use chocolate spread in sandwiches as many of them contain nuts. Although it is very tasty and quite popular with the children, it is important to ensure the safety of the children and staff in relation to dietary needs. Some of our pupils suffer with nut allergies that can be brought on by the nut oil in the air or on the children's hands if they are not washed thoroughly. Thank you



**SENCO**

After the Easter holidays, I am excited to announce that our new SENCo will be Mrs Tuttlebee. Mr Harvey will hand over to her before he leaves us to ensure that she is fully updated about all of our pupils. Mrs Tuttlebee and Mr Harvey have been working together recently to support our children with SEN, so I am sure that the transition will be effective. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Harvey for the work he has done for our pupils with Special Educational Needs.



**Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 29th March, we will holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation (payable vis Sims Pay). We are trying to raise money for new reading books for our pupils to give them a greater variety of reading materials to enjoy. As part of this event, we will also be opening up the Learning Lodge after school as a cafe. For a small fee, we will be selling tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be a uniform swap shop, book swap and some books for sale. Under the supervision of their parents/carers, the children are welcome to stay and play on the field with their friends, whilst the parents enjoy the refreshments on offer. We look forward to welcoming you and hope you will be able to support us in raising school funds.





**FAMILY  
LEARNING**



# Keeping Up with the Children Maths

Roach Vale Primary School

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**  
**10-12 (5 weeks)**

**Suitable for primarily for parents of  
primary aged children, to build confidence in Maths.**

This will help you:

- improve your basic Maths skills,
- understand the jargon with maths teaching
- support your child's learning and upskill you with your numeracy ability.

**This course will explore how learning can be fun.**

**To book your place, contact  
either Sarah on 03330 320903  
or contact the school office  
for more information.**



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