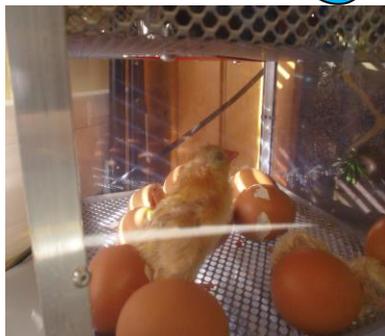


# Newsletter 7



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## DATES COMING UP

### MARCH

TUE 5<sup>TH</sup> PTFA MEETING 7.30  
THUR 7<sup>TH</sup> WORLD BOOK DAY  
FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> Y4 VIKING DAY  
FRI 15<sup>TH</sup> RED NOSE DAY  
MON 18 - THUR 21 Y4  
PARENT LUNCHES  
FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> Y6 LIFESKILLS DAY

### APRIL

THUR 4<sup>TH</sup> Y5 EASTER SHOW  
FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 4  
TUE 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL  
TERM 5 STARTS

Dear Parents,

The highlight of the first week back has been the arrival of 20 eggs (funded by the PTFA). They have been steadily hatching out over the past few days, and we now have 14 chicks! Everyone has been so excited (including me!). We have them for another week before we find homes for them (or they will return to the farm). Well done to Mrs Herbert for arranging this. I'm sure it will become a regular event.

It's great to see everyone back for the start of Term 4, and this term has a number of special events to be aware of.

### **World Book Day: March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our theme for the day is 'Science Fiction', and we would like children to dress up in some suitable way. There is plenty of scope for imagination and creativity. There will be a variety of book-related activities going on throughout the day.

### **Red Nose Day: Fri March 15<sup>th</sup>**

A separate letter is on its way giving details about Red Nose Day. Red Noses will be on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, at £1.25 each. On the day we are asking children to wear something red (red hair also allowed!) Biscuits will also be on sale on the day for 50p.

### **Annual Parent Survey**

Our annual parent survey has been sent out as a paper copy to all parents. Please return these to your child's class or to the office over the next couple of weeks. All comments and suggestions are very welcome and will help improve what we do here.

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**CLUBS NEWS** We have a new 'Bollyhop' dance club on Tuesdays after school – and we need more keen dancers! Please contact the office if you are interested.

### **Sports News**

Continued league success in football for both boys' and girls' teams, but we were a little unlucky to lose to Christchurch 1-0 in the cup. The team played some great football but didn't manage to hit the back of the net.

Netball – two matches played so far: we have drawn 1 and lost 1, but great play all round. We are learning fast!

Lots more to come: Y6 will be having NFL training (American football) next term; there will be another swimming gala; cross country – and much more!

### **Lateness**

Please can all parents ensure your children are in school on time. We have had quite a few more late arrivals so far this year – mostly only by a few minutes. Please try to be in school for the 8.50 (first bell) so children can have a prompt start to the day. Thank you

### **Momo Challenge**

You may have heard in the news about the MOMO challenge. This is not a specific app or site, but a variety of activities that are taking place online, some of them linked to self-harm. If you are worried about how it could impact on your child and would like to find out more there is some useful information on this link.

<https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.jpg>

If you have any specific concerns that children from the school are getting involved, please let us know. Nothing to do with momo can be accessed in school (all filtered out).

### News around the school

A new term means new topics, and there is a distinctly historical feel around the school. Y6 are studying the Victorians, and started term with a Victorian Day. Y5 are studying the Greeks, and Y4 are looking at the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, with a Viking Day coming up soon.

Y3 are working on the environment ('Going Green'), with Year 2 also looking at the outdoors – 'At the bottom of the garden'. Y1 have been finding out about dinosaurs, and will shortly be looking at 'the Animal Kingdom. Finally Reception's topic is 'To Infinity and Beyond', with a space focus.

As usual there are trips, WoW days and other special events to help make learning memorable and fun.

We are in the process of reviewing the curriculum with a view to building in more STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). More details soon!

### **Values for Life & Collective Worship**

Our main 'Value for Life' this term is 'Peace and Friendship', leading into Easter, of course.

Week 1: 'Good to be me' (SEAL theme)

Week 2: Pancake Day: Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday

Week 3: Peace

Week 4: Friendship

Week 5: The Easter Story: Crucifixion

Week 6: The Easter Story; Resurrection

Please visit the school website for more information about Collective Worship

### PTFA Events

Next PTFA planning meeting: Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 in the Family Link Room. ALL WELCOME

Mothers' Day Present Room: Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Easter Egg Hunt: Thur 4<sup>th</sup> April

