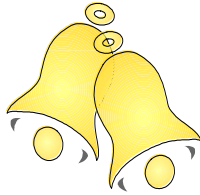


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SPRING TERM
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Life in school continues to be very busy.

Thank you to all Parents/ Carers that attended Parent/ Teacher Consultations – this is always a great opportunity to discuss how well your children are doing and any concerns can be discussed. If you couldn't make it and would still like to see your child's teacher, please ring into/ visit the office for us to arrange an appointment.

As usual, the children are working hard and doing lots! Y3 re-visited the park as part of their Rocks & Soil topic – with our Outdoor Learning expert. Eden Francis, European discuss champion, visited the school in what was a brilliant, and energetic, morning.

Thanks to all of you, we raised over £900, £300 of which we get towards sports equipment for the school. World Book Day was (eventually!) great too! Four children from Y6 represented the school at an English Quiz.

Y5 will be having a 'dance' afternoon on 19.3.18, 5P are visiting the Bullring as part of their Enterprise/CC topic, Y6 are going to see famous author Michael Rosen and Y4 are visiting the 'Big Draw' with famous illustrator/author Nick Sharratt.

Nearly 60 children from Y5&6 are visiting the Houses of Parliament in London in March or in July. On top of these are the upcoming disco and raffles!

I hope you have a lovely Easter, and the weather is a bit kinder than of late!

All the best and kind regards
Mr N. Attwood
Headteacher



PE kits should be in school for the whole half term and should be:

Black pumps (a pair of trainers for outside PE can be sent also).

Black or navy blue shorts (not beach wear) : tracksuit bottoms are acceptable for outside PE.

Plain white or yellow or navy T-shirt.

Please note that correct PE kit is a requirement.



WORLD BOOK DAY
was great fun (after the snow stopped trying to stop it happen!). Most children, and staff, made the effort to dress up and it was good fun all round. Thank you for the time it takes to organise costumes!




**YOUR
SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU**

The Friends of Bellfield Junior School

Disco

Tuesday 27 March 4.30pm - 5.45pm

Tickets are on sale for our Fairytale & Fantasy Disco @ £1.50. Orders are also being taken for hotdogs @50p. World Book Day Fancydress outfits can be worn and our photobooth will be open too! Please send your ticket order slip and the correct money by FRIDAY 23 MARCH. We cannot issue tickets after this date and there are no ticket sales on the door.

Parent Governor Election

The results of the ballot were as follows:

Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur 16 votes
Mrs. Sarah Williams 22 votes

Mrs. Williams has been duly elected as Parent Governor for a term of 4 years.



JCA Residential Trip
September 2018

A reminder that JCA payments must be received IN FULL by Friday 23 March. Please speak to Mr. Attwood if you have any issue with meeting this deadline.



PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY as parking is becoming a major issue again.

Parking completely on, or mostly on, paths is dangerous for pedestrians – including our children. **PLEASE** stop doing this. Again, we are asking BCC and the police to visit the area to stop bad and inconsiderate parking.

ALSO, please do not block the driveways of local residents as this can cause a) many arguments b) those residents to not be able to leave their drive and get to work: we know of a nurse, who works in a hospital, not able to get to work on time and being verbally abused when she asked someone to move.

REMEMBER that our parents have permission to park in Sainsbury's and Starbucks – but, again, please park appropriately.

THIS IS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN.

PINK Contact Forms – were completed by many parents at Parent/ Teacher Consultations. With the new GDPR (Data Protection Law) in May, we need to make sure all your data is accurate. If you haven't completed this pink form yet, please come to the office as soon as possible – it will only take 2 minutes! Thank you!



HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets are selling well for our special Easter Hamper Raffle.

A big thank-you to those families who have sent their £1 contribution to the class collection to provide a hamper. If you haven't already sent yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Get your raffle tickets now - only 50p each!

Important

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs finish week ending 23 March. New clubs will start after Easter and children will need to sign up to take part. Letters will be sent out after the Easter holiday and clubs will begin week commencing 23 April and will run until Friday 13 July.



Family Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling workshop

This was held in school on 15th February and 37 families took part, finding out what children now have to learn in junior school as part of the curriculum! It was a great workshop in which parents and carers came to realise just how difficult some of the work is that children have to learn. Thanks for the great feedback from those that attended, including:

'This workshop will help me help my child at home'; 'I now realise how comprehensive our children need understand grammar, punctuation and spelling'; 'Very helpful - thank you'; 'I now realise how hard GPS is now for our children!'; 'Thank you for the opportunity to see what my children are learning and do a worksheet with my daughter'; 'Can we have more 'Parent lessons'; 'Very helpful - thanks!'

We will be doing more workshops for families - keep an eye out for letters for next term!



We do feel it is important to give our children as many experiences as possible to support their learning and in preparation for independent life as they get older. The trips we arrange are always with the idea to get best value, not only money wise, but educational (& fun) wise. The school supports a lot of trips and does not ask for contributions for swimming (which currently costs us £7500 a year) or sporting competition travel (costing us £2000 a year) or visitors/ experts into school (costing us up to £6000 a year). With reductions in budgets this year and next (& with increased costs into school) we are struggling to provide these kind of activities and visits. Although payments for trips/ visits is voluntary and we never stop a child from going for non-payment, we cannot keep continuing to fund these extra activities and trips without your support in paying for them – and therefore these could reduce or be cancelled if the school cannot afford these. This would be a shame as the children, when we have pupil conversations, always highlight trips and visitors as something they really enjoy. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Trips currently awaiting payments:

5P Bullring – please send in contributions by Friday

Y6 Visit to see Michael Rosen – please send in contributions by Friday

Y4 Visit to see Nick Sharratt – please send in contributions by Friday



Dates for the Diary

Don't forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!

19.3.18	(pm) Y5 dance afternoon with Shenley Seniors
21.3.18	5P EE/CC visit to the Bullring Education Centre
	Y6 visit to see Michael Rosen, famous author (am)
23.3.18	Y4 visit to see Nick Sharratt, famous author/ illustrator (am)
	LAST Y5 swimming session
28.3.18	30 x Y5/6 children visiting the Houses of Parliament, London
29.3.18	Mystery Theme Day
	Last day of term (closed Fri 30.3.18 – Good Friday)
16.4.18	School Closed - Teacher Training Day
17.4.18	School re-opens at 8.50am
	Yr4 Challenge Day (with Outdoor Learning Expert)
20.4.18	Year 3 swimming – please remember kit!
3.5.18	NEW DATE: school closed to children for local elections voting
7.5.18	School Closed – bank holiday
w/c 14.5.18	Year 6 SATs Week – all year 6 to be in at 8.30am please
18.5.18	Year 6 schoolbus treat – end of SATs!

Celebrating Success



Children who received 5 team points for their House Team this week were:

Shiyen House: Scotland
For her eyewitness account of "The Highway Man"

Benjamin House: England
For fantastic sewing and helping others with their sewing

Tara House: England
For her "Hero" job application

Mohammad House: Wales
For superb reasoning for column addition

Madison House: Wales
For her modern version of Beowulf

Maia House: Scotland
For excellent algebra work

Leticia House: Wales
For her fantastic diary entry

Ting House: Scotland
For retelling a section of a poem in a narrative

Tinotenda House: Wales
For her eyewitness account of "The Highway Man"

Adelle House: Wales
For her super newspaper report

Well done to all of these children!

HOMEWORK PROJECT 5 Team Point Awards - awarded by class peers

Ian - a super poster about America

Madison - a brilliant book about Paris

Holly - a fantastic poster about Stratford

Harvey - a lovely poster about Argentina

Bogdan - a poster about Spain

Grace - a poster about London

Rayaan - super work on Phoenix, Arizona

Kacey - fantastic work about China

Kayden - a great fact file about Hawaii

Lewis - fabulous work about Manhattan

Olivia - a super poster about Japan

Cavan - a fabulous poster about Spain

Michelle - a brilliant model and information about Antarctica

Leo - a fabulous model of a temple and facts about Thailand

Adelle - a super information book about Mexico

Ethan - a fantastic information poster about the USA

Olivia - an interactive poster about Mevagissey

Emily - poster and information about "The Moon"

Yes I Can

We have our "Yes I Can" Roll of Honour Board - these are children that have faced something difficult, haven't given up and have then succeeded - this month we have had:

Y3 - Ryan - awarded for his determination in learning how to sew.

Y3 - Holly - for being determined to be a great team player in our Handball Competition.

Y3 - Ellis - awarded for his determination in learning how to sew.