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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 4th March 2019

Robin Class	99.20%
Wagtail Class	98.75%
Lapwing Class	93.04%
Parakeet Class	94.80%
Wren&Sparrow Class	89.44%
Goldfinch Class	94.09%
Kestrel Class	95.91%

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Robin and Kestrel.

RECOGNITION BOARDS

The week after half term's focus is: **To Challenge yourself**

SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT

Our school council were superb ambassadors of the school on Tuesday this week when they visited the town hall and took part in a discussion about teacher's pay. They were articulate and had some good points and opinions that they reasoned well.



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you to all those who supported our Family Council meeting this week. We shared our school development plan for the year and progress towards our end of year milestones. It was good to be able to discuss some of the hard work of staff that is taking place to enable improvements. Parents also raised questions about the amalgamation of the two Y4 classes and any impact it might have on the Y5 cohort as there are a small group of them joining Y5 for English and Maths. It was discussed how Y5 will not be changing any of their curriculum or practise to accommodate the group and that if Y4 were going to need additional time spent on something that was in the Y4 curriculum then this would happen on top of what they were receiving in Y5. Parents asked about intervention groups in Y1 and the current class teacher situation. It was explained that in pupil progress meetings all the interventions had been discussed and some had been retimed to be earlier in the week. Parents thanked the school for considering consistency and having adults in class that the children are familiar with, whilst Mrs Jones was unwell. We agreed that as only 4 parents were able to make the meeting this time and 2 for the previous meeting that we had held in the evening (trailing it so that parents who were not available in the school day might be able to make) that we would change the timing of the meetings back to during the school day when more parents previously attended. We agreed that we would trial holding the next meeting at 9am like our coffee mornings.

The date of the next meeting is: Wednesday 1st May at 9am

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES



Well done to:

- Robin: Archie, Grayson
- Wagtail: Frankie, Mia
- Lapwing: Freddie, Amelie
- Parakeet: Charlie MW, Harry
- Sparrow & Wren: Skye, Luke
- Goldfinch: Yasmine, Josh
- Kestrel:

FOOTBALL

Team Vale has had a busy week on the pitch, paying 3 different schools. On Monday they were defeated by Auriol 4-1 and then made a great comeback with a 2-0 victory against Stamford Green. Following that on Tuesday they drew with Cuddington Croft 1-1. Well done players you showed great resilience, stamina and sportsmanship! Mrs Leyland and Mrs Waight are looking for volunteers who may like to run football club either next term or from September so that they can start new sports clubs like rounders.



JUNIOR CITIZEN

Year 6 really enjoyed their Junior Citizen session this week. Here are some of the key things they took form the sessions:

- The legal age for Facebook, snapchat and Instagram is 13 but for WhatsApp it's been increased to 16 with fines up to £2000 if used incorrectly.
- The importance of staying behind the yellow line at train stations and not crossing a level crossing when down
- In case of a fire they need to stay close to the floor and leave quickly. Ring 999 once you've left the building.

- What drugs and alcohol can do to your body.
- Your body is private and it is illegal to take or send photos of bodies under the age of 18.
- You can get a criminal record from the age of 10 and it stays with you for life and can impede jobs or future travels.
- Importance of looking after both body and mind.
- When in danger in water you float and then raise arm to get attention.



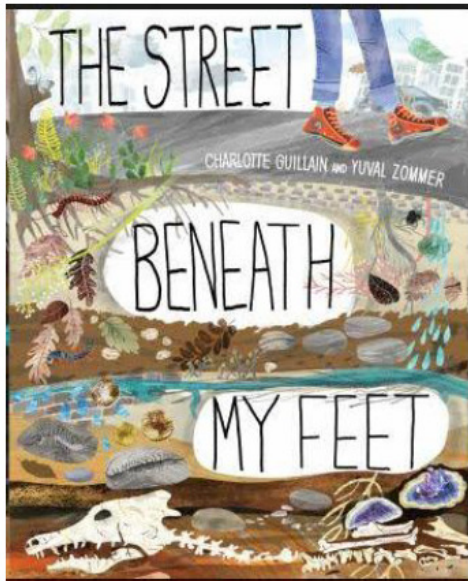
WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7th March

We had a fantastic World Book Day this year. The quality of costumes and everyone's enthusiasm towards celebrating the gift of books and reading was fantastic.





Classes across the school all enjoyed learning linked to our whole school book for the day:



Some of the older children enjoyed creating some of their own versions in different settings e.g. the ocean, rainforest

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS – Wednesday 13th March

Please ensure you have booked to see your class teachers for Wednesday. Please note that we will be **closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm.

Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY

This year Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15th March** and we will be supporting this event. We are inviting all to wear as much red to school as they wish and other comic relief related items in

exchange for a donation. Thank you in advance for your support

PTA EASTER & SPRING MUFTI DONATIONS

Please don't forget to bring in donations of, Easter Eggs, bars of chocolate, bottles, craft items or gardening items on Friday 22nd March in exchange for a Mufti Day. Items will be collected at the school gate at drop off. Items collected will be packaged into Spring Hampers and raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter and printed copies will be in the office from Monday 11th March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 3rd April. Please ensure that clothing worn on 22nd March is suitable for outdoor play as hopefully the weather will be nice!

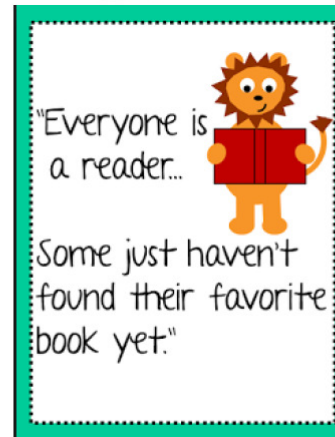
BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you so much to Tobey for our first Birthday Book donation! We will really enjoy reading it and we hope you had an amazing birthday!

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Enjoy spending time together reading and finding a favourite!

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



SCIENCE FAIR

We had an amazing science fair this afternoon with great examples of home learning that showed new skills, knowledge and understanding. The children were very articulate and showed a real sense of pride in their presentations. Well done all those who took part and winners will be announced next week.

PTA QUIZ

Please remember to sign up for our PTA quiz night on the 22nd March. These have been a huge success in the past and lots of fun. I know the staff will be bringing a team. Tickets are £5 and available from the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

SPRING TERM DATES		
13.3.19	Early 3pm closure to prepare for Parent Consultations	School Finish at 3pm and consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
15.3.19	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	
18.3.19	Infant Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms	9-10am
19.3.19	Y4 Parents Forum	6pm
21.3.19	Junior Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms	9-10am
22.3.19	PTA Easter Hamper Mufti Day	
22.3.19	PTA Quiz night	
27.3.19	Y3/4 Spring Term Production	9am and 6pm
3.4.19	Whole School Woodland Walk	9am
5.4.19	Term Ends 1.30pm	1.30pm
8.4.19 – 22.4.19	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23.4.19	Summer Term Starts	
1.5.19	Family Council Meeting	9am
18.5.19	School Community Day	9.30am
22.6.19	School Summer Fair	
13.7.19	PTA Barn Dance	TBC

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