



Friday, 15 February 2019

Head Teacher's Remarks

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noon

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It seems slightly incredulous that we have reached half term already. I am so sorry that I was called to a meeting this morning, and so could not share with you all the exhibitions at which the children showcased their recent learning. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to attend, and I am confident that those of you who were able to visit will have found them interesting and informative.

You may have noticed that the contractors have already started work on the pond renovation. We are so grateful to the PTA who have funded this work for the school. The old pond liner had degraded, the walkway deteriorated, and the surrounding area had become so overgrown that it was no longer safe for the children to use. By Easter we will have a completely refurbished pond area, and we are looking forward to everyone being able to use it to support the learning. Our thanks to the PTA and to all parents who support the events they organise – the cake sale yesterday was a great success with some beautiful and delicious cakes! They have also been able to donate a sum of money to each class teacher for year group specific learning resources. Thank you everyone.

You may be aware from the village Facebook page that a temporary weight restriction has been placed on the bridge at Ivinghoe. This means that it is suggested that lorries are rerouted through Cheddington High Street. We are extremely concerned about this as these heavy vehicles will not only be crossing Station Road bridge and that at Cook's Wharf, but also will be passing in front of the school on a daily basis. We will be making representation about this matter, but thought that you as parents may also like to express concern, especially as so many of the children 'de-camp' to the park after school. The more people who raise this matter hopefully the more the Council will realise the implications of this restriction. I understand that Mr Kennedy, Marsworth Councillor, has agreed to support the village with this. His e-mail contact details are R.kennedy@btinternet.com.

As you will see later in the newsletter not long after half term we have World Book Day and our Parent Consultation Meetings. Bookings for the meetings will open on the VLE at 8:00am on Monday 18th February. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress your children are making, and how we can work together to help them. The Governors will be serving tea and coffee; the Book Fair will be open; and the PTA will be present with second hand uniform and the Y6 leavers' hoodies will be available for parents to see. (World Book Day dress for parents is optional!) We hope that those parents who have been able to attend the FROG meetings so far will find it most useful and informative for the discussion with the class teacher.

Over the half term work begins on the refurbishment of the music room. This will be a project over the coming weeks to create an additional learning space to benefit the children. Hopefully it will cause the minimum disruption for a wonderful outcome.

May I remind all parents of children in KS1 that if you know that your child will not be in school to take up their hot lunch, please could you cancel it by the Wednesday of the week prior to the absence if at all possible, as the school is charged for meals booked and not taken by the younger children. Thank you.

We have noted that a large number of the younger children struggle to eat a reasonable lunch as they have had their fruit snack and then a break-time snack from home too. In light of the current Government rulings on schools to promote health and well-being in all children, we are proposing to trial next half term that the younger children do not bring a snack from home. Fruit is provided for YR, Y1 and Y2 children daily and we welcome your support in this matter. If your child medically requires additional food, then please speak with us; otherwise we hope that you will welcome one less thing to remember each day for school. Thank you. We have also been able to arrange that milk for those children who chose to have it, will be delivered in large containers and served in special beakers. As an eco-school this cuts down on our plastic waste.

I do hope your children enjoy their break next week – they are tired having worked so hard this half term. I am sure they will return on Monday 25th February refreshed and raring to go!

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Reminders - Week commencing 25th February

Monday - new e-Schools messaging system re letter sent to all parents on 8th February.

Friday - garden work afternoon. 2-3.15pm.

Reminders - Week commencing 4th March

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March - Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday, 7th March - World Book Day

Friday, 8th March - Bag2School Collection

Safeguarding Lead on duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

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Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn

Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Frog Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Frog meeting on Wednesday night. We hope you found the information useful and that you find your access to Frog informative.

If you have still not managed to attend any of the two meetings, we advise that there will be a further meeting to be held during the day in the Summer term for parents who are unable to attend a meeting in the evening. Date and time to be advised. Please note that you will not be given your login details until you have attended a meeting which fully explains how the system works.

World Book Day - 7th March

The children are invited to bring their favourite book into school on World Book Day to share our love of reading. It would be welcomed if they wanted to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate the day.



Garden Work Afternoon - Friday, 1st March, 2-3.15pm

As the better weather is approaching it would be lovely for the children to fully enjoy the Sensory Garden again. If you are free on this afternoon, we would really appreciate any parents who are able to come along and help us tidy the Sensory Garden. No gardening experience needed!

Bag2School - Friday, 8th March

Can all collection bags please be at the back of the school by 9am on Friday, 8th March. Bags are being sent home today with the children. It is also worth noting black bin bags are also acceptable to be used.

