

# Newsletter 8

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## DATES COMING UP

### APRIL

MON 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS PHOTOS

TUE 2<sup>ND</sup> NETBALL V SEVERN BEACH

THUR 4<sup>TH</sup> Y5 EASTER SERVICES 1.45 & 2.35

FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM

TUES 23<sup>RD</sup> START OF TERM 5

### MAY

MON 6<sup>TH</sup> BANK HOLIDAY

MON 13<sup>TH</sup> Y6 SATS WEEK

MON 20<sup>TH</sup> -THUR 23<sup>RD</sup> Y5 LUNCHES FOR PARENTS

THUR 23<sup>RD</sup> CROSS COUNTRY Y4-6

FRI 24<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 5



Our new solar panels: making use of the sunshine!

Dear Parents,

### Solar Panels

As you can see from the above picture, our panels were installed this week and have already begun generating electricity (and income!) for us. Well done to our Reception classes and 2.3 for working their way around the installation: children were not in their classes for those two days, but instead used the ICT room, small hall, and our lovely grounds for a really enjoyable couple of days. Thanks also to all parents for bearing with us: the benefits will be reduced costs to the school (at least 25% saving per annum) and, of course, the energy is nice and clean!

### School Grounds

While on the subject of our lovely grounds, Mrs Fraser is leading a project to enhance our pond and surrounding area. The pond has now been largely cleared, and we are now looking to improve our planters around the school, and create a new garden area behind the gazebo in the large playground. If you have any plants you would like to donate, or if you would like to join an occasional working party to help with jobs, please drop a note to Mrs Fraser via the school office. We are aiming to meet in the Easter holidays to get cracking! (See p3 for more about birdboxes)

### Annual Parent Survey

Many thanks to all of the parents who responded to the survey. We have had 116 replies so far, and I will be going through them all shortly. The main findings will be published on the website in due course. If you haven't sent one back yet and would like to do so that's fine – just get them back to the office before the end of term.

### Red Nose Day

A massive thank you to all of your fantastic donations for this event. Together we raised a total of :

**£1483!**

**Reminder about packed lunches** Please can parents NOT put anything containing nuts into packed lunches as a few children have serious nut allergies (eg anything with hazelnuts, in particular NUTELLA, peanut butter etc). Sweets including mars bars, four-finger kitkats and so on and fizzy drinks should also not be included. Thank you!

## NOTICEBOARD

### Sport News

#### Netball

Our netball team played Wallscourt Farm this week, and put in an excellent team performance and a well-earned win. Our next match is next week: good luck!

#### Football

Continued good performances in the league means our boys' team will hopefully go through to the Champions' League finals next term. Our girls' team look forward to more games next term to continue their excellent progress this year, and we wish our Y3 and Y4 team the best of luck in their forthcoming tournament.

#### Swimming

Well done also to our swimming team at this week's gala. We put in some great individual performances and improved our ranking from 7<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Well done everyone!

### **Clubs Next Term**

There will be a few changes to clubs next term – please visit the website for more details to be posted by the end of next week. Y1 football will start with Mr Porter on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May: contact the office for details.

### Term 5/6 Charity Fundraising

Our focus in Terms 5 and 6 is usually charities supported/promoted by some of our children/ families themselves. We will again be supporting the British Heart Foundation, and this year we will be supporting a school in Thailand to build a toilet block. For more details of this please visit the following site

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/k-faye>

Good luck to Saphie's mum with her skydive! More details early next term

### **Parking**

Please give yourselves time for parking at the start and end of the day, and do not use the staff car park unless you need it for disabled access. Better still, avoid using the car and walk or cycle here.

We have had a few notifications of cars parked in front of neighbours' driveways, especially in Beaufort Crescent. PLEASE park respectfully!

### **Website revamp**

We are in the process of revamping our school website: over the next few months we will be redesigning the format, replacing many of the pictures, and making sure the content is fully up to date and meets parents' needs. Watch out for more details coming soon.

### **Reading News around the School**

#### World Book Day

The whole school enjoyed dressing up to celebrate World Book Day on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our theme for the day was 'Science Fiction', and children enjoyed listening to Science Fiction stories and writing their own versions, as well as carrying out lots of different artworks. The results will be on display shortly around the school and on the website.

#### Bookfair

We have also just had our school bookfair – a great opportunity to buy a book for your child and at the same time gain commission for the school in the form of free books.

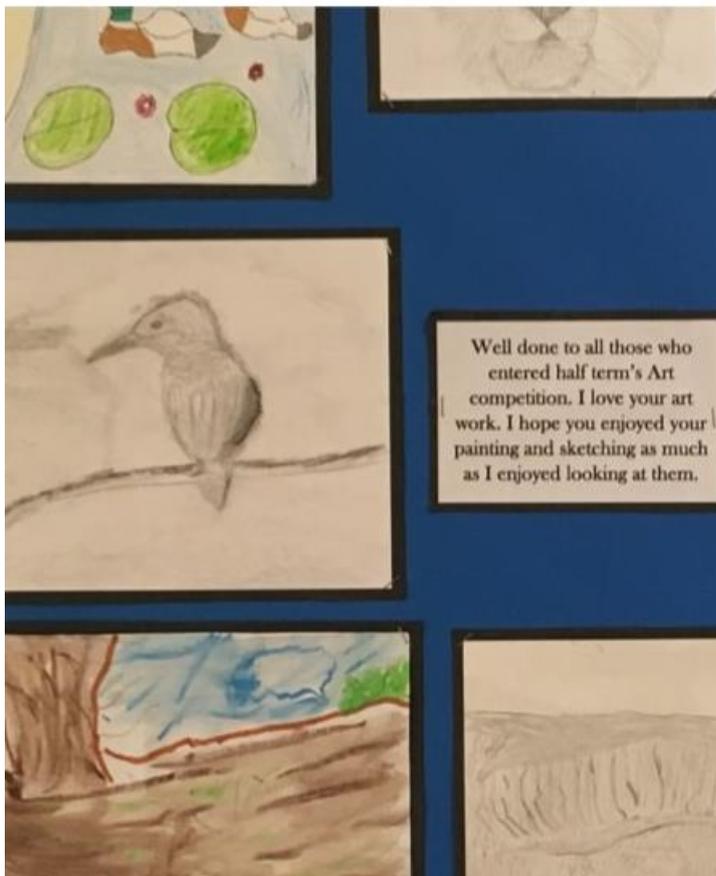
#### Reading Challenge

Around 200 children entered our reading challenge this year: well done to all of the raffle winners – but the real winners are all of the children who took part and who are enjoying reading. We have been improving our fiction collections this year, and plan to do even more next year.

#### The Hobbit

We were really lucky to be able to put on a theatre production of The Hobbit for children in Y5 and 6.1 and 6.3 last week. It was one of the best we have ever seen, and we got it at a cut price rate (no charge to parents) due to a cancellation.

Once our website is redesigned there will be new reading pages that will link to other sites that promote reading, as well as giving you advice on some of the best recent children's fiction. There is more to reading than Roald Dahl and Harry Potter!



Well done to all those who entered half term's Art competition. I love your art work. I hope you enjoyed your painting and sketching as much as I enjoyed looking at them.

Birdboxes & sketching competition:

Mrs Fraser writes...

A huge thanks to those children who brought in bird boxes, they are now up in the school grounds (and awaiting occupants!). A special thanks to Francesca's (3.2) granddad who even made some for us.

Secondly, well done to all who took part in half term's sketching competition. Some of the work is displayed in the reception corridor.

KS1 winner - Manvitha 2.3

Runner up - Mia 2.2

Highly Commended - Logan 2.1

KS2 winner - Aurelia 6.1

Runner up - Victor 5.1

Highly Commended - Grayce 5.3

Divija 4.3

Bella 5.1

Each winner and runner up received a goodie bag kindly donated by Cass Art on Park Street.

# Easter holiday courses

"We are super excited to announce that we have again partnered up with the SuperStars Multisport holiday course team for the fast approaching Easter Holidays. If you want to keep the children off their screens and on their toes this Easter, then SuperStars is the answer! They have over 40 different sports, fun activities and themes that the children will be taking part in. Everyone from the school is welcome as they accommodate age 4-11.

If you have any more queries or would like to book on then contact SuperStars direct [www.superstars.org.uk/holiday-courses](http://www.superstars.org.uk/holiday-courses). Call 03452413682. Spaces are likely to fill up fast as they can only take 30 children per day."