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Newsletter No.7 - 5th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am feeling even more positive following our February newsletter and looking forward to welcoming everyone into school on Monday. It will be a so wonderful for us to be able to return to the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children and hearing about any little adventures they might have had whilst they've been at home.

Once again, I would like to recognise what a difficult time it has been for parents having to home school children and to thank you for the support you have given us by helping your child with the work that has been set. Over the next couple of weeks we will focus on settling the children back into their school routine and supporting them in whichever way they need. We will also assess any gaps in learning against our school curriculum and build upon their knowledge.

Over the next few weeks/months we will still unfortunately be unable to venture outside of school but we have organised a few other activities for the children to enjoy and enrich their learning. These include the Living Eggs Hatching programme, butterfly raising Easter online live panto (Cinderella) and we will be supporting Red Nose Day.

Thank you for all the great feedback you gave in our home learning/wellbeing survey. A summary of the feedback is enclosed at the end of the newsletter.

PE on a Tuesday and Additional PE Lessons

When we are all in school from Monday the children will have a PE lesson every Tuesday with Mr Clark. Please send your child(ren) to school in full PE kit. PE will be taught outside so please ensure they have sufficient clothing to keep them warm.

Teachers will be teaching an additional PE lesson on the set days below. Please send your child in to school in full PE kit on these days.

YR-Monday, Tuesday

Year 1-Tuesday, Thursday

Year 2-Tuesday, Wednesday

World Book Day

We celebrated WBD with lots of exciting activities that the children took part in at home and via our Zoom sessions this week. Everyone joined in the fun. Keep a look out for the photos on our website showing what we got up to.

World Book Day Tokens

A new single-use digital version is enclosed with this newsletter that can be printed at home or shown to booksellers on a phone or tablet screen. Please check with the retailer if they able to accept this option before your order/purchase. We will also be able to print tokens in school.

The £1 World Book Day books are on sale in the supermarkets and the token can be redeemed there. The Book House in Thame has not received the £1 books this year but they have said you can redeem the token in their shop against the purchase of a book of your choice. They reopen from 12th April, which is after the expiry of the token, but they will still accept it.



News, Views and Celebrations

Parent's Evening-Week Commencing 10th May

The next parent's meetings are usually scheduled for March however due to the fact the children have not been in school since December we are moving this to the week beginning May 10th when we have had a full half term in school and will have been able to assess the children and target next steps. Needless to say, that if we have any concerns or you feel you need to speak to your child's class teacher about their learning ahead of this date there will be opportunities to do so.

Chicks in School

We have organised the 10 day Living Eggs Hatching Programme for the start of the summer term. The eggs will be delivered on Monday 19th April and will remain in school for the children to watch their development and hatch through the incubator.

Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day and we will be supporting this worthy charity by inviting the children to come to school dressed as their superhero, or dressed in their own clothes if they prefer, as this will be a full mufti day. This will be in exchange for a £1 donation. One of the themes for Red Nose Day this year is Superheroes and the children will be making superhero masks during the day.

Home Learning/Wellbeing Parent Survey

Thank you for all of your great feedback and comments. We have summarised these into a report on our website. Click Here

Best wishes Lucy McNeil