



Newsletter no.7 – 1st March 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

School News

February has been a very busy month where we have been on trips and visitors coming into school; especially for our Wellbeing week. James the Explorer visited Y2 to talk to them about exploration, Y1 visited Oxford Castle, YR learnt about the Chinese New Year and creating the dragon new year dance to parade through the school. This week YR invited their parents in to their first Stay and Play, which was a great afternoon!

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who came along on the Y1 trip and for those who helped us during Wellbeing Week. We really appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed these events.

Take a look at the photos of all of these exciting activities on our website:

[YR Stay and Play](#)

[Y1 Oxford Castle Trip](#)

[Wellbeing Week](#)

[YR Chinese New Year](#)

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

This is a reminder that for World Book Day we have asked the children to **dress up** as one of their **favourite book characters**.

There will be a ‘Character Parade’ so the children all get the chance to show off their costumes. You can find brilliant costume ideas at <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> and on Pinterest; <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/eleanorrichards/world-book-day-ideas/?lp=true>.

Please don’t feel you have to spend lots of money, we love seeing creative, homemade costumes, and simple designs are often brilliant!

There will be a parade just after drop off on Thursday 7th March for the children to display their characters.

The children have brought home a £1 Book Token this week to exchange or spend in any book store. **The token can also be spent at our Travelling Book Fair during the week commencing 25th March.**

Diary Dates:

Mon 4th Mar—HASSP Rugby Event (Y2 only, details to follow); Parents’ Evening 3.30-7.00pm

Weds 6th Mar—Parent’s Evening 3.30-7.00pm

Thurs 7th Mar—World Book Day, Library Visits

Mon 11th—Fri 15th Mar—Science Week (details to follow)

Tues 12th Mar—Y1 Palaeontologist Visit

Weds 13th Mar—Science Oxford Workshop

Fri 15th Mar—Red Nose Day (crazy hair and mufti day)

Tues 19th Mar—Curriculum Governor Mtg

Weds 20th Mar—Formal Governing Body Mtg

Mon 25th—Fri 29th Mar—Travelling Book Fair

Weds 27th Mar—HASSP EYFS Multi Skills Event

Thurs 28th Mar—Y2 Claydon House Trip (details to follow)

Fri 29th Mar—Chocolate Mufti Day

Tues 2nd Apr—Y2 Forest Schools

Weds 3rd Apr—Y2 Stay and Play @ 2.15pm; Easter Assembly (children only)

Thurs 4th Apr—Easter Bonnet Parade @ 9.00am

Fri 5th Apr—Easter Egg Tombola; PTA Hot Dog Friday; **TERM ENDS**

Tues 23rd Apr - Inset Day

Weds 24th Apr—Term Begins; Y1 Forest Schools (details to follow)



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World Book Day—Readathon

We are asking the children to take part in the Read for Good Readathon and this week they brought home a Readathon Kit. We are hoping the readathon will encourage the children to read as much as possible whilst raising money for charity. Everyone can choose what they want to read from comics to classics - anything goes! Please ask friends and family to sponsor per book or per minute of reading. The sponsorship money will be sent to Read for Good, the charity provides a regular supply of brand new books along with storyteller visits to brighten up the days of children in all of the UK's main children's hospitals. Children unable to leave their beds can choose books from a specially designed mobile bookcase which wheels right up to their bedside. Because they are brand new, the books are safe for those at high risk of infection. It is a wonderful opportunity to think about helping others. Thank you.

James the Explorer

We were very lucky to have a return visit from James The Explorer in Year 2. It was very exciting and inspiring to hear about his past journeys around the world and also to find out about his forthcoming solo trip to the South Pole! The children in Year 2 are really enjoying learning about amazing explorers and meeting a real one has made them see, anything is possible!

Wellbeing Week, Monday 11th—Friday 15th February

During Wellbeing week the children took part in various activities to teach and equip them for life in their mental and physical lives. The children started the day with wake and shake each morning and we looked at the food we eat, cooking, art through music and the five ways of wellbeing. It was a fun and fully packed week. Please take a look at our photos on the website.

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and in support of this charity we are selling red noses in the school reception area. They are £1.25 each and all the proceeds go to Comic Relief. **Remember to buy yours before they sell out!**

On Red Nose Day we are asking the children to come to school with crazy hair in exchange for £1 for Comic Relief. This is also a full mufti day when the children wear their own clothes.

Easter Bonnet Parade—Thursday 4th April

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be on Thursday 4th April straight after drop off. The children come to school with their decorated Easter Bonnets and parade their designs to the parents. It is an opportunity for you to get creative with a decorated hat which can be made or bought.



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Lunchtime Club

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we will be introducing two lunchtime clubs after the Easter holiday. The lunchtime clubs will replace the Thursday Games Club which is after school. More details will follow.

French Club

This term French Club will be focussing on the Greetings, numbers, colours, seasons, valentines during their sessions with Mrs McDonald.

Safety Notice – Woodways Zebra Crossing

Now that the days are becoming brighter the sunshine can cause a glare for drivers on our roads. Please can we ask you to take extra care when crossing and walking by the roadside.

We have been made aware that drivers have experienced some pedestrians, and mainly the bigger people, not following the guidance for using a zebra crossing. Some grown ups have been seen walking off the pavement in a diagonal line to cross at the zebra crossing and do not seem to be looking properly before stepping into the road.

Our school staff car park is in constant use and we are aware that the entrance crosses the pavement where many people walk to school. Please take extra care when crossing the entrance to our school staff car park where vehicles are turning and crossing the pavement.

The Highway Code rules for when using any type of crossing you should:

- always check that the traffic has stopped before you start to cross or push a pram onto the crossing
- always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings, do not cross at the side of the crossing or on the zigzag lines, as it can be dangerous

You **MUST NOT** loiter on any type of crossing.

Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you cross. Vehicles will need more time when the road is slippery. Wait until traffic has stopped from both directions or the road is clear before crossing. Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing. Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.



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'Maths Puzzler' and 'Maths Surgery' - For Years 1 and 2

Here is our 'Maths Puzzler' page for this month that includes optional puzzles (not homework) for you to solve with your child.

We are holding a 'Maths Surgery' during every 'drop in' for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. This will give you the opportunity to ask class teachers questions or for support in maths areas or homework that your child has found tricky. The 'Maths Puzzler' will can also be found on our school website , [Maths Puzzler](#).

Our Learning Warriors this last month are:

Reception: Harry Woodcock, Harry Sanderson, Matha Wyatt, Tomas Poole, Tom Sadler, Grace Corbett.

Year 1: Gabriel Bewick, Ellie Abbott, Sophie Jinks, George Holmes, Lucy Ioannou, Ella Packham.

Year 2: Jonja Newson, Joe Kelloway, Fintan Barr, Roxann Edgar.



With best wishes,

Lucy McNeil