



## Forward March!

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## Spring Term 2018 Newsletter February

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to parents evening this week. I do hope that you find the information helpful as you support your child with their learning.

Obviously English and Maths skills are key to success, but it is also important to give our children a breadth of memorable learning experiences, and fantastic finishes. I know that many schools feel the pressures of end of Key stage testing but a broad and balanced curriculum is crucial, as a narrowed curriculum can restrict children's life choices and opportunities. A rich diet of learning experiences is undoubtedly the best way to develop well-rounded, happy individuals.

This will be a shorter newsletter this month as we have already had half term and a very successful INSET day this month. February seems to have flown by with flurries of snow.



In the event of snow we always aim to keep the school open and we have to take into account the safety of the site and also that some of the March Staff have a way to travel which could be difficult for them to get in. We would always ensure that if we had to close the school we would inform you via the APP, website, WSCC website and spirit FM. Whilst it is very cold please do ensure that your child has a warm coat and hat to wear at school.

This term we have no less than **17 clubs** for the children to take part in either before or after school. A huge thank you to everyone that are helping to run these and for parents who support us.

Thank you to the parents that completed the monkey surveys about skills they could offer to the school. I know that some teachers have already made contact to enlist your skills to work with or inform children. We have such a wonderful wealth of experience in our community from PA's, farmers, Marketing, Horticulturalists, Dental Nurses, motion graphic designers, designers, gardeners, play leaders, supervisors, Doctors and estate agents.





Our school disco this month was very well attended with lots of dancing and enjoyment had by all. Thank you to all the organisers and parents who helped on the night. We made a grant total of **£431.25**. We are looking forward to putting this towards developing the library/enquiry area and have already met with library designers this week. We will keep you updated on our progress.

### **Year 3 had a fantastic, 'Fantastic Finish' last half term.**

Working as designers they created T shirts based on the book 101 Dalmatians to prove that you don't need puppy fur to have really cool outfits. They designed and painted their own T shirts then modelled them in a fashion show. Alongside their super cool looks they also sang and played on instruments the Disney song Cruella De Vil bringing to life that infamous villain with great style and skill. It was a super afternoon much enjoyed by parents, teachers and the children- we were all very proud of their achievements.



### **Year 5 and fantastic soup**

Yr 5 children had a fantastic time chopping, mixing and making a delicious vegetable soup at the start of their Allotment topic. Mr Simmons worked with groups of children to cut up leeks, onions, carrots, and add corn flour and vegetable stock. Even those children who said that they were not keen on vegetable soup said that it was delicious!



## Year 4 and Memorable moments

What an exciting end of term and start to a new term we have had in Year 4!

During our Viking Day at the end of our Traders and Raiders topic we had a mighty battle - Saxons versus the Vikings! Paul Ullson taught us about Saxon/Viking games too. For our Fantastic Finish we created a Saxon Museum which our parents visited. We displayed Saxon artefacts, printed pattern work and our Beowulf inspired stories.

Our new topic is Potions and for our Stunning Start we went on a scavenger hunt which concluded with an Alice and Wonderland tea party.

We're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead with lots of scientific investigations and potion making.



**Year 2 begin their new topic, Creep Wriggle Crawl,** with a minibeast hunt in the forest school area. They found worms, beetles, millipedes, centipedes and woodlice. Everyone ended up with muddy boots but had a great time. Back in the classroom all the children looked at the different minibeasts and thought about which habitats they were found in.



**More news will follow at the end of the month for the other year groups**

Thanks for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

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