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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th March 2018

Inspiring All



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.'



SPORTS RELIEF

On Friday 23rd March we will be taking part in Guinness World Records dance event to have the most people completing a dance at the same time. We will be joined by independent witnesses and there are strict rules to adhere to. We are very much looking forward to the challenge and making history. We have already been practising in preparation!

In addition to this the children may come into school in their own clothes (appropriate for sporting activity) for a donation of £1 and there will be sports relief bands on sale in school.

BIG QUIZ EVENT

We are very proud of our pupils who represented our school in the Interschool Quiz event this week. Our general knowledge quiz club is very popular, and we were able to enter 3 strong teams. In our heat of 5 teams we came 2nd and 3rd and await to here if our 2nd team did enough to have made it through to the next round, dependent on the other area heats. It was very tense right up until the end with a narrow gap between the leading teams.



WORLD DOWNS SYNDROME DAY is on **Wednesday 21st March**

Down Syndrome is something that touches the lives of many and some of us may know families we would like to support. To raise awareness, we invite the children to wear odd socks on the day. We would also like to run a competition to design the most creative themed socks to support the cause for which there will be a prize. To enter and be in with a chance of winning, use the design template attached and hand in to the school office by Wednesday 28th March. Good Luck! Here are details of how you can donate to this cause if you wish: www.justgiving.com/psds

KS1 CREATIVE WRITING EVENT

Some of our infants represented the school at a creative writers' event at Epsom Primary this week. They attended with one of our Governors who was proud to say, 'they were great ambassadors of the school'. They worked with an engaging author and looked at creative approaches to narrative writing.

Y2 PEDALS

Some of Y2 took part in a successful and active cycling session this week. They learnt about safety and developed their skills. As there were limited spaces for this popular session, we are looking to see if there is potential to host again later in the school year.

GOLD MEDALLIST SPONSORED EVENT

So far 1759.00 been raised from this inspiring event. Well done everyone!



FACEBOOK GROUPS

It has been brought to our attention that there have been some inappropriate comments about members of staff on parent Facebook groups. This is disappointing and unfair and we would like to remind parents of the correct procedures to follow if you have a concern or issue with your child's learning which many parents do follow.

In the first instance, please make contact with the class teacher or the junior or infant team leader if you feel this is not appropriate or the situation has not been resolved. If the situation has still not been resolved, then please do bring to ours, the Co-headteacher's, attention. We are not able to help if we do not know. It is part of our VALE values that we value each individual with respect and that is true of all members of our school community.

Y4 SCARECROW PROJECT

We were thrilled to hear that Y4's Rosa Parks scarecrow came 2nd in the Epsom and Ewell Herald of Spring event at Bourne Hall. Fantastic news!



CHICKS IN SCHOOL

It is so wonderful to welcome our chicks into school. They are creating quite a buzz of awe and wonder amongst both pupils and staff. We thank our PTA for funding this incredibly enriching learning opportunity



CLUBS

A reminder that clubs for this term finished this week apart from Infant choir who will still meet on Wednesday 21st March and 28th March at 8.15am

as usual and Junior choir on Thursday 22nd March at 3.30pm.

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings this week were different to meetings we have had previously, and we do welcome feedback on the changes. We will be asking for your opinions at our next family council on **Wednesday 2nd May at 2.30pm** as one of our meeting points, but please do feel free to let the office know of any thoughts if you will not make the meeting.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

The PTA are holding a quiz night on Friday 23rd March from 7pm. The staff are already planning their teams – we do hope lots of you can make it. Please see the attached Flyer.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Eclipse: Lewis, Lola, Adrian, Willem

Solar: Morgan, Emma

Comet: Katie, Dylan

Apollo: Robbie, Jessie

Voyager: Jessica, Avrina

ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.

Week beginning 12th March 2018

Sun Class	87.0%
Moon Class	84.5%
Star Class	89.2%
Eclipse Class	93.0%
Solar Class	96.7%
Comet Class	100%
Apollo Class	94.6%
Voyager Class	95.0%

COMMUNITY DAY

The PTA newsletter this week mentioned that we are holding a day at school to help 'spruce' up the outdoor and indoor areas. The PTA will provide the bacon butties and hot drinks but in return we would appreciate your time, skills and hard labour from all the family!

This will encompass anything and everything from a bit of weeding, to painting a wall with activities that will keep the whole family occupied!

Our date for this is **Saturday 28th April**. Please add to your diaries.

Thursday 3rd January – Friday 5th April

HALF TERM: 18th – 22nd February

INSETs Thursday 3rd January and Friday 4th January

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July

HALF TERM: 27th – 31st May

INSET Friday June 28th

POLITE PLEA

Our tissue supplies are running dry and we know you have been very kind with your donations before. In a time of stretched budgets and winter colds, this would be an extremely helpful gift to the school.

HALL HIRE

Our hall is available for hire over the weekend. It makes a great venue for parties from £12 per hour plus a £6 insurance charge. There is a minimum hire of 3 hours, for example a half hour set up, 2-hour party and half hour clear up. Please contact Mrs Potter if you are interested. We are also very interested to hear from anyone who would be interested in a more continuous letting for groups at competitive rates e.g. weekend early years music/dance groups; children's language groups; NCT classes etc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Epsom's National Citizen Service Local Youth Board Action Day – Saturday 17th March
Please see attached flyer

Epsom Baptist Church

Springtime Holiday Club for the Easter Holidays. This year the holiday club is called PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE. It is for children aged 5-11 (Reception to Year 6) and the dates are Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April. There is no charge for this event as it is part of our service to the community and we usually have about 80+ children from most of the primary schools in the borough. There are craft activities, quizzes, games, stories, DVD's, songs and refreshments.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

TIMES TABLES

Can you recite the x table you are learning in the shower 3x?

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Who has more? Explain why.



I have $\frac{1}{4}$ of £8

Amy



I have $\frac{1}{2}$ of £6

Zara

How will you work it out? Who has more?
Why is that?

SPELLING STRATEGY

Pyramid Writing

"Pyramid write" your spelling words.
You must write neatly!

*Example: home h
ho
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home

TERM DATES FOR 2018/2019

To make you aware of the proposed term dates for the next academic year. These may be subject to change after conversion to the Oaks Academy.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4th September – Wednesday 19th December

HALF TERM: 22nd – 26th October

INSETs Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September

SPRING TERM 2019





	End of Term	1.30pm
	SUMMER TERM	
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 29 th June (additional date)	INSET: no school for children	Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Term	1.30pm

WRIGGLES & GIGGLES

Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along.

LETTERS THIS WEEK

<u>Parentmail</u>	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Easter assembly Y3	Year 3 Swimming
Guinness World Record	
Spanish Club	
PTA Quiz	

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MARCH 2018		
Tuesday 20 th March	SATs Information Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	6pm
Wednesday 21 st March	Rock your Socks day to support World Downs Syndrome Day	All day
Friday 23 rd March	Sports Relief Day	All day with afternoon dance event
Tuesday 27 th March/Wednesday 28 th March	Epsom & Ewell Music Festival for Infant Choir	Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Assembly for Y3 parents and those new families to the school	9am

