

Headteacher's Newsletter

February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, we have had a fun-packed half term since Christmas with many activities enjoyed across all year groups. Class R have been learning about their bodies and had a great time tasting various pancake toppings for Shrove Tuesday. Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Wycombe Toy Museum to tie in with their history work and Year 2 have made some excellent Tudor Houses as part of their work on the Great Fire of London. Year 3 and 4 became Romans for the day and learnt about life in a Roman Villa as well as some of the tactics the army would have used as they expanded and protected their empire. Year 5 are preparing for their production at the end of term and Year 6 have produced posters to go around the school following Time to Talk Day. This day was a great success and the response from staff and children have led us to plan a day such as this in every term.

Coming up we have many exciting things to look forward too as well. Year 3 and 4 are embarking on a trip to Hazard Alley, a safety centre, and we also have exciting BRSA events such as the Mothers' Day Sale, an Easter Egg Hunt and of course the Ridge Off Roder. Year 1 are also taking part in a football tournament in the coming weeks. We are also looking forward to meeting with you once again at our Parents' Evenings this term. Prior to these Parents' Evenings we will be sending home an interim report which will give you an update on your child's attainment so far this year as well as effort grades for each subject.

World Book Day

Following our successful World Book Day last year, we will be celebrating this again this year. However, we will be doing this on **Monday 12th March**. This is because we are again having the book fair visiting and we have decided to tie World Book Day into this. As with last year there will a competition for the children to enter and we would love for them to dress up as their favourite book character. We will spend the day away from our usual timetable and undertake some exciting and fun book and reading related activities.

E-safety

We often remind the children in school about the principles of e-safety and have completed more work around this across the whole school to tie in with Safer Internet Day. If you would like any more information about e-safety or resources to use with your children, then the websites below are excellent.

ThinkUKnow, ages 8 – 10 - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

ThinkUKnow, ages 11-13 - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/

NSPCC – Online Safety - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Safety Net Kids - <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/>

As well as this, I have signed the school up to an e-magazine called #DITTO. The description of the content below is from their website.

"#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks."

If you wish to sign up to this e-magazine you can do so at <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>.

Scores on the Doors

Following an unannounced visit from a Food Hygiene Officer in January, I am pleased to inform you that Innovate at Bledlow Ridge has been awarded the highest rating of 5 as part of the 'Scores on the Doors' system run by the Food Standard Agency.

Music Performances

The choir, led by Natasha Marsh, will be performing to the rest of the school and to parents on Friday 23rd March at 2:30pm. We will also be holding our termly music concert led by Mrs Reading, featuring performances from the recorder players, Belle Plates and Band. This will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 2:15pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend either event.

Ridge Off Roader

The Ridge Off Roader is taking place on Sunday 18th March. As ever, your support is vital in making the event run as smoothly as possible. If you are able to offer any help to set up on Friday afternoon or during the day on Saturday, then it would be greatly appreciated. Another vital role is that of Marshal. Without enough Marshals the event cannot run. Specific instructions and training will be given for the role. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please do contact the school office.

Matched Funding

If any parents' work for a company who run a matched funding scheme the BRSA would love to hear from you! There are many opportunities to get involved with different aspects of running different BRSA events, and with matched funding we could also increase the money raised towards running projects within the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr. A. Haywood
Headteacher

Diary Dates

06.03.18	Information Evening - Assessment
09.03.18	Mothers' Day Sale
12.03.18	World Book Day
13.03.18	Parents' Evening Year R, 1, 2 and 3 – 3:30pm – 6:30pm
15.03.18	Parents' Evening Year 4, 5 and 6 - 3:30pm – 6:30pm
20.03.18	Parents' Evening Year 4, 5 and 6 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm
22.03.18	Parents' Evening Year R, 1, 2 and 3 - 4:30pm – 7:30pm
21.03.18	Mrs Readings' Music Concert @ 2:15pm
23.03.18	Hot Dog Day
23.03.18	Choir Performance @ 2:30pm
27.03.18	Year 5 Production @ 1:30pm
28.03.18	Easter Egg Hunt @ 2pm
28.03.18	Year 5 Production @ 7pm
29.03.18	Finish for Easter @ 1:30pm
16.04.18	INSET Day
17.04.18	Children back to school