



Newsletter

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Headline:

Welcome back! A great start to term 4, which is going to be another busy, productive term!

We have a number of whole school events coming up, including World Book Day next Thursday (children may choose to dress up with a literary theme), Shakespeare week in March – check out the new display of books in the library and our whole school Springwatch sponsored walk (as Tweeted by Chris Packham!)

Phases have all started new topics this week:

Foundation Stage are focusing on 'People Who Help Us' and they will be learning all about different jobs and roles in society and our local community. They will also be celebrating Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) and Mothers' Day later in the term.

Year One's topic is Castles – they will be learning about kings and queens, including our own Royal Family and will be carrying out research and investigating chronologies and their own family trees. They will be sharing fairy tales and stories about castles, princes and princesses.

Year Two are studying Florence Nightingale – her life and impact she made to hospitals and nursing. They will be writing her diary to explain what daily life was like in the Crimean War. They have even set up a little corner of the Scutari hospital in the shared area! They will be learning about basic needs for animals and humans.

Lower Key Stage Two are going to be rehearsing like crazy for the 'Lights, Camera, Action!' topic. They will be performing to the school and parents towards the end of term (save the date 29th March) and looking at set design, lighting, props, singing, acting and dancing to lead into their grand finale. In RE they will be searching for inner peace!

Upper Key Stage Two are studying the 'Changing World' and carrying out a lot of physical geography investigations and research. They will study tectonic plates, volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains. They will also be looking at festivals from a range of religions. In computing they are working on designing their own app.

Home learning will be posted to the website today, Friday 24th February. Please keep up the amazing work that you have been doing – our home learning is superb – the best it has ever been and getting better and better each term. Congratulations to all of you for your commitment, dedication, enthusiasm and motivation with this. It helps to make the school and my office a joyful place to be!
Mrs Mason



- Coming Soon**
- 28th February - Final PGL meeting for parents at 5.30**
 - 8th March Year 6 Parents' SATs briefing at 2.45**
 - 13th March - Year 5/6 recorder event in Central Hall Chatham**
 - 14th March - Springwatch sponsored walk**
 - 15th March - Library bus at school**
 - 16th March - Year 6 pupils weighed and measured**
 - 24th March - Red Nose Day**
 - 29th March LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) Production - to families at 10.45 and to adults only at 2.00pm**
 - 31st March - Whole school tag day**
 - 3rd May - Class photographs**

- Easter Term 2017**
Tuesday 21st February – Friday 31st March
- Spring Term 2017**
Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May
- Bank holiday Monday 1st May
- Summer Term 2017**
Tuesday 6th June – Tuesday 25th July

Last week's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes:

- 2C - 95.9%**
- FS2H - 97.1%**
- 5S - 97.8%**

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Red Nose Day

We have red noses for sale in school at just £1.00 each. If your child would like to purchase one, please send the money in an envelope, clearly marked "Red Nose" and your child's name and class on the outside. Thank you for your support.

Friday clubs terms 5 and 6

The forms for requesting Friday clubs for Terms 5 and 6 will be available on line and from the school office on Monday afternoon 27th February.

Gillingham Football Club

The match on Saturday 11th March between Gillingham and Scunthorpe will have tickets for under 18's at just £1.00. Why not go along and support your local team?

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. Your child may come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish. No payment is needed and it is not compulsory. On the subject of World Book Day a national reading study has been carried out. The results speak for themselves:

Why read for 20 minutes a day?

PUPIL A reads for 20 minutes per day. That is an average of 1,800,000 words per year. Scores in the top 10% of standardised reading tests



PUPIL B reads for 5 minutes per day. That is an average of 282,000 words per year. Scores in the 50% range of standardised reading tests



PUPIL C reads for 1 minute per day. That is an average of 8,000 words per year. Scores in the bottom 10% of standardised reading tests



Year 6 Parents' SATs briefing

If your child is in Year 6, please try and attend the SATs briefing on Wednesday 8th March at 2.45. Thank you.

Sponsored Springwatch Walk

On Tuesday 14th March, there will be a whole school event to celebrate our environment theme for National Science and Engineering week. The children will all take part in a sponsored walk to learn more about their local environment, get some exercise and fresh air as well as raising some funds for improving the school grounds, particularly for outdoor learning. The walk will be from 1.45 - 2.45 and children will receive forms to be sponsored to walk (or jog) continuously for the whole hour - not per lap.



Rights Respecting Schools

As a Rights Respecting School, every week we remind ourselves of an article from the Convention of the Rights of the Child:

Article 20

You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.

Reminders

Water bottles

We now sell water bottles at the school office. Just £1.00 each in a variety of colours. Why not purchase a bottle and then order some name stickers via our website?

Pat on the Back

3/4K - Millie for her focus and engagement during our Fiji topic week and for the high standard of work produced throughout the week. Johnashton for sharing his knowledge and understanding of Fiji with the rest of his class in a really supportive way and for producing some interesting work about the country

3/4M - George for his work in Read Write Inc

Rhys for continually being an excellent monitor

3/4F - Markuss for his brilliant work with his learning of roman numerals in numeracy and Max for his use of similies during RWI

5/6B - Zarif for his explanation of how to use inverse operation. Ali for being really helpful with his partner during closing the gap activity

5S - Antea for her ten minute challenge writing about a dragon. Viktorija for correctly answering numeracy questions

6S - Tyler and Daniella for their RWI work this week

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Little Chefs

Come and have fun with your children cooking some healthy snacks, learning new recipes and enjoying the activities. It is a 6 week course on Mondays 1pm – 3pm. Aged 2yrs - 4yrs. Booking is required

Introduction to Solids

Join your health visiting and children's centre teams at the one off session on introducing solid foods and when to visit the dentist. Also pick up your free baby's first cup and toothbrush. Tuesday 21st March, 10am – 11.30am aged 4months plus. Booking is required

Please call Sabrina on 01634 844152 op 1 to book a place on any bookable sessions

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Assistant Heads : Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

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