

February Newsletter



We had great fun celebrating Chinese New Year together! Thank you to the staff and the PTA for organising a super celebration.

Attendance has been tricky this term with lots of coughs, colds, chicken pox and a sickness bug. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents to supply us with up to date contact details and continue to be vigilant calling in sicknesses.

Mrs Bruce ☺

Crew news

Well done to George, Isla, Leo, Libby and Phoebe - our crew captains. They are working hard to inspire their teams to success. Crew points are collected on school360 every week. All pupils can gain them for being:

- ★ a punctual puffin (always ready to learn, homework in on time)
- ★ a perfect puffin (always trying their best, keeping school rules)
- ★ a playground hero (being a good friend)
- ★ Flying high (working to their highest standard)

The winning crew is announced every week in Achievement assembly and that team is awarded a passport stamp. The crew with the most stamps at the end of half term are awarded a treat. Good luck!

Assembly format

We are trying a new assembly format in the Spring Term. Year group assemblies will take place on a Thursday morning at 9am followed by tea\ coffee\ juice and biscuits for parents\ carers and pupils in that year group.

The remaining dates for assemblies are:

- 14.2.19- Year Four
- 7.3.19- Year Two
- 21.3.19- Reception

Please note, after the year four assembly on Thursday, Neil Rodgers, executive headteacher of James Calvert Spence College, has re-arranged his visit and will talk to parents about what pupils can expect next year.

Drop- ins for Spring Term

Drop in on your child's numeracy lesson and get up to speed with the fancy maths language your children are using! Lots of ideas for games and activities to practice maths at home. Focus: multiplication\ times tables

- 25.2.19 Y4 parent drop in at 9:00am
- 4.3.19 Y1 parent drop in at 9:00am



Spelling Bee

The challenge will take place on Monday 11th February. The awards and medals have been polished. Good luck....

Get ready for our times table superstars....coming soon....



Swimming - Spring term, Years 1 and 2 only

Our swimming lessons continue for year 1 and year 2 on Wednesday 27th February. The cost of swimming is £4 per week for 45 minutes lesson, which can be paid at the beginning of each week or for few weeks in advance.



Nursery breakfast club

Our breakfast club is now open to our nursery pupils. The places are limited to 8 children per day and must be pre-booked in advance.

The club will run Monday to Friday, from 8.10am, at the cost of £3 per day. The higher price is due to staff to child ratio (1 to 8). The children get the choice of cereal, toasts or pastries and juice and water and can play with their friends until the start of the school day.

PTA

Well... don't say the PTA aren't organised. Here are the plans so far:

4.4.19 Easter Quiz night for the grown ups! From 7pm - £5 per person - max 6 per team - limited spaces (50 people max) bring your own snacks and drink.

15.5.19 Kids bingo night straight after school until 5:00pm.

5.7.19 Summer fair

11.7.19 End of school disco

26.4.19 Juice & biscuit Friday to start again on

Nearer each event, we will give you more information about how to buy tickets or sign up to an event.

The PTA (Parents and Teachers Association) are all volunteers and we are always looking for more mums, dads, carers and grandparents to help out. Especially with:

Tea and coffee events , Friday's Juice and biscuits , Bingos, discos, fairs

Please call in at the school office, see Mrs Bruce at the school gate or one of our PTA ladies if you can help with any of these event- even if it is just one!

Have a lovely half term. School reopens on Monday 25th February.

The Amble First School Team

