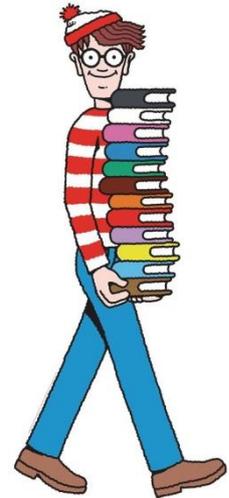


## *Newsletter 3 Spring Term*



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **World Book Day**

The children (and staff) really enjoyed coming into school in their "Where's Wally" outfits for World Book Day on Thursday last week. There were so many Wallys in school that it was impossible to miss any of them! We spent a lot of time sharing our favourite picture books and reading for pleasure.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00pm to 7.20pm and on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm to 5.50pm during the parent/teacher meetings next week. There will be a wide range of new books on offer so please have a look while you are waiting. The school does receive commission from all books sold so we would appreciate your support.

### **Sticklebacks Trip to Sulgrave Manor**

What a great day Sticklebacks had when they visited Sulgrave Manor to find out about life in Tudor times! They had a tour of the house and learnt about the differences between life now and life long ago. They dressed up in costumes, played old-fashioned games and learnt a Tudor dance. The children also had the opportunity to make a lavender pomander which would have been used by people when they walked through the smelly streets. The children came back to school motivated and enthusiastic and have written some persuasive leaflets to try and encourage other people to visit.

### **Year 5/6 Netball Tournament**



The Year 5/6 Netball Tournament took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Well done to both teams who showed admirable resilience and enthusiasm on a very cold and rainy afternoon. The red team managed to come joint third and will go on to take part in the next round.

We wish them all the best for the second tournament!

The Year 6 girls' football matches had to be cancelled last week due to the adverse weather conditions so we hope that they will have another match scheduled later this month.

## **Easter Soccer School**

Ardley United Football Club is running an Easter Soccer School for all children aged 5-11 during the school holidays. A flyer confirming full details about this is attached with this newsletter. Please contact them directly if you require further details or would like your child to attend.

## **Book Amnesty**

Please would you have a look on your children's bookshelves to see if they have any books belonging to school? A member of our staff recently found one of our books in a charity shop in Bicester – they are all stamped with our name.

Similarly, we have had a number of books that are accompanied by a CD, which are used by the teachers in the classroom. These books have a "Do not remove from our library" label on them, but two have been taken home and the CD's lost. The books in question are "Elmer and the Wind" by David McKee and "The First Hippo on the Moon" by David Walliams.

Thank you for your help.

## **Vacancies**

We are currently looking for someone to fill the following vacancies that are coming up :

Teaching Assistant : Monday afternoon and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Lunchtime Supervisor : Daily

These vacancies will be advertised more widely in the near future, but if you are interested in taking on any of these hours or part of them, please let me or the School Office know.

## **A Few More Things**

Mrs Churchill will be having an operation on Monday and will be away from school for 6-8 weeks. This means that I will be teaching on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, and will be unable to meet with parents during this time. Obviously, classroom matters should be referred to the class teacher in the first instance, but if you have anything you need to discuss with me, please contact the School Office and I will come back to you as soon as I can. We wish Mrs Churchill a speedy recovery.

As you are aware, I am currently meeting with suppliers of outdoor surfaces for our Foundation Stage. It is a lengthy process, but hopefully, before the end of term, we should have found a contractor. We have managed to find the money to pay for this from a variety of places, but of course that means money cannot be spent elsewhere in the school. If there is any parent who would be willing to give up their time to apply for a grant on our behalf, I would be very grateful.

I am thinking of starting a toddler group for the community after Easter. This would be held in school, but we would need a volunteer to help run it. If you are interested in helping out (you don't have to have a toddler), please let me know.

Kind regards,

**Debbie McLeod**  
*Headteacher*



## SCHOOL DIARY

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening**  
**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 5/6 Hockey Festival**  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening**  
**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Boys Football Match (Year 6) – home**  
**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 3/4 Girls Multiskills Festival**  
**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 6 Netball Finals**  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Boys Football Match (Year 6) – home**  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – FoFS Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 4/5 Easter Service**  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Girls Football Match (Year 6) – home**  
**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – *Start of Easter Holidays***  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – *Back to School***  
**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament**  
**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS Week**  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 5/6 Cricket Festival**  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May – *Start of Half Term***  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun – *Back to School***  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jun – KS2 Quad Kids**  
**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jun – Music Concert**  
**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jun – Sports Day**  
**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul – Reserve Sports Day**  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jul – Stingrays & Sharks Performance**  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jul – Leavers' Service 10am**