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Weekly Newsletter

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Drop In Sessions

Thank you to those who attended the drop in sessions. We've had some lovely positive feedback. If you did not attend, you should have now received a class newsletter and homework sheet. We hope you have found these useful.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having an Easter Egg hunt in school on Thursday 2nd April. As in previous years, we ask that every child brings in an egg please. Your child will have a raffle ticket for an egg and therefore may not bring home the egg that they brought in. However, if your child has a special dietary requirement please hand the Easter Egg into the office personally so we can ensure they receive that egg. **Please can all egg donations be sent in to school by Friday 27 March.** Thank you.



Science Week

Next week our learning will focus on science. Our science week theme is 'Our Diverse Planet'. We will be celebrating the amazing diversity we see across the world, from biodiversity to cultural and social diversity. It will be a celebration of science, technology and engineering.



Whole School News

A moment in history for our small school. We won our first Level 2 School Game competition on Tuesday! So exciting to watch; all the teams wanted to win. Amazing result. Better keep practicing for the Level 3 County Game now!



Squirrels News

Squirrels class are super proud to show off their fantastic display of Viking ships.



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World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated world book day. We had a lovely time sharing and discussing our books. Squirrels class showed off their drama skills by acting out parts of their whole class text 'The Iron Man.' Hedgehogs focused on the Three little pigs, incorporating this story into their literacy and science learning. Year 6 enjoyed reading their new class text 'Brightstorm'.

We are absolutely delighted to have won over a hundred books for our school. Thank you to Mrs Stradling for entering us into the Harper Collins competition.



Foxes News

Foxes are learning all about the Stone Age this term. They have made Stone Age caves, with fires, people and animal skins. They are very pleased with themselves!



School Attendance

The table shows attendance for week ending 28th February 2020.

Class	Attendance (%)	Number of LATES
Hedgehogs	96.7	0
Squirrels	98.6	0
Foxes	93.5	0
Wolves	94.5	3
Total	95.83%	3

Congratulations go to Squirrels for the highest attendance of 98.6%.

Children we are celebrating this week

This week the following children have received award certificates in school. Congratulations to:

Ollie W	Mason	Anya	George
Ashlyn	Daisy	William S	Ava D
Sienna M	Imi	Alicia	Sienna H
William D	Daniel		

PFA News

Our quiz night is fast approaching – Friday 13 March from 7.30pm. Each child will have brought home a flyer for this event, with a form to fill in on the reverse to secure places. Please fill in and return the form if you wish to attend.

Our chocolate bingo will be taking place on Thursday 19 March from 3.30pm. Further details to follow.

On Saturday 16 May we have our May Fayre. We are asking for donations of vegetable plants and flowers for the plant stall. Now is a good time to start planting certain vegetables. Perhaps you could encourage your children to have a go? We are also looking for handmade crafts stalls. If you, or someone you know, would like a stall, please contact Sharon Sim ssim2009@hotmail.co.uk. Also, if anyone in your family works for a company that would be willing to provide a raffle prize for the Fayre, please contact Sharon on the email address above. Thank you for your continued support.

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House Points Totals

The running totals for House Points for the Spring Term are:

Beech	Oak	Rowan	Yew
238	282	244	276

Coronavirus

We understand that many of you will be concerned about the coronavirus. The Department for Education (DFE) are updating schools daily with advice. We have been advised by the Department for Education that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. All trips and planned activities will go ahead as normal.

The DFE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

If you have concerns you can find the latest information by visiting the following web pages:

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



Department for Education

Dates for your diary

NEW Thursday 12 March – Year 5 Fun Run at St Margaret's

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief More details to follow

Friday 13th March 7.30 – 9.30pm – PFA Quiz Night

Saturday 21st March – Cross Country at Snarestone

Saturday 28th March – Swimming Gala for invited pupils. Details to follow.

Monday 30th March 2.45pm – Year 6 SATs meeting for parents

Tuesday 31st March 2.45pm – Year 2 SATs meeting for parents

NEW Thursday 2 April – Easter Egg Hunt in school

Friday 3rd April 2pm – Easter Service St Peters Church

Friday 3rd April 3.15pm – School Closes for the Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April 8.45am – School Opens for the Summer Term

Saturday 25th April – Cross country at Griffydam

Friday 8th May – School Closed for May Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May – Year 6 SATs Test Week

Saturday 16th May – May Fayre

Friday 22nd May 3.15pm – School Closes for half term

Monday 1st June 8.45am – School Opens for the second half of the Summer Term

Monday 1st June 1pm – Year 6 leavers photos

Sunday 14 June – PFA Car Boot Sale – details to follow

Friday 10th July 3.15pm – School Closes for the summer holidays

Wednesday 26th August 8.45am – School Opens for the Autumn Term

Monday 31st August – school closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 16th October 3.15pm - School Closes for Autumn Half Term

Monday 26th October 8.45am – School opens for the second half of the Autumn Term

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