

## Newsletter 14

10th February 2018

Dear Families

Sadly, after several warnings to all pupils about sharing and swapping toys and following a spate of thefts and arguments among pupils, the decision has been taken to ban all toys from being brought into school for use at playtimes as of 19<sup>th</sup> February. This includes Pokémon cards, small toys, teddy bears... Whilst not all children are involved, such toys have been causing endless and unnecessary grief over the past term. I will be spending some time over the holiday sourcing additional games and activities for playtimes provided by the school.

Congratulations to the School Choir on what I have heard was an outstanding concert last week at the O2. Mrs France was very proud of you! See the last page for photos.

When Bubblewrap Care begin on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 there will no longer be the sports clubs in the mornings as Bubblewrap will be using the hall as a base. The only outside run sports club will be Football after school on Fridays. Children can attend Football and move onto a Bubblewrap Care session. An updated parent information pack is on the school website.

Don't forget the Extreme Reading Challenge over the Half-term Holiday!

Year 3 and 4 were delighted to be the first class to sing at the Radnage village hall for elderly residents. Over the next couple of weeks each class will be visiting the lunch club to perform. Mrs Curran was very pleased with her class's behaviour and the wonderful conversations they had with luncheon guests, some of whom came to Radnage School.



<b>February 2018</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<b>School closes for half term holiday at 3.20 pm</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Snowdrop Teas at St Mary's Radnage 2.00 – 4.00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<b>School opens at 9.00 am</b> Mrs Willcocks' first day in the office Extreme Reading Challenge photos to be in school
26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Y3/4 Energize rehearsal at Wycombe Town Hall
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Badgers Class singing at the Radnage Village Hall Lunch for the elderly
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Growth Mindset Parent Meeting – 7.30 pm at school
28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Year 3/4 Viking Day
<b>March 2018</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	<b>World Book Day</b> – children to come dressed as a character from a book – bring the book to school
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Full Governing Body Meeting (Clerked)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	09.00 Mothering Sunday collective worship – all Mums very welcome
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	09.00 Phonics Screening Check meeting for Year 1 and Reception Parents with Mr Long in the School Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Y3/4 Energize dress rehearsal at Wycombe Swan Y3/4 Energize Performance 7.00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Y3/4 Energize Performance 2.00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Year 5/6 are singing at the Radnage Village Hall Lunch for the elderly
29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<b>Last day of term – school closes at 1.30 pm for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>April 2018</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	7.30 am Bubblewrap Breakfast and After School
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Radnage Progressive Garage Sale 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

This week we say goodbye to Madame Alani who has been teaching French for several years at Radnage. French will continue to be taught as it is part of the national curriculum. Mrs Bajwa and I will be teaching French on Fridays to key stage 2 children. After half term, when we welcome Mrs Willcocks to the school office, I will resume teaching Year 5/6 every Friday and Y3/4 on a Thursday afternoons.

**May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable half term and to thank you for your continued support for the school.**

Toby Long  
Head Teacher

Quote of the Week...

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

*Psalm 121:8*

[Extreme Reading Challenge](#)

**February Half Term 2018**

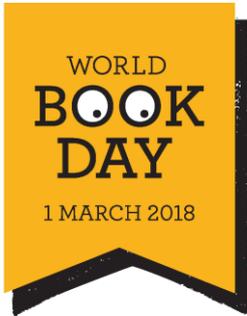
**Photos of reading in extreme places...**

[See flyer for details](#)

We would like to invite all Mothers to a special act of worship on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 am until 9.30 am in the school hall. Children will be leading collective worship on this morning to celebrate mums everywhere. All mothers or grandmothers are very welcome to join us!



Thank God  
for Mums!



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We invite every child and member of staff to come to school for the day dressed as a character from a book. Please can the children bring the book with them to share. Please ensure that children have suitable footwear and warm clothing for break and playtimes. We hope this will be a fun filled day to celebrate books and reading.

The second Snowdrop Tea is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. All are very welcome!

There will be a special Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am. This will be a Eucharist with imposition of Ashes. All are very welcome!



### Parent Survey 2017

### You Said... We have...

Our governing body are keen to respond to the Parent Survey that was conducted in the summer term last year. Within the next few newsletters I have been asked to report back on actions that have been addressed since September.

#### **You said... on school to parent communication**

*Tone of communications do not appear to always encourage engagement: "parents rebuked for not attending PTA", "moan about uniform or parking".*

#### **We have...**

I hope this has dramatically improved! Preparing the newsletter on at least a fortnightly basis is time consuming but necessary as the main communication with parents. I hope that the newsletters are useful and cover a good range of information as well as polite reminders.

The school receives rather aggressive complaints from neighbours regarding parental parking. All of these are forwarded to the police to deal with. I do not have the capacity to traffic warden the local roads at drop off and pick up. The overwhelming majority of people park very thoughtfully, thank you!

**Radnage School Choir – O2 Young Voices 2018!**



**Well done Team Radnage! We're proud of you all!**