



Friday, 8 March 2019

Head Teacher's Remarks

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Letter from Chair of
Governors

We all enjoyed such a wonderful day yesterday celebrating World Book day. Almost all of the children and staff chose to come dressed as a character from a book they enjoy, and the children were so keen to share their favourite books with the staff and their friends. It was lovely to see the range of reading which the children enjoy, and to see them discovering new books to explore. KS2 also really enjoyed participating in the BBC live lesson during the afternoon.

The pond renovation is almost complete, and the frogs have already moved back in. We are most grateful to the PTA for raising the funds to return our pond to a wonderful learning space. Thank you to everyone who has supported the events they organise. I am sure that the children will enjoy using the area once the weather improves and the final pieces of paving and planting are completed.

We would also like to thank the PTA for giving each class teacher a donation to purchase something particular for their class's learning. The teachers are browsing the catalogues to choose the most exciting resources!

Work on the music room began at half term and the new flooring is now laid. We hope to move forward with the electrical work and decorating in the coming days before the final fit of the new wall and storage. We anticipate that this will be completed before Easter. It will create a super new instrumental learning space as well as a class space, so will enhance the music learning in the school.

Next Friday is Comic Relief – Red Nose Day. The School Council have decided that, as the national suggestion is wear red, they would like the school to come in anything but red for a donation. They will of course be welcome to sport their red nose, and we will have these on sale from Monday at a cost of £1.25. Please could we ask that, if possible, the children bring the correct money in an envelope. Thanks. Next Friday afternoon the Council have requested a staff v school quiz – I await the outcome with interest!

Thank you to KS1 parents for your co-operation with the trial regarding break-time snacks not being brought from home. The children are still having the fruit provided in school, and the mid-day supervisors have reported that the children are enjoying their lunch. It is good that there is less food wastage and that the children have room to savour their lunch. We do understand that some parents feel their children do need an additional snack and have explained that that is not a problem.

Please may I remind parents to order hot lunches online by Wednesday morning for the following week. Also, could I request that you do discuss the choices with your child. Some children tell us that they do not like the meal which has been ordered, which can pose a problem. It is always good to involve the children in their meal choice – even if they do tend to select their favourite option every day!

Music Evening has crept up on me rather unexpectedly as I have been dealing with a number of urgent issues over the past weeks. The children who expressed an interest in performing should have brought home a letter yesterday. I am so sorry that I made an error with the date of return. If you can get it back to me by Wednesday 12th that would be fantastic, but as long as I have it by Friday 15th that will be fine. We do know that those children who learned guitar will want to perform, but as we are still searching for a replacement teacher following Mrs Clarke's retirement, we know that they will only have a parental signature on their reply slip. I will hear the children perform their pieces on Monday 18th March in order to draw up the programme for the Thursday evening. Please could they bring their music and instruments into school on that day. Next Friday we will contact those parents whose children have asked to perform to enquire if you wish to attend so that we can send home 'tickets'. There is no charge for the Evening, though donations would be gratefully received to help improve the music provision in the school. As in previous years this is a cabaret style performance and you are cordially invited to bring drinks and nibbles to enjoy during the evening. Choir will be performing in addition to the individual and group pieces, and I am sure it will be a wonderful experience. Priority will be given to the parents of instrumental performers as we are limited to an audience size of 90.

We do understand that in this unpredictable winter weather the children do suffer from a range of minor ailments. However the school has to follow specific guidance regarding the administration of medicine. We are only allowed to have medication in school for a long term condition, such as asthma or eczema, or prescribed medication which has to be administered at least four times daily. The children must not have medication in their bags due to risk to others. All medication must be handed to the school office with the appropriate form, which can be found on the school website. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultation Meetings this week. I do hope you are now well informed of the progress your children have made, and their next steps. For those parents who do have access to FROG, I hope you found that information helpful in the discussion. We will run a further opportunity for parents to learn about our tracking system in the summer term for those of you who were not able to attend either of the meetings so far. Thank you to the Governors for making tea and coffee, and to Mrs Craft and her team for running the Book Fair.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Wednesday - no boys' football	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Friday - Red Nose Day	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
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MUSIC EVENING

Please note Music Evening Reply slips should be returned ideally by Wednesday, 12th March 2019.



Dear Parents

As Chair of the Governing Board I would like to encourage as many of the parents to complete the survey as is possible. The results come directly to the Governing Body and we use the results to help review and develop strategies with the school for its continual development. The survey results do make a difference.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes of your time to complete and you have the option to leave comments and suggestions at the end of the survey.

The link to the survey is bit.ly/ccsparentsurvey2019

Thank you

Dr Simon Aulton

Chair of the Governing Body