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Early March Newsletter!

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Dear Parents

During this Spring Term, I am amazed at just how many activities are going on around our school. Class 3 pupils have been busy learning about, and making, wonderful foil robots, which they have embellished beautifully; you can see them on display in the Library. Class 1 are busy making masks and learning their "parts" so that they can put on a show for Class 2 pupils, based on the *Smartest Giant in Town* story book. Nursery children have turned their attention to "the outdoors". They have an in-class (luxury!) "Spider home" and a frog-spawn tank which they are monitoring for any developments! Classroom 2 is full of huge twisty word trees and colourful Kandinsky circles.



Please find some other updates below:

Staff Update

After almost 12 years at the school, Mrs Rowe has decided to retire in July. We are now actively seeking to recruit a new secretary/finance officer/clerk to take over in September. To ensure continuity, there will be a hand-over period during July. We will update you in due course. Owing to a change in hours by our Caretaker/Cleaner Mr Newton, we welcome Mrs Netty Eckhardt to our premises cleaning team. Mrs Eckhardt is a familiar face around the school as she is also part of the Lunchtime Supervisory team.

Goodbye



Governor Updates

I am delighted to announce the result of our late February Parent Governor Election. Mrs Sue Lambert has been appointed as our new parent governor. Many of you will already know Mrs Lambert as a parent-volunteer at our school. Mrs Lambert's business and management abilities will also further enhance the skills of our governing body. Rev Bill Lemmey is currently completing the application process for candidates for our (2) current Foundation vacancies. I must also tell you that after serving as a governor for over 7 years, Mr Rowe will be stepping down in July. Another Foundation governor will be appointed in September. Mr Rowe has served as Chair of our Finance Committee since 2011 and I would like to sincerely thank him for all of his hard work and support.



School Trips & Experiences



Charity News

Children in Need – our final fundraising total was:

£234.10

Thank you everyone

Book Week

This year our school incorporated *World Book Day* into an entire Book Week! On Wednesday 1st March our classrooms were filled with a huge variety of literary characters. There were dinosaurs, witches, wizards, pirates, princesses, Vikings, giants and super heroes. Little Red Riding Hood and “Wally” also came along. Amazingly they all got along! I would like to thank all of the classroom staff who dressed up and took part, particularly Mrs Burt who organised the programme for the day. I would like to also thank Mrs Lucinda Allenby for continuing to voluntarily run our library so efficiently. We all felt that Book Week was a fun way of further encouraging our pupils’ love of reading.

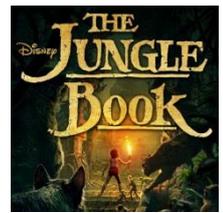
Bristol 2017

In late January our Year 3s went on their urban residential in Bristol. I would like to thank all of the children whose behaviour, as expected, was impeccable; **every child** was an excellent ambassador for our school. The packed visit schedule included a trip to the *Bristol Science Museum*, watching *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* at the Hippodrome, a boat tour of the harbour, a visit to the *Clifton Suspension Bridge* and also some time aboard the *SS Great Britain*. Thank you to everyone who worked so very hard to make this trip a success. Also, thank you to the many parents who made highly positive comments about our “Bristol Trip” exhibition which was displayed in the foyer recently.



Jungle Book – The Musical

On 7th March, Class 3 children took part in the Exmoor Coast Federation Musical – Jungle Book. The children spent many hours learning all of the songs and thoroughly enjoyed performing. Many parents have commented on how much they enjoyed the show – well done Class 3. I would like to thank Minehead Middle School for being such excellent hosts and providing a hot meal for us all before the evening performance.



Wells Cathedral

On 4th March our Year 4s went to Wells Cathedral for a Leavers’ Day. This was a very special day which included a moving service about pilgrimage and the children were asked to “take back all they had learned to their schools, homes and families”. The children also took part in craft, story and music workshops under the roof of this amazing Cathedral.



Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to all of those parents who filled out a Questionnaire for us at the recent Parent Evenings. We will be collating these soon and will then provide a summary of your views. If you missed this and would like to have your say there is still time to complete a questionnaire. Copies are available in the office.

Important Reminder

Car Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the principles of use relating to our car park. Any use of the car park is at the discretion of the governors and is not an automatic right - most schools either do not have a car park or do not allow parents on site.



- In order to improve the safety of the car park: (1) Please fill **all** empty spaces prior to double parking, as unnecessary double parking is reducing overall capacity when there are unused spaces. (2) If walking through the car park please consider using the churchyard and the Rose Gate an alternative and (3) If you need to get away quickly, we advise that you do not use the car park as you will inevitably be blocked in from time to time during drop-off/collection times.
- Please keep the staff bays clear in the mornings to allow support staff to be in school on time to assist your children at the start of the day.
- Priority in the car park must be given to school transport children and so the **school transport vehicle has priority rights of way at all times**
- No child is allowed in the car park unaccompanied and we request that adults **hold their children's hands**
- Parking on the zig-zags, double yellow lines and the disabled bay (where not entitled) is either dangerous (in the case of the zig-zags), illegal/inconsiderate to our neighbours/those who have a **genuine need for a disabled parking slot**.
- Can we also remind parents that the regime of operation relating to permit holder bays in Parsons Street **is not within our control**.
- Please ensure that **vehicle access** through the car park is maintained at **ALL TIMES** so that in the case of an emergency an ambulance, or fire engine, can access the school buildings.

We do appreciate how tricky drop off times can be, but this should never compromise the safety of our children, families and staff. I will continue to monitor the situation and I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Dental Checks – 5 Year Olds

Could we please remind any parents who have had a pink dental check form to return them to the office as soon as you can – even if you do not wish to consent. This year, dental checks are only for children who are 5 years old at the time of the dental visit (24th April) and so not all children have had forms.



Teacher-Led Clubs END on: Friday 24th March.
Hedgehogs will continue to run until the end of term and will begin again on Tuesday 18th April.

Chris Blazey – Head Teacher

Please find some Dates for Diaries below:

Dates for Diaries – 2016-2017 – Spring Term		
March		
Wednesday 15 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday 24 th March	Outreach Drop-in Session	Oak Wing 9-10 am
Friday 24th March	Teacher-Led Clubs Stop	School
Monday 27 th March	Easter Event	TBC
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service	2.15 pm - St Dubricius Church
End of Term – School Back on Tuesday 18th April		

