



Friday, 8 February 2019

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Last week's weather has created a longer time than usual between newsletters. School had to be closed for the safety of staff travelling, for parents walking or driving, and for the safety of the children. Thames Valley Police were advising motorists not to drive unless absolutely essential. I do hope that if you were forced to travel you were able to do so safely – and I know that the children enjoyed their day in the snow! This week we are back to dampness and grey skies outside, though inside school is warm and vibrant. The children have completed their test and tasks this week, and then been focussed on their Design Technology projects – the school has been a hive of activity!

I would like to remind parents of children in Y1 to Y6 that next Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the school hall is the repeat meeting of that held in the Autumn to share log-ins to our on-line tracking system (FROG), used to assess the children's attainment and progress. If you were not able to join us in November then please do try to attend if you can. Your log-in allows you to see how your child is working against Key Performance Indicators, and therefore where you can support their learning.

If you already have your log-in please can I bring to your attention that at present the staff are progressively considering and inputting the most up-to-date data and so until 13th February the data is flexible. However after that date, please do check in advance of Parent Consultation Meetings after half term so that your conversation with your child's teacher is fully pre-informed.

Many of you will know that we are a school which strives to provide the best possible learning environment for all children – including those who are on the Autistic Spectrum. The outcomes and progress made by all children suggests that we are successful in this and we appreciate the advice and support we are given by external agencies. Therefore we have decided to take part in a fund-raising activity for the National Autistic Society during World Autism Awareness Week. This is very early notice for the very last day of the Spring Term (Friday April 5th) when the children are invited to dress in clothes of their favourite colour for a donation of £1 for this charity. We look forward to seeing a spectrum of colour in our classes.

On the 'About the Governing Body' page of our website is a brochure regarding the election of a new governor elected by the parents the closing date is given as the end of January. However in light of the problems with Joinos the Governing Board have asked me to let you know that nominations are welcomed any time up to half term. Please do take a moment to consider if you would like to become part of our Governing Board. Thank you.

Next Thursday is the PTA cake sale, the money they raise is much appreciated by the school and I am sure the cakes will be delicious. Also next week is our STEM week when the children will be taking part in a number of different activities. Do ask your child about what they have been learning, and please note you are cordially invited to pop in to school between 8:45am and 9:30am next Friday to look round the classrooms and the art room to see some of the work your children have completed over this half term.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Reminders

Monday—Thursday, Y5 Bikeability Training (remember warm clothes and a packed lunch on these days)

Monday, Y2 and Y3 Footsteps Training

Tuesday, Y4 Swimming (please remember your kit)

Wednesday, Y1-Y6, Frog Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall

Thursday, 3.15 - PTA Cake Sale

Friday, 8.45—9.30, All parents are invited to come into school to view the children's STEM and DT work including art and sculpture exhibitions

Y6 Leaver Hoodie Order Form has been uploaded to Joinos

Safeguarding Lead on duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

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Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn

Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

FEBRUARY HALF TERM COOKERY WORKSHOPS



Sign up for one of our exciting cookery workshops this February Half Term.

All ingredients, cooking equipment and packaging are included.

Please feel free to discuss with us any dietary or allergy requirements, as we'll always try our best to accommodate those who might require alternative ingredients.

NORTHHALL VILLAGE HALL

South End Lane, Northall, LU6 2EX

6-15 YEARS OLD

10:00 - 13:00

07887 576033

melindajohnston@smartraspberry.com

****£30 per child****

BOOK ONLINE www.smartraspberry.com

Bag2School - Dates for your Diary

Bag2School collection dates are - Friday, 8th March and Friday, 7th June.

Bags will be sent home with the children nearer the time.



PTA Cake Sale

The PTA will be holding a cake sale on Thursday, 14th February. All cake donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the School Office in the morning.

Many thanks



Book Fair: 4 March - 7th March 2019

Our selection of books this term will be from Travelling Books, which always provides an excellent range of reading material. Do take this opportunity to visit the Fair and stock up on your children's reading material either after school or during Parent Consultation Meetings.

Thank you again to all those parents who support the Book Fairs each term. Once again we will be providing an opportunity for parents to pay by phone in addition to cash (no cheques please, we are now a cheque book free school). As always, books which are received as commission will be added to either the Library stock or classroom collections. Children will be bringing home a Book Fair Leaflet which contains a selection of special offer books. Please see the website for Gift Vouchers <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books>. Each child will receive a World Book Day token after half term which can be used at the Book Fair if you wish.

We would be grateful, as usual, for help in supervising the Fair. If you are able to help for all or part of a session, please indicate on the attached slip, and return it to Mrs Dance (School Office) by 25th February 2019.

BOOK FAIR – Spring 2019

To: Mrs Dance, School Office

I am able to help at the undernoted Book Fair sessions.

Name: Tel No:

Name of Child: Year:

	04.03	05.03	06.03	07.03
2.00pm - 3.00pm	XXX		XXX	XXX
3.15pm - 3.45pm				
3.30pm - 5.30pm	XXX		XXX	XXX
6.00pm - 8.00pm	XXX	XXX	XXX	