

Headteacher's Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We certainly seem to have packed a lot into the month since I last wrote to you! Celebrating World Book Day was a huge success and the children looked fabulous in their costumes and took part in many exciting activities throughout the day. Billy-Bob Buttons gave some excellent insight into planning and structuring work and lots of children took up the opportunity to buy a signed copy of one of his books.

Class R and Year 1 have been on a trip to Cogges Farm, with Class R working with the story of The Little Red Hen and Year 1 becoming Time Travellers and finding out about Victorian Times. Year 2 have been working hard creating wonderful lolly stick storage boxes that have taken huge amounts of patience and precision. Year 3 and 4 have also been on a trip recently, to Christ Church Cathedral. They were studying 'Who was the Christ of Christ Church?' and made links to their RE topic 'What is good about Good Friday?' as well as getting to see the Great Hall where Harry Potter was filmed. Year 5 and 6 have also had sessions from Show Racism the Red Card over the last few weeks. Year 5 also gave the whole school a real treat with their fabulous performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream. All of these activities, performances and events take so much work behind the scenes, so thank you to everyone who has been involved in their organisation.

Farewells and New Faces

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Mrs Sond. She has been an excellent teacher during her time at Bledlow Ridge and we thank her and wish her well in the future. We are welcoming Miss West who will be teaching in Year 5 and 6 as well as Mrs Roberts who will be joining Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books as part of the Scholastic Book Fair. The school earned 60% commission on the £800 spent, so we will be able to use this to purchase £500 worth of books for both the Key Stage 1 and 2 libraries.

Red Nose Day

As part of Red Nose Day we watched a video about a young boy called Hassan who had lost his mother to Ebola. We found out that just small amounts of money can save lives. We were very pleased with the fact we had raised £185 to helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

Parent Parking

During the last few weeks it has become apparent that parking on the junction of Church Lane is again becoming an issue. Can I reiterate that parking close to the junction makes it unsafe for children who are trying to cross the road as it makes it difficult to see cars who may be turning into Church Lane.

Swimming

During the next term Year 3 will be beginning their swimming lessons at Risborough Springs. If there are any parents who are ASA trained to teach swimming, we would love to hear from you!

Midday Supervisor

We do still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If you would be interested in this role on a full or part time basis, please contact the School Office.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher