



March Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As the weather improves so does our school attendance figures, as we are hopefully over the worst of the winter coughs and colds. Please bring your child to school every day - children with regular school attendance make much more progress in their learning as they attend more lessons.

Please support school and get your child into good habits for life by bringing them to school on time every day. If your child should become ill during the day, we will ring you up and send them home. Parents are often surprised at how quickly a 'tummy ache' is forgotten about once children are busy learning and having fun in school. I hope that you have a very good Easter with your children and let's all keep our fingers crossed for some lovely spring weather so that the children can play out and enjoy some sunshine. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. I am here to help.

HEALTHY LIVING

Have you signed up to Change 4 Life? It is free and they send you games to play with your child, money off vouchers and healthy recipes. Their latest campaign is called sugar swaps. An app can be easily downloaded on to a device so you can scan the bar code to see how many sugar cubes the product contains. Have fun and try to make a few healthier swaps.

Did you know that a jar of Nutella contains 51 sugar cubes! **Please be reminded that no nuts or peanut butter are allowed in school.**

STRANGER DANGER

Now the evenings are getting lighter and children are out playing after school,

please make sure the children are cautious about strangers.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our Book Day was a great success and everyone enjoyed the day. The children's fantastic costumes looked great - the staff looked good too.

We have raised **£1018.65** in sponsor money. Thank you for your generous donations which will be spent on library books.

PARENT'S EVENINGS

We will be holding parent's evenings on the 22nd and 23rd March. Please ensure you have booked a slot with your child's class teacher.

SEAL THEME

Our theme for next half term is Relationships.

The children will:

- continue to explore the meaning of friendship and build social skills for turn taking and cooperation in learning and in play
- continue to develop their independence in school
- continue to practise good manners
- begin to adjust to different situations and adapting to changes of routines.

You can help your child by talking about new situations, how they feel when things seem strange and new and what we can do to manage our feelings

SUNSHINE

In the event that we have some sunshine, please remember to include a sun hat and to apply sun cream. Sun cream can be applied before school and sun hats can be left at school. Please make sure they are labelled though!



NEW CLASSROOMS

The school is getting tenders for the building work and already the teachers have chosen the colours of the new classrooms. We are all looking forward to autumn 2017 - when we will have six new classrooms!

EASTER BONNETS

Don't forget the Easter Bonnet parade (24th March) is in the last week of this term - we look forward to seeing the amazing hats that you produce every year!

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are still busy collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please don't forget to ask for your vouchers when you use the self-service tills too.

Our collection box is located in the main entrance area.

Thank you.

P.E. KITS

Reminder to please keep PE kits in school every day -especially now the weather should be improving! Children will be going outdoors for PE even more than in the previous two terms. Please make sure kits are in school every day (with your child's name on)

Much appreciated.

CHIOR

The choir will be performing to their parents on 22nd March at 2:50.

SWIMMING

We are unable to use the academy's swimming pool this year. We have investigated other pools, but as yet some are unsuitable while others are too costly - especially when factoring the cost of transport. I will keep you posted.

BENEFITS FOR PUPIL PREMIUM CHILDREN

If you are in receipt of the benefits listed below, your children are entitled to free school milk, free PE 'T' shirt and subsidised school trips during the time your child is at this school.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Should your circumstances change (e.g. return to work) your child will continue to receive free school milk, free PE 'T' shirt and subsidised school trips while at this school.

FOSPINS

Our friends have organised a cake sale and uniform sale before school on Thursday 24th March. Please bring in any cake donations or clean uniform by Wednesday 23rd March.

OPEN THE BOOK

May I say a big thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers who regularly come into school and take an assembly. The children really enjoy the stories re-told to them. Open the book volunteers have also arranged an 'Easter Experience', for our year 2 children, at St. Martin's church next week.

Jacqueline Bradford
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