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## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

# Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

### Family Support Worker

Our new Family Support Worker, Lisa Mudway, will be starting next week! Lisa will be working on Thursdays and Fridays, 8.45-3.15 p.m., although to start with she will be working mornings for a few weeks as she is still recovering from a broken elbow (as previously reported). Lisa is really keen to meet everyone and start in her new role; we look forward to introducing her to you very soon.

### Class Topics



Our class topics this term are as follows:

Classes 1 and 2	Once upon a Fairytale
Classes 3 and 4	Once upon a Farm!
Classes 5 and 6	Castles

Parents of children in Classes 3-6 will find this term's topic planners attached, giving details of the work that the children will be doing in their classes this term. Reception (Classes 1 & 2) are continuing last term's 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.

### Life Education Lessons



The Life Education Caravan will be on site on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. For those parents who are new to the school this year, the caravan 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. Please see letter attached for full details.

Should any parents wish to find out more, the Life Education teacher will be holding a parents' session on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00-9.25 a.m. Any interested parents should return the attached reply slip to the School Office by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### Parents' Evenings



A reminder that our mid-year parents' evenings will be held next week, on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, 3.15 – 5.30 p.m. and **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** 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.

## World Book Day



This year's World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. '**Books at bedtime**' is our theme this year so the children may **bring in their favourite bedtime books, dress in their pyjamas** and even bring their teddies in to read to/with. We have planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day and at some point in the day will be having warm milk and cookies whilst sharing some of our favourite bedtime stories.

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 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March**. 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.

## 'Fun mile' for Sport Relief



Sport Relief takes place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Everyone in school will be completing a **fun mile** where the children will be given the choice to complete a fun lap by skipping, hopping, jumping or 3-legged racing (for example) in the school grounds to raise money for Sports Relief at some point during the day. This will also include an obstacle course! Refreshments for the children will be provided by PTA. If the children would like to **wear their Sports clothes** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of their uniform they can - trainers, joggers, sweatshirts, tracksuits etc. Sponsor forms are attached if parents would like to ask family and friends to sponsor their child. Alternatively, a £1 donation per child would be wonderful! Thank you.

Edwards and Ward are producing a **special meal** for Sport Relief Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March instead of that advertised on the Gloucestershire menu. The meal will be: 'Beef burger in a bun' or 'bean and lentil burger in a bun', with 'beans, sweetcorn and chips', followed by 'marble cake'.

We will be doing a range of Sports activities in school in the week leading up to Sport Relief – details to follow.

## Easter Service



An end of term Easter/Spring Service will be held at **1.00 p.m. on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 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



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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### February

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Life Education lessons

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Parents' evening

3.15–5.30 p.m.

### March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

World Book Day – non uniform

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Parents' evening

3.15–7.00 p.m.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Life Education lessons

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Spring disco

6.00-7.15 p.m.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Reception Concert – dress rehearsal

Parents with toddlers, Whole School

1.30 p.m.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sport Relief

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Reception Concert – adults only

1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Reception Concert – adults only

9.30 a.m.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Easter Service

1.00 p.m.

**School finishes for the holiday at 2.00 p.m.**

### Easter Holiday

**School finishes at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Return to school Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**



## *'Helping children make healthy choices'*

Dear Parent / Guardian

Life Education Centres provide health and drug education for Primary Schools. We aim to help children develop the confidence and thinking skills needed to make informed health choices.

We bring a fully equipped mobile classroom to the school where children take part in an age appropriate session. All programmes link with and support the National Curriculum and are taught by trained educators. The children explore a range of health related issues such as hygiene and healthy eating, managing emotions and keeping safe. In the junior years children will explore of the use and effects of tobacco, alcohol and other substances.

The classroom is designed to give the children a very positive and memorable experience. The classroom features a number of electronic devices, such as a full size model of the human body, a fibre-optic star ceiling, an interactive talking brain and specially designed audio-visual materials. The children also meet Harold our happy, healthy singing giraffe.

Family Workbooks are now available as an ideal back-up material to enhance your child's understanding of the programmes taught in the Life Education Centre. Each age range has its own specific colourful, fun and informative book. Please complete the form below if you would like to make an order and enclose the correct amount (**£1.70** per book)

There is also a 'Harold's Greatest Hits' CD available for **£4.60** and Harold zip tags for **£1.00** each.

We are visiting your child's School on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If you wish to attend the parent's session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00-9.25 a.m. to find out more, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

The session will take place in the mobile classroom, which will be parked in the school grounds.

Many thanks

Anita Collins (Educator)

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I / We will be attending the Life Education Centre parent's session

I would like to order the following Life Education Family Workbook from the School priced at **£1.70 each**. Please enter the number of copies required for each year group in the boxes below.

**Family Workbooks:** Nursery [ ], Reception [ ], Y1 [ ], Y2 [ ], Y3 [ ], Y4 [ ], Y5 [ ], Y6 [ ]

Harold's Greatest Hits CD **£4.60** [ ]                      Harold Zip tag **£1.00** [ ]

Child's name..... Class.....

Total amount enclosed.....

Signed:..... Date:.....