



Newsletter – Tuesday 12th March 2019

Dear Parents,

What a mixed turn of events we have experienced this half term but thanks to our dedicated staff, the children's education remains our priority and ensuring we keep them safe at all times, despite the dramatic events of last Monday.

We have achieved many great things. At the end of last half term, Mrs King and the teaching staff organised a very successful **Science Week** which launched with a series of exciting dry ice workshops. It culminated in the children experiencing a variety of science experiments in different classrooms. The pupil feedback, which we gathered, was very positive. Rev. Mary de Salis, a governor, dropped in to look around. She was impressed by the children's enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge about the subject. Please check out the huge array of pictures posted in the gallery section on our website.

I have been passing on lots of '**get well soon**' messages to Mrs Dury who, you will be pleased to hear, is making steady progress towards her recovery. She is working from home a few hours a day and is happy to respond to any communication you wish to make with her via email. Sadly, she has missed our exciting **World Book Day** organised, once again by Mrs Banbury, - thank you Mrs Banbury. Each class was involved in a variety of stimulating activities based on the picture book 'The King who banned the dark.' It is our aim to display the completed writing and art work around school for you to enjoy. Further details will follow. The **Book Fair** will also return on Wednesday 13th March after school, in the hall. See attached flyer.

Jousters, our newly appointed afterschool provision, is up and running and is a huge hit with all the children and parents alike. It is wonderful to see them playing together so creatively and having fun. I nearly got mummified when the new doctor's kit came out of the cupboard. If you are in need of this type of provision, please see our school website for details.

Finally, **thank you** for your understanding and patience regarding the school closure. The water pipes still continue to 'spring' surprises on us. Last Monday was a challenging situation for us all. With your cooperation, we were able to ensure that all the children were safe and went home with the correct 'trusted' adult. Thank you to those parents who informed us of the text message confusion. We have already done a review of our procedures and discussed ways to improve the running of such an eventuality if it were to unfortunately happen again.

Our new value for March is **COURAGE**.

Here's to a peaceful few weeks!

Kind regards, *Sarah Wright*

Deputy Headteacher.



IMPORTANT UNIFORM UPDATE

After a breach of our e-safety policy last week, the Governors have redefined School's policy regarding watches. It now states: **Watches** (optional): discrete, simple and single function digital and analogue watches only, for the sole purpose of learning to tell the time.

SHARE YOUR OPINION

As part of his PE remit, Mr Martin would like to gather information regarding sports provision in school. A **ParentMail survey** will be sent out shortly. If you could take a few minutes to complete it, we would be grateful.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Improving the **outdoor area for Reception class** has been Mrs Newton's priority since joining our school in September. We are pleased to see the start of the big construction work is now underway. We are hopeful that it will be fully kitted out for the children to enjoy in the summer term.



Another project under development has been instating an **all-weather track** around the perimeter of our field, ensuring the children can complete **The Daily Mile** come rain or shine. Mrs Pedder has been successful in her application for money from the government's 'sugar tax' grant, securing a significant amount of the money needed. The PTA kindly offered to donate the balance needed so it can be installed in the summer holidays with a grand unveiling in September.

EXTRA INFORMATION

Sadly, the office staff have informed me that a significant number of children are **arriving late to school**. Please ensure your child arrives in good time before the bell rings at **8:55am** so they can join their classmates for the register and so they don't miss out on the start of any learning. We will be monitoring any late arrivals marked on the register and Mrs Dury will be writing to parents to discuss our concerns in person.

Parent Consultation appointments have now gone live on ParentMail. Can I remind you that, other than Year 6 children only, we request that you do not bring any children or younger siblings to the appointments: it is distracting and inappropriate for all parties when discussing the progress of your child.

In our bid to help save the environment we sent home **Battery Hunt boxes**. Once full they can be returned to the office. Congratulations to the Blake family who scavenged enough to fill a large carrier bag full of old batteries. **The closing date for this collection is Friday 26th April.**

Thank you to all parents who have made their final payments for either the **Year 5 or Year 6 residential visits** in the summer term. Please check your final instalment information on ParentMail and ensure all transactions are complete.

School is inviting children to wear **non school uniform** on Friday 15th March to celebrate **Red Nose Day**. We are asking for **donations of £2** or more and ask the children to bring a joke to share with their classmates!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 4 th March	Introduction of new School value - COURAGE
Wednesday 13 th March am	Fire Service visit Reception class
Wednesday 13 th - 19 th March	Scholastic Book Fair, after school, see flyer for venue
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Non school uniform + £2 donation
Wednesday 20 th March am	Community Police visit Reception class
Wednesday 20 th March 3.30pm	Year 6 Maths Booster session N.B. change of day
Thursday 28 th March 4pm - 7pm	Parent Consultations Evening (1)
Friday 29 th March pm	Phase transition visit Year 6
Friday 29 th March after school	PTA Spring Disco
Monday 1 st April	Reception only Superhero Day dressing up
Tuesday 2 nd April 4pm – 7pm	Parent Consultation Evening (2)
Thursday 4 th April am	Easter Egg Hunts
Thursday 4 th April after school	School Council Cake Sale
Friday 5 th April am	Easter Service at St. Katharine's Church N.B. Pupils only
Friday 5th April	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish
Tuesday 23rd April 8:55 am	Pupils return to school for Summer Term