



# Luxulyan School Newsletter



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**



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## **WELCOME BACK**

Hope you all had a relaxing half term and are ready to start the second half of our Spring Term.

Hopefully we will have no more icy weather and the sun will show itself a little more often in the coming months.

## **ASH CLASS**

As our topic this half-term is growing, we will be doing lots of practical activities and investigations. On Tuesday, we had a visit from the 'Little Red Hen' who left a trail of feathers leading to the office where Mrs Grubb had a letter and a special delivery addressed to us. The 'Little Red Hen' wrote in her letter that she was so pleased with how helpful and caring we had been she had left some of the flour she had grown herself. We used this flour to work together to bake our own bread which we enjoyed as a delicious snack!

Due to this visit, we are using a story map and storytelling actions to learn the story 'The Little Red Hen' which we will innovate with our own class story.



In Maths, we have been sequencing numbers and finding one more and one less than a given number.

During our child-initiated activity time, we have been busy creating pictures with Numicon, printing flowers in pots using paint and our handprints and fingerprints and investigating types of seeds.

We have decided to turn our role-play into a garden centre and café and have come with some amazing ideas to transform the classroom. We would be grateful for donations of any gardening implements, packets of seeds, or everything that we can use to enhance our role-play area.

**Miss Illsley and Mrs Berry**

## **BEECH CLASS**

Welcome back after half term; I hope you all had a lovely week off. Class 2 have had a very busy first week back, learning all about our new story 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.' We have learned the words and the actions and we've started to think about the differences between the two characters. I will be sending home both the story map and the words for the children to practice if they would like. This story has worked well with Year 2s new topic 'My Place in the World'. We have been learning about the planet,



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continent, country, county, city, town and village that we live in, and looking at similarities and differences between different places. Maths this week has been very enjoyable as we learn a bit more about fractions, Year One have been using cubes to find halves of numbers up to 20, while Year Two have been finding quarters and thirds too.

### **Miss Coffee**

#### **SYCAMORE**

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a good break. For this term we have started our new topic 'Around the World in 20 days' which will explore the differences between 3 countries; United Kingdom, United states of American and France. The children have already been researching some interesting facts about these countries. Ask them to tell you what they have learnt so far!

In English we are looking at Fables from the three countries above and to begin with we have been acting out the tale of Chicken Licken. As usual Sycamore class showed off their acting talent with their group performances. Well done to everyone! Next we will be studying a fable from America and following that, one from France.

Everyone has joined in with practising their Cornish song for the year 3's trip to celebrate St Pirans day on 5<sup>th</sup> March. If you are in the vicinity of St Petroc's Church Bodmin at around 12ish on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, please pop in to cheer the children on!

### **Mrs Mileham**

#### **OAK CLASS**

Oak Class have begun learning on our new spring topic 'Who's The Mummy?' which as you might have guessed is all about The Ancient Egyptians! We would like to welcome Mrs Hunkin to the school, who will be teaching the afternoon sessions on Monday to Thursday for the coming months. Mrs Williams and Mr Heagney will be running maths and literacy interventions during these times. We are all excited about World Book Day, which is next Thursday (1st March).

### **Mrs Williams and Mr Heagney**

#### **HELLO AGAIN**

Mrs Anneliese Rogers has returned to Luxulyan School until Easter to help in Ash Class. It is lovely to have her back with us for this time.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Jennifer Hunkin who will be working with our Year 5/6 children for 2 hours in the afternoon as extra support for SATS.

#### **TESCO BAGS OF HELP**

From next Thursday (1st March) Luxulyan School will be one of the lucky groups to stand a chance of winning up to £4000 in a grant through Tesco Bags of Help. For all of March and April, if you are shopping at Tesco in Holmbush, please add your blue token into our box in the foyer, and encourage any friends and family shopping there to do the same!

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** **SNUGGLE DOWN DAY**

Next Thursday is World Book Day, and to celebrate, we are inviting the children to join in with our 'Snuggle Down Day'. The children will be able to come in to school in their pyjamas or non uniform if your child prefers and bring their favourite book, to snuggle down and enjoy sharing their favourite books with their friends. As ever, the children will all receive a £1 book voucher to spend on a new book.

This year World Book Day will also celebrate the launch in school of our new reading scheme, Accelerated Reader, which will give the children the opportunity to test themselves on how well they have understood their reading books by taking a quiz on the book. We have already assessed the children in Years 2-6 who will be taking part in the scheme to find which level books are appropriate for them. In order to set up Accelerated Reader we have also been redesigning our library lay out which is the reason most children have not had a school reading book this week. We will launch the new library in school early next week, and the children will then be able to take a school library book again.

Also on World Book Day, both during and after school, we will be holding a book sale of books we no longer use in the school, (but which still have

plenty of life in them!) to hopefully find them a new home. Further details of the sale will come out on Dojo on Monday.

Finally, we'd just like to confirm that the Reading Karate Scheme will continue as normal. Reads will still be counted and bands will still be given on a Friday in assembly.

### **BEECH CLASS PARENTS EVENINGS**

#### **MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

We have the sign up sheets up in reception for parents/carers who would like an appointment with Miss Coffee.

If you are unable to come to reception please contact Mrs Grubb in the office who will be able to make you an appointment.



### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons will commence in the Summer Term on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 for Year 3-6 children.

More details will follow.

### **COMMUNITY ICT WORKSHOP**

We are offering an ICT Workshop to members of the local community using our new ipads. The money to purchase our new IT Equipment was donated to us from PALS who were awarded a grant from the Luxulyan Parish Community Fund (LPCF).

This Club will be run weekly on a Friday after school until the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 by Mr Heagney who will be on hand to help with any ICT issues.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Grubb in the school office.

Pupil's club will start from 9<sup>th</sup> March but more details to follow.

### **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

Due to ongoing issues with 'WhatsApp', please can we remind parent's of the Common Sense Media's website regarding 'WhatsApp' – please see the link below.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

They advise that 'Whatsapp' is most appropriate for older teens and that users should be 13 or older.

As always, we appreciate support from parent's/carers in these matters to ensure children are kept safe and happy when using ICT and when online.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Due to our selected Year 5/6 football team being in a tournament unfortunately we have to cancel Football Club and Cookery Club on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Sorry for any inconvenience caused.**

Please find below our new clubs on offer for our Spring Part 2 starting from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018:

**Monday – Film Club** with Mrs Williams  
3.15pm-4.15pm

**Monday – Multi Skills** with Mrs Berry  
3.15pm-4pm

**Tuesday – Board Games** with Mrs Mileham  
3.15pm-4.15pm

**Tuesday – Crafty Club** with Mrs Rogers  
3.15pm-4pm

**Tuesday – Cookery Club** with Miss Coffee  
3.15pm-4.15pm

**Wednesday- Learning Zone** with Miss Teobald  
3.15pm – 4.15pm

**Thursday – Mindfulness** with Miss Illsley  
3.15pm – 4pm

**Thursday – Football** with Mr Le-Doux-Lucas  
3.15pm-4.15pm

**Friday – ICT Club** with Mr Heagney  
3.15pm-4.15pm. **This Club starts on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

All children should of received a letter regarding the clubs. Please can you complete and return to the school office if you would like your child to attend any club on offer to their year group.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR SPRING 2**

Our whole school attendance target is % for the year. Current whole school attendance from 02.02.18 to 21.02.18 is 94.2%. A breakdown of attendance figures is below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Figures</b>
<b>Ash</b>	96.5%
<b>Beech</b>	95.2%
<b>Sycamore</b>	90.9%
<b>Oak</b>	96.2%

**Well Done Ash class with the highest attendance levels this week!**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance at school is essential for children to reach their full potential. As a school, our target is to ensure our overall attendance for the year is over 96%.

## **PARENTVIEW**

On the website, click on the parents tab, then follow the 'Parent View' hyperlink to share your views.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

We have a lost property box in the office for clothes/items which have been lost and are not labelled. If your child has lost anything please check with Mrs Grubb.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> March World Book Day – Snuggle Down Day  
5<sup>th</sup> March – St Pirans Day Celebrations – Bodmin – Year 3  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Oak Class Romeo and Juliet  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Oak Class Duchy College Luxulyan Woods trip  
30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

## **STAFF TRAINING DAYS – CLOSED TO PUPILS**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018