



Events for week beginning Monday 21st January 2019		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	Fire safety talk Eliot class	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science and Visual Effects clubs
Tuesday	Fire safety talk Shakespeare class Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm 3.15-4.15 Glee club
Wednesday	Year 2 Road Safety Workshop	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm Marathon Kids running Club 3.00-3.30pm
Thursday	Glee Club to Young Voices	Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Imagineering club Glee Club Young Voices performance
Friday	PTA Bags for school collection Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20am Celebration Assembly Catesby Class Fan boat project with Jaguar Land Rover	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club Fudge Friday! (PTA selling fudge after school)

### First Word...

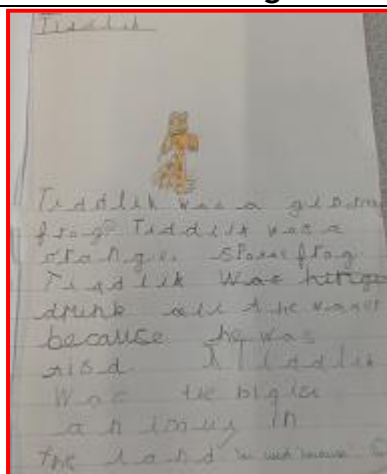
Dear Parents,

**Email** Our current email system is being discontinued and the school is moving to a new service called Parent Mail. We are sure that you will find the new service just as easy to access if not more so. You will continue to receive emails into your inbox as before but there is also an option of downloading an app which will keep all the emails from school in one place. I know that many of you have already downloaded the app but if you have not we will be sending some information out to you tomorrow. Next week we will run both email systems to ensure that everyone has received the relevant information and from 28<sup>th</sup> January onwards emails from school will come through the Parent Mail service. If you have any questions then please do ask in the school office.

**Newsletter** In response to some concerns raised in the last annual survey we are looking again at the format of this school newsletter. If you have any thoughts or opinions that you would like us to consider in our review then please get in touch - for example things you would or would not like to see in the weekly newsletter. If there are any parents with expertise in publishing who would be willing to offer advice or support I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact me at [head2307@welearn365.com](mailto:head2307@welearn365.com).

Mrs Bradbury

### Focus on Learning ... Year 1 discover how to make the frog Tiddalik laugh!



As part of their learning about 'What can we learn about our world from stories?' children in Year 1 have been sharing the aboriginal legend about a giant frog called Tiddalik who was so thirsty that he drank all of the water in the world and the only way to stop the ensuing drought was to make him laugh and spill the water.

Children have retold the story in their own words and have thoroughly enjoyed getting their fingers covered in paint as they have responded to the story by creating pictures of the giant frog in a traditional aboriginal style. Children have also decorated boomerangs with dreamtime symbols and have enjoyed sharing non-fiction books to find information out about Australia.



Dear Parents,

Year 5 enjoyed some more DT this week as they took part in the K'Nex challenge. This involved children working in pairs to design and build some children's playground equipment including a swing which could seat two children. Children were assessed on their plans, building and their teamwork and each class has a winning pair who will go on to represent our school at the local area finals.



Congratulations to all children and in particular to Joe and Freya in Eliot class and Ollie and Yana in Shakespeare class who were the winning pairs.

This week has seen lots of new clubs in school being run at lunchtimes by some of our older children for our younger children. This half term there are clubs involving: Arts and Crafts, Movie making, Cheerleading, Coding, Friendship, Goosebumps and Ariana Grande! As always, our children have been really keen to use their lunchtimes to provide some lovely opportunities for others and we are so lucky to have so many kind children!

The PTA have been busy organising many new events for this term including the upcoming quiz and bingo night and then a Zumba and prosecco evening for parents. There will also be a Mother's day giftshop, the Easter hampers and a Movie night for children. Next Friday the PTA will be selling fudge on the school playground after school at £1 a bag.



Finally a plea - we have a new spider's web weaving frame on the playground courtesy of our wonderful PTA - if you have any leftover ribbon or could donate some then please send it in!  
Miss Biggs

Developing Independence and Responsibility



The focus of our Learning Skills work for this half term is 'Developing Independence and Responsibility'. Children are involved in activities which develop their ability to act independently as well as encouraging them to take responsibility for themselves and others. Each year group has chosen three 'I can' statements and teachers plan work that is sufficiently varied and challenging to maintain children's engagement but not so difficult as to discourage them. This engagement allows children of all abilities to succeed, and it avoids the disaffection and attention-seeking that gives rise to problematic behaviour.



We encourage our children to be active and curious, to ask their own questions, set goals for themselves, monitor their progress and experiment with ideas for taking risks and knowing that mistakes and 'being stuck' are part of the learning process. Our photographs show children helping each other to succeed whether it be to solve a mathematical problem or doing up a tricky coat zip.

Cricket Training for Year 2



Year 2 are improving their cricketing skills this half term with expert coaching through the 'Stop Catch Throw' programme. Children were thoroughly engaged throughout their first session and over the coming weeks we hope to see some competent batting, bowling and wicket keeping skills developing.

Library Visits

- With the kind support of parent helpers we are now able to offer fortnightly visits to our school library for children in Years 1 and 2 to choose a book to borrow and then change two weeks later to further develop a love of reading and books. Please support your child by sharing the book with them and remember to return their book on the next changing day. This table shows library change days for each year group.



Library book change days	
Year 1	Year 2
25 <sup>th</sup> January	18 <sup>th</sup> January
8 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> February
1 <sup>st</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> February
15 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March
29 <sup>th</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
12 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April

**Mrs Rawlings**

## Park Hill Dates for your Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> February PTA Parent's Night In  
4<sup>th</sup> February Yr 6 Play in a Day  
7<sup>th</sup> February Yr 5 visit to the MAD museum  
12<sup>th</sup> February Yr 6 visit to Oxford  
**NEW 13<sup>th</sup> February PTA Meeting**  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Half Term  
27<sup>th</sup> February - Book Bus visit  
28<sup>th</sup> February NSPCC workshops for Yr 5 and 6

5<sup>th</sup> March - Archery Festival  
6<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 3&4 Multi Skills Festival  
**NEW 6<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Zumba and Prosecco Night!**  
7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book day  
15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day  
20<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 5 Netball Tournament  
26<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Concert  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 6 Netball Tournament  
28<sup>th</sup> March -Girls Football Tournament  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers' Day Gift shop

New 1<sup>st</sup> April - Yr 6 Bikeability  
5<sup>th</sup> April - Reports home to parents  
10<sup>th</sup> April Easter Hat Parade  
10<sup>th</sup> April - Open Evening 5-7pm  
15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holiday  
New 30<sup>th</sup> April - 9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 Bikeability

1<sup>st</sup> May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival  
6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday  
7<sup>th</sup> May - Cross Country tournament at Abbey Fields  
New 8<sup>th</sup> May - Quad Kids competition  
9<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Gala (Yr 4-6)  
13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May SATs week  
17<sup>th</sup> May - Ricky's dance day for the whole school  
24<sup>th</sup> May - Yr 6 Leavers photos  
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 residential to Devon  
14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day (9:15 - 11:45 am)  
17<sup>th</sup> June - Parent Partnership Meeting for new Year 3 parents (7pm)  
20<sup>th</sup> June - Sing Up picnic at Thorns  
27<sup>th</sup> June - Transition day to new classes / schools  
28<sup>th</sup> June - Reserve sports day

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Central Area athletics finals  
10<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 Rounders festival  
16<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 performance to parents  
17<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 Leaver's party  
18<sup>th</sup> July - Buckingham Cup  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's assembly

## Thorns Dates for your Diary 2018-2019

29<sup>th</sup> January Height and weight check for Reception Children

**NEW 1<sup>st</sup> February- PTA 'Toy and Game' sale after school**

2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February -Young local artists exhibition at Warwick School

13<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 visit to Gaydon Transport Museum

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February -Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February -Half Term**

7<sup>th</sup> March -World Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> March -Red nose day

5<sup>th</sup> April - Reports home to parents

**10<sup>th</sup> April Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holiday**

6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

24<sup>th</sup> May - Whole school dance workshops with Ricky Brown

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Half Term**

10<sup>th</sup> June - Parent partnership meeting for new Reception intake 2019

14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> June -Federation Sing up and picnic

27<sup>th</sup> June - Warwickshire Transition Day

28<sup>th</sup> June -Reserve Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> July - Parent consultation meetings 4.00-6.30 pm

8<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Consultation meetings 4.00 - 6.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> July Volunteers Strawberry Tea 2.15pm

17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

18<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Party pm