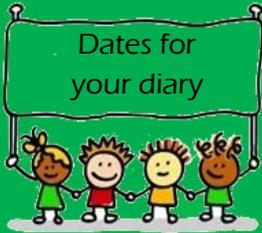




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Monday 24th Feb – Children return to school

Tuesday 25th Feb – Reception visits to the church

Wednesday 26th Feb – Yr 2 Workshop 9.30am

Y6 Take Over Day presentation to parents 2.15pm

Thursday 27th Feb – Yr 4 Greek Restaurant Trip

Friday 28th Feb - Year 4,5,6 Healthy Active Lifestyle Day

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day

Thurs 5th March – Yr 5 Trip Cadbury World

Thurs 5th March – Reception Library Visits

Fri 6th March – Year 1,2, 3 Healthy Active Lifestyle Day

Fri 13th March – Year 3 Assembly

Thurs 19th March – Y2 Trip to Compton Verney

Fri 20th March – Mother's day Assemblies
EYFS – 9am KS1 – 2.30pm



Congratulations



Congratulations to 'Mrs Long' and Mr Chapman on their marriage in February. We are sure you will join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Chapman all the best for their future lives together.



Winter Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those children who read more during the Winter Reading Challenge and to those who submitted competition entries. I enjoyed looking at all of these, especially where care had been taken over the presentation of their entry form and where photographs of reading in unusual places had been attached.

During two special assemblies for KS1 and KS2 on Friday 7th January, top prizes of £20.00 gift tokens were given to Arjan Panesar in Maple Class and to Jessica Kelly in Beech Class. Additional book prizes were awarded to Charlotte Kelly in Cherry Class, Kiranpreet Panesar in Sycamore Class and Pahul Singh Randhawa in Nursery.

As the class with the most entrants, Acer class was awarded with a new book for their class library - the delightful current best seller 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackery.

Children – please let me know if you would like me to organize more competitions.

Keep reading!! Mrs Quigley.





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Let your light shine!

We are delighted with how hard the children have worked to achieve the goals they set themselves at the start of the term. Lots of their successes were celebrated during this week's SHINE assemblies. After half term, whilst still building on Success, our new focus will be Happy (and Healthy).

Healthy Active Lifestyle Workshops are being delivered at school by RB Gym and Sport for Years 4,5, and 6 on the 28th February and for Year 1,2 and 3 on 6th March. Children will need their PE kit on those days. They will learn how to lead a healthy active lifestyle through a variety of activities, they will participate in a fitness circuit and will be introduced to healthy and unhealthy food choices.

Children will be encouraged to swap out certain food options for a healthier choice at dinnertimes/ lunch boxes once a week or more.

Teachers will aim to add 10 extra minutes of physical activity to the school day 3 times a day through a mile a day, chair aerobics, brain gym, outdoor learning and other practical elements to lessons. Classes will keep a scrap book of physical activity undertaken during the half term. Children will contribute to these, celebrating activities that they have done in and out of school. Children will be experiencing more active learning following the Muddy Puddle training. We are looking forward to planting trees in March thanks to the Woodland Trust.

The class, which can evidence the highest number of miles/circuits run, will receive an award during the SHINE assembly at the end of the term, and pupils will be chosen who have demonstrated a high or improved level of activity during the half term.

Mental health and happiness will be addressed for example during an assembly in March.

Do let us know of any ideas that you have to support our Happy and Healthy focus.



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We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 5th March when children can dress up as their favourite book character and bring in used books for a book swap.





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Class Noticeboard

Nursery	<p>We have had a great time in Nursery learning the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have enjoyed trying porridge, making story maps, putting things in order of size and using the role play area to act out the story. After half term our story will be 'The Three Little Pigs'. Have a lovely break and we look forward to another fabulous half term!</p>
Reception	<p>Next half term our topic will be 'Into the Woods'. We will be introducing the children to Non-Fiction texts by learning about the types of animals that live in the woods as well as having lots more fun reading Fiction texts with a woodland setting like 'The Gruffalo'!</p> <p>During our lessons, we will be spending a lot of time learning and exploring in the outdoor environment. Therefore, please ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat as well as a pair of wellies in school. We also ask that parents bring in a spare set of warm clothes (including socks!) just in case we have too much fun in the muddy puddles!</p> <p>Before we start our new learning experience, it would be fantastic if children have the opportunity to visit a woods! If you do have the opportunity to visit a woodland area over the February holiday, please bring any photographs you manage to take so your child can share their experiences with their peers.</p> <p>Home learning is very important and helps children progress even further. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day as well as completing an activity in their learning log once per week. Finally, please note that Reception P.E. sessions will continue to take place every Monday - please ensure your child has their kit in school.</p>
Year 1	<p>Year 1 have had a great week investigating Our school and the surrounding area. We even spoke to Mrs Chapman about the history of the school. She brought along a 1940's register, and some photos of the school from the 1970's. The children loved seeing them! In maths, we have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 50 and exploring the story of 'Oi Frog', focusing on rhyming words.</p> <p>There will be a letter going out in the next week regarding our trip for the next half term that will be at the Black County Living Museum.</p>
Year 2	<p>Year 2 have had an eventful half term learning about life in China in English and Topic and learning about multiplication, division and money in Maths. We would like to thank everyone who attended our Maths SAT workshop and our DT sewing workshop this half term. We would like to invite you to our Reading SAT workshop on Wednesday 26th February at 9:30am. We will be sharing information about the Reading Paper the children will sit in May, and give you the opportunity to work with your child to have a go at past questions.</p>



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Year 3	<p>Year 3 really enjoyed our first outdoor learning session last week. We had fun collecting natural materials to make volcanoes and then we wrote our poems on the playground. We are planning to include lots more outdoor sessions so children will need wellies. We are now coming to the end of our Reggae module in music. We have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the legends of reggae music, including Bob Marley, and are looking forward to performing for you in our year group assembly on Friday 13th March – hope to see you there!</p>
Year 4	<p>What a brilliant half term we've had in Year 4. In English we have been enjoying learning about legends, and have worked hard to create some fantastic legends of our own. Next half term we will be learning about instructions and recipes and using these to create some European food.</p> <p>In Maths this term we have started to look at fractions. Fractions are quite a difficult concept for many children so to support your child any opportunity to use fractions will support them currently and for any ongoing activities they will be taking part in. Also the timetables assessments are getting every closer so as with fractions any opportunity to practice will benefit their progression.</p> <p>Please remember our trip to the Greek Restaurant is on Thursday 27th February. Details can be found on Parentpay. Have a lovely half-term break.</p>
Year 5	<p>Dear Parents, the children have been working really hard this term. In Maths they have been learning about fractions and in English we have been working on persuasive text. Please talk to your child about their learning and ask them to tell you something that they have learnt. Just a reminder that we are going to Cadbury World on Thursday 5th March, please pay via parent pay.</p> <p>The first bikeability session is on Tuesday 24th March. If your child has signed up for this they will need to bring in their bikes on this day and it must go home with them at the end of the day. Thank you for your support, year 5 staff.</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have had a great few weeks this half-term. Many of the children attended the mosque to improve their understanding of different religions. They also took part in takeover day and explored the roles of the staff in school. It was a bit of an eye opener for both them and the staff! With SATs looming, we'd like to say a massive thank you to those parents who have attended the recent workshops. Many of the children are really trying their hardest in preparation for the tests in May. All that we ask in that they do their best and try their hardest. Have a great half-term.</p> <p>Thanks, Year 6 staff</p>



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Focus Provision

In Focus Provision this half term our focus across the curriculum is animals that live in the forest. There will be a focus on one animal per week. Week one and three will be the fox, week two and four will be the woodpecker and week three and six will be about caterpillars/butterflies. The children will be exploring and researching each animal and their habitats.

Throughout English we will be looking at a character a week from a book. The books we will be reading are Foxes – 'Fox's socks', 'That's not my fox' and 'The fox in the dark'. Woodpecker – 'Peck, Peck, Peck'. Caterpillar – 'The hungry caterpillar'. In Maths we will be focusing on measurement - length, height volume and weight. Friday will continue to be our life skills day, with our cooking focus still being chocolate. Hope you enjoy your treats if they make it home.

Special Needs Meetings

I will be holding SEN parent meetings on the 4th and 5th of March. You should receive a request to book an appointment to see me after the half term holidays. If you do not receive this request please pop into the office to make an appointment. I would really like to see as many parents as possible as it is vital to your child's progress that we can talk about the progress they have made.

I look forward to seeing you soon

Mrs Parkes, SENCo