



### Head teachers update

#### School Plan focus

This week the teachers and I joined colleagues from other local schools for a maths moderation session at Steeple Morden school. A moderation session focuses on the children's work and enables teachers to share expertise about the age-related expectations and discuss how these relate to the work that they can see in the books. It was a very useful opportunity to share expertise in this way.

#### New fence

The new perimeter fence is due to be replaced very soon and work may start as soon as the 11<sup>th</sup> February. More details to follow.

#### Volunteer Helpers

With such a small number of adults here, I really appreciate the additional positive adult role models of the volunteers that are helping us. We would love to increase the number of volunteers and specifically we are asking for extra help with reading and helping the children learn new activities and games at lunchtimes. If you or your family have any spare time, we would love to talk to you about being regularly involved. Please do contact the office to inform us of your availability and interest.

#### Food Tasting

Our caterers are inviting parents to a taster session next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm. A new choice of menu with healthier options is planned. Please do come along and taste the food for yourself.

#### Attendance

This week's school attendance is **91.56%**. Please see the attached letter circulated this week, and note that the expected national target is 96%. We do appreciate you helping your child to have a high attendance.

#### Winter Weather

During this time we are reviewing the road conditions each day. We will continue to post any messages on the web site on the home page news item.



Thank you to so many parents for providing wellington boots. This has enabled many of the children to get out and have fun in the snow. PreSchool were busy making this lovely snowman today.

Jeremy Fisher

### Class 1

We are inviting Year 2 parents, Class 1 on Wednesday 8.30am, to learn information about SATS (KS1) in May.

### Class 2 & 3



We had a real life adventurer at school to tell us about his expeditions - Galapagos, Andes, Amazon & Ecuador. We then learnt how to use a compass and did our own exploration orienteering.

Last Friday, Class 3 had another adventurer visiting from Botswana. He talked to the class about wildlife conservation, stereotypes of Africa as well as the current political system.

## Cool School Club



This week the children have been 'designing a room', cutting out pictures of sofas, curtains, coffee tables, beds etc. and sticking them into a box. Very creative! The children have enjoyed the snow outside too. Next week, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, the 'Year of the Pig'.

### KAPLA Club

We have been introduced to a creative wooden construction blocks toy called KAPLA. Details on attached flyer. If children are interested in attending a one-off club session for this please inform the office and we could possibly arrange.

With thanks from Helen and all the Club staff.



### Valentine's Day

We will be having a pop up cake stall on Thursday 14th February from 3pm in the bike shed. Please let us know if you're able to donate any cakes (baked or bought) and remember to bring some money on the day to buy a delicious treat for that special person, or yourself!!

### World Book Day!

We will be celebrating on Thursday 7th March by inviting the children to bring their favourite bedtime story and come dressed in their pyjamas/onesies/comfy clothes for the day (£1 donation). There will also be a pop up book and cake stall in the bike shed from 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED; if you have any children's books in good condition that you no longer want please hand them into the office - thank you in advance!

### Garden Tidy Weekend

We are holding a 'tidy up' weekend on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March from 10am on both days with the hope of getting the garden ready for the children to start using after the Easter break. Please let the office know if you can attend and please extend the invite to anyone who may be free on the day to enjoy a bit of weeding - children are very welcome!

### Gardening Club

Gardening Club will be starting up again on Monday 29th April and will run every Monday, 3.15-4.30pm until the summer holidays at a cost of £1 per session. In order to run the club we need a rota of volunteer's to

assist the person running it. No gardening knowledge or experience is required and your child can attend the session you help at for free. Sadly the club will not be able to run without this support so please sign up via the office - it'll be fun!

**Mother's Day** - More info to follow

**Easter Event** - More info to follow



### Outdoor Boots

Please remember to keep a pair of wellington boots at school for outdoor play on the muddy playing field, bring PE kit for the week, and a water bottle every day.

### BMX Academy

A former world master BMX half-pipe champion will be visiting us next Friday to give a demonstration in Assembly, as well as a growth mind-set workshop with Class 3.

## Classroom Awards: Stars of the week



	Progress	Conduct & Values
PreSchool	Peggy	Ronnie
Class 1	Esther & Mary	Elsa & Ellie B
Class 2	Amelië & Andrew	Abbie & Matteo
Class 3	Isobel & Hannah	Emma & Fred



### Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

Class 1	Toby
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Class 2	Jake
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Class 3	Fred
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### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Praying for people around the world

### Thought for the week

"I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world."

Socrates

Diary Updates and Reminders	
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Wed) 8.30am	Year 2 SATs information
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Fri)	BMX Academy
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Mon) 3.15pm	Year 6 SATs information
15 February (Friday)	'Home Start' charity - Dress Down Day
18 - 26 February	Half-Term Break
25 February (Monday)	School Closed - Staff Inset
5 April (Friday)	End of Term - 1.45pm
23 April (Tuesday)	Summer Term Begins
27 May - 4 June (Tues)	Half-Term Break
3 June (Monday)	School Closed - Staff Inset
24 July (Wed)	End of Term - 1.45pm

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