



# Newsletter

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## Young Voices 2019!

Children in Key Stage 2 travelled to Birmingham on Tuesday this week to take part in one of this year's Young Voices concerts. The Young Voices concerts bring together a large children's choir (on our day, 6,501 children), professional musicians, artists and dancers. This year, one of the artists in question was Tony Hadley (formerly of Spandau Ballet) which certainly got some of the school teachers around us excited, even if the children had no idea who he was!

During the day the children have a rehearsal (after learning all the songs in school) and then it's time for the grand performance! A number of parents travelled to Birmingham too, to see our children in action. It's a full on show (which is what we love about it) and you can see how amazing it looks from the pictures below; and how much the children enjoyed it! Well done everyone on a great performance. Thank you to Mr Martin, Mrs Whitworth and Mrs May for their invaluable support.



## Parent & Child Consultations

This term's Parent and Child Consultations will take place on Monday 11th February and Wednesday 13th February from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. As last term, we would encourage you to bring your children along to the consultation too as this helps them to see how they are doing, what they can do to get even better and that both school and home adults are working together for them.

Consultations, necessarily, focus on how children are doing in their learning and by their nature are quite short. This means that they are not ideally suited to raising any concerns that you may have outside of this focus – often because 10 minutes just is not enough in these cases. Please can I remind everyone that teachers are always willing to meet with you to discuss any worries you may have, for example with friendships, before or after school.

## Congratulations to...

- Douglas, Jack, Maddie, Mabel and Isla (all Class 4) and Zara and Jack (Class 3) who have all achieved their Playleaders Bronze Certificate. Well done for helping so many children to have a good playtime!
- Claude (Class 2) for his Stage 2 swimming certificate.
- Abigail (Class 2) for her Honours in Under 8 Dance Test 1: Disco Freestyle
- Isabella (Class 2) for her Honours in Under 8 Dance Test 2: Disco Freestyle

## Class 1 in the Antarctic



Children in Class 1 welcomed Chris Hindley from British Antarctic Survey on Tuesday this week.

Chris talked to the children about penguins, the clothing required (which children were able to try on) and told a heart-warming story of a dog from the base. The children were particularly interested in the icebreakers (pictured) which are used to get to Antarctica.

We will see more of Chris next week as he returns to talk with Class 4.

## Reminders

- Year 5 will be visiting Melbourn Village College on Friday 1st February for a taster day
- We will be having a Healthy Lifestyles Week starting on Monday 4th February. Look out for further information by email

## Wellbeing

We will be focusing on Healthy Lifestyles in school on the week beginning 4th February. We have been working with the South Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership to develop some activities for the week and also look at ways in which we can help children to break up their sitting during the day. No doubt some of your children may have mentioned this already as we have just started exploring some of the *Super Movers* activities.

We are talking to a number of club providers at the moment to broaden our range of extra-curricular activities, both before (where we need the hall) and after school.

In addition, this year we have been working with YMCA Trinity to provide a play/art therapy provision for individuals in school who need just a little extra support. Children who would benefit from this provision are identified by staff in school, in discussion with parents, and prioritised according to need. Key Stage 2 children have also completed some anonymous mental health and wellbeing surveys for us so we can think about more universal services too.

Best wishes,  
Mr Philip Atkin  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Tuesday 29th January</b>	Class 1 Balanceability
<b>Friday 1st February</b>	Year 5 Day at MVC
<b>Monday 4th February – Friday 8th February</b>	Healthy Lifestyles Week
<b>Tuesday 5th February</b>	Class 1 Balanceability
<b>Thursday 7th February</b>	Class 1 Visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
<b>Monday 11th February Wednesday 13th February</b>	Parent & Child Consultations, 3.20pm – 7pm
<b>Tuesday 12th February</b>	Class 1 Balanceability
<b>Thursday 13th February</b>	Year 3/4 Orienteering
<b>Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February</b>	Half-Term
<b>Tuesday 26th February</b>	Class 3 Trip to Verulamium Museum and Roman St Albans <b>NEW</b>
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	Sonrisa Music Concert (Whole School) and Workshop for Class 3 <b>NEW</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	Class 4 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum <b>NEW</b>
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	PTFA Bags 2 School Collection
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	EYFS and Year 1 PJs and Teddies Evening, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
<b>Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March</b>	Science Week
<b>Friday 15th March</b>	Visit from Ecole Victor Hugo <b>NEW</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th March</b>	Tag Rugby Competition
<b>Friday 29th March</b>	Year 3/4 Bikeability
<b>Monday 1st April</b>	Reception & Year 6 NHS Measurement Programme
<b>Tuesday 2nd April</b>	Reception NHS Vision Screening
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	Open Morning, 9am – 10am
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	Last Day of Term

## Summer Term 2019

<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	School Closed for Staff Training
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	First Day of Term
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	School Closed (May Day) <b>NEW</b>
<b>Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week <b>NEW</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	Sports Day
<b>Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July</b>	Class 4 Residential Visit <b>NEW</b>