



NEWSLETTER

January 2019

What did we get up to in January?

All children across the Academy began their Spring Term Geography topics. The Infant children are learning about weather, seasons and UK maps and the Junior children are learning about cities.



NSPCC



Junior children were visited by the NSPCC, who delivered a whole school assembly and workshops for the Year 5 and 6 children.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March 2019**. Children will be taking part in various book related activities during that day to celebrate this national event.



In previous years we have asked the children to dress as a book character for the day. This year, to keep this simple for children and families, we would like the children to bring or wear a clue or hint of a book or book character, which can be as simple or elaborate as children like. An example of this could be to bring a peach, which would be a clue for James and the Giant Peach!

If children have already planned an entire outfit, for the day, they are of course welcome to wear this.



We look forward to working out who the children and staff will be!

New School

Thank you to everyone to attended the Consultation Event for our new school yesterday. You will now be aware of the position and layout of the new school due to be built on the Northfields site.

If you were unable to attend, we will continue to display the plans on both sites for a couple of weeks and you are welcome to come along and see them at any time. We will keep you updated with progress as we receive information.

Row-athon

You may be aware that on Tuesday 12th February, the staff are taking part in a charity Row-athon to raise money for St. Margaret's Hospice. Should you wish to support this event, buckets for donations will be available on both the Infant and Junior sites on the day, and raffle tickets are available from both school offices now. Please see our website in the 'For Parents' section for more details.

Severe Weather

You will already know this from this morning...

Should we experience heavy, disruptive snow, a decision to open or close the school will be made in accordance with the number of teachers who are able to get to school, some of whom travel from quite a distance. The decision will be made by **7.30am** at the latest on each day that we experience heavy snow. Parents will receive a text message stating whether or not we are open shortly after this time.

If the school does remain open, we ask that you send your children to school with warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves and importantly, wellies so that they can play in the snow. Please note, they will not be able to play in the snow without wellies.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

4th & 5th February	Bikeability course 1
5th February	Safer Internet Day
11th & 12th February	Bikeability course 2
14th February	PTFA Junior disco
15th February	INSET Day
16th—24th February	Half Term Holiday
25th February	Back to school
6th—8th March	Year 3 and 4 to Kilve Court
7th March	World Book Day—bring a clue
Week beg. 11th March	National Science Week
14th March	Infant Science Day for parents to attend (details to follow)
15th March	Comic Relief and new date for Progress Reports to be sent home
19th March	Infant Parents' Evening
20th March	Junior Parent's Evening



PTFA

Upcoming event—Junior Disco on Thursday 14th February from 6.30pm. We're looking for some more helpers please!

Can you help—The PTFA have been invited to serve refreshments at the Cross Country event on 28th February. We're looking for 4-5 people willing to help for an hour or so immediately after school. If you can help, please let us know either in person or leave your contact details with either school office.

We are working on a number of ideas and events for the coming months and hope to share more details soon!

Parent workshops

Places are still available for the Dyslexia Awareness Workshop at Huish Episcopi Academy on Tuesday 5th February at 6.30pm.

To book a place on this session please visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/roXwJNOv2vtNiUd32>

Further details are available on our website within the 'For Parents' section.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents that children should wear school uniform items as detailed in the Uniform section on our website. This is with particular reference to footwear and hair accessories.

We thank you for your cooperation.