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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2019

Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.



Class Topics

Our class topics this term are as follows:

Classes 1 and 2	Monkey Puzzle
Classes 3 and 4	Let It Grow
Classes 5 and 6	Castles

Parents of children in Classes 1, 2, 5 and 6 will find this term's topic planners attached or to follow, giving details of the work that the children will be doing in their classes this term. Classes 3 and 4 are continuing last term's 'Let it Grow' topic. We hope that you will find these informative and helpful, and would encourage parents to share the planners with their children and practice those ideas identified by staff that may help their children at home this term. If required, spare copies are always available in the entrance foyer.

All Classes will also find attached new homework choices. The staff were delighted with the homework that the children completed last term; thank you once again for your support with this. We look forward to sharing the children's fabulous work with their friends and teachers again this term and celebrating it on our homework walls!

The staff would also be delighted to hear from any parents who have artefacts or expertise relating to their child's topic which would support the children's learning.



Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our mid-year parents' evenings will be held this week, on **Wednesday 28th February**, 3.15 – 5.30 p.m. and **Thursday 28th February** 3.15 – 7.00 p.m.

Parents may make appointments directly with Class Teachers, or alternatively ring the School Office to arrange an appointment time. Appointment times are limited to 10 minutes per child to ensure an opportunity for all parents to meet the Teachers.

This term's parents' evening is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to look at the work they have been doing this year. Parents are advised to arrive 5 minutes before their appointment time to allow time to look at their child's work beforehand.



Life Education Lessons

The Life Education Classroom will be on site on **Thursday 28th February and Friday 1st March**. For those parents who are new to the school this year, this is a mobile classroom in which the children are taught basic guidelines about good health and their bodies, and is the beginning of a graduated health education programme that is available for all year groups in all Gloucestershire schools to purchase. The lessons are interesting and fun and we have found them to be of great benefit in previous years. This year our lessons will be taking place in a new learning environment - the 'LifeSpace' inflatable classroom.

Should any parents wish to find out more, the Life Education teacher will be holding a parents' session on Friday 1st March 9.00-9.25 a.m. Any interested parents should register their interest at the School Office by Wednesday 27th February.

World Book Day



This year's World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March**. To celebrate World Book Day this year we would like the children to bring their favourite books to school to share and also **dress up as a character from their book**. We have planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day.

On World Book Day, each child will receive a **£1.00 Book Voucher**. This voucher can be used to receive £1.00 off a book worth £2.99 or more, or alternatively it may be exchanged for one of the specially produced £1.00 books. (These will be listed on the reverse of your voucher).

Scholastic Book Club



Please find this month's leaflet attached. Parents may wish to use their child's World Book Day token to redeem against a purchase. We would ask that all orders are returned to the School Office with vouchers and payment by Friday 15th March.

Comic Relief



Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 15th March in support of Comic Relief. This year the School Council have come up with some great fun ideas to celebrate the day. The children can come to school in non-uniform for the day for a donation of 50p to Comic Relief by choosing one or a combination of the following ideas: wear their clothes back to front, dress in red, have crazy hair or wear a wig or hat, wear crazy shoes/wellies/socks, paint their faces or wear their pants over their clothes, the choice is yours! The aim of the day is to have fun and make everyone smile whilst raising funds for Comic Relief.

We are selling Comic Relief **Red Noses** in school at a cost of £1.25 each, available from the School Office. We will have 180 red noses to sell, sold on a first come first served basis and will let you know as soon as they arrive.

Edwards and Ward are producing a **special meal** for Comic Relief Day on Friday 15th March instead of that advertised on the Gloucestershire menu – this will be a hot dog or veggie hotdog in a roll with beans and tomato salad, followed by a cookie.

Reception Concerts



Our Reception children (Classes 1 and 2) will be performing concerts for their parents and families towards the end of term. There will be three performances:

A performance on Tuesday 26th March at 1.30 p.m. will be for **Parents with toddlers** and all other children in school.

Adults only performances will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 28th March at 9.30 a.m.

Reply slips to request tickets will be sent home nearer the time.

Spring Disco



We shall be holding a family disco on **Wednesday 3rd April**. The disco will run from 6.00 – 7.15 p.m. £1 per family ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments, sweets, raffle, lucky dip, glow sticks, nail painting and tattoos will also be for sale on the night. Reply slips to be sent home nearer the time.

Easter Service



An end of term Easter/Spring Service will be held at **1.00 p.m. on Friday 5th April**, with the children entertaining us through song - everyone welcome. Parents may take their children home immediately after the service.

School will finish for the Easter holiday at **2.00 p.m.**

Year 2 Clubs



start this week and run for 6 weeks in total - details on classroom windows.

Uniform Price Increase

Should parents wish to purchase any new uniform, please note that there will be a price increase on the following items from the 31st March:

Cardigans £9.95

Sweatshirts £8.95

Reversible waterproof coat £19.50

Help! Clothing request... We are running short of spare items of clothing in school, particularly spare pants, socks and trousers (for both boys and girls). If anyone can donate any of these items we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you. If you have any items of clothing that your child has borrowed from school could we also have these returned as soon as possible.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

Wednesday 27 th	Parents' evening	3.15–5.30 p.m.
Thursday 28 th	Parents' evening	3.15–7.00 p.m.
Thursday 28 th	Life Education lessons	

March

Friday 1 st	Life Education lessons	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day – non uniform	
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' – non uniform	
Tuesday 26 th	Reception Concert – dress rehearsal Parents with toddlers, Whole School	1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 27 th	Reception Concert – adults only	1.30 p.m.
Thursday 28 th	Reception Concert – adults only	9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 3 rd	Spring disco	6.00-7.15 p.m.
Friday 5 th	Easter Service School finishes for the holiday at 2.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.

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School finishes at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 5th April
Return to school Tuesday 23rd April