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Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term holiday. It's hard to believe we are half way through the school year already and so lovely to have some sunshine at last!

FOBS Meeting

The next FOBS meeting is on **Friday 8th March at 1.30pm** in the school library. Please do come along and give your thoughts, views and ideas.

New parent governor

Welcome to Leanne Willshire as our new parent governor.

MDSA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MDSA after Easter. Ideally we would like someone 5 days a week from 12 – 1.30 but please do get in touch even if you are only interested in 1 or 2 days as it could be a job share.

Online Safety Survey

The children's online safety committee have looked at the results of the survey and we have collated the responses (attached). We've been doing this survey for several years but updated it this year. The survey shows how much more time our children are spending online and also at a younger age. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, there are lots of great learning opportunities and fun things to do online, but it does mean we all have to be even more vigilant with teaching children how to stay safe online. The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 and run great workshops for parents but we've already had our workshop this year. However, the NSPCC and O2 have an online safety helpline for parents and can answer questions about aspects of online safety such as parental controls and social networks. It's free to call and the number is **0808 8005002**.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Just a reminder that parent teacher meetings will be held next week. The dates are **Monday 4th** and **Tuesday 5th March** for all classes except Class 2 who will do **Monday 4th** and **Wednesday 6th March**.

On Monday 4th March we will have Usborne Books running a book fair at the same time as the parent teacher meetings. Usborne Books will also hold a book fair on Thursday 7th March on World Book Day. Usborne Books can accept the World Book Day tokens as part payment. This book fair will only be available after school as it is not being run by our own staff. The tokens will go out in book bags with details about the book fair dates.

World Book Day 7th March

We are having a historical theme to our World Book Day this year as our author Julia Edwards will be joining us and each of her books is set in a different period of history. Dressing up doesn't have to be complicated though – kings, queens etc are ok or, if you want to, a book character from any historical fact or fiction book.



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We will also be launching a **Sponsored Read** on World Book Day and there will be a separate letter about this from Usborne Books. We would very much like to raise money to add new books to our Library as well as encouraging the children to read every day!

Bag2School

This one of our regular fundraisers and the next collection of second hand clothing will be on **Wednesday 6th March all day** (collected 1st thing on Thursday 7th March). Please leave bags under the entrance canopy piled up and as far back as possible to keep them dry overnight!

Bag2School accept:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags Hats Bags Scarves and ties Jewellery Lingerie Belts Soft toys

But Bag2School do not accept:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets & household linen Pillows & cushions Carpets, rugs & mats (including bath, shower & toilet mats) Curtains Towels Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing School uniforms Corporate clothing & work wear Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



STEM Week

Lots of activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths will be our focus for STEM week which is happening w/c 11th March.

- Monday - Lego Robotics booked for class 5 and class 6
- Tuesday – Reception, class 1 and class 2 are going to have Bee Bot robotic workshops with Mrs Rawlinson.
- Wednesday – class 3 and class 4 are off to Winchester Science museum
- Thursday – Space Detectives Astronomy Workshops

Sports News

With the better weather we begin to enter all sorts of sports competitions.

So far we have already had the Netball competitions where we came 1st and 3rd place in Cluster and 3rd in the district competition in December 2018.

In Hockey we came 1st in district and qualified for the county final which is happening on 22nd March.

This week we have 2 teams entering the Tag Rugby competition.

We also have a team entering a running competition at Claysmore.

All of the classes have benefitted this year from specialist gymnastic teachers from Winchester University. This has also been a way of training our teachers in teaching gymnastics.

Class 1 and Class 2 are due to start Chance to Shine cricket on Friday afternoons for the rest of this term so there will be some timetable changes to fit this in.

We also have the football and netball tournaments at Laverstock on 29th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher



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