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Newsletter – March 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to Poppy Class - they have won the attendance award for February with 97.9%. Also well done to Oak Class for winning the attendance award for the last half term with 98%.

Fairtrade Assembly - Tuesday 6th March

Just a reminder that parents of children in Year 1 and 2 are invited to an assembly on Tuesday 6th March at 9.05 am to find out more about fairtrade products. Dan from our local co-op will also be coming in as part of the assembly. If you would like to attend, please could you collect a ticket from the office. Thank you.



Mrs Sugden would like to thank everyone for their support in sending the children in with examples of Fairtrade packaging so that we can create a display in the hall.

Year 1 Grand Designs Project

Year 1 parents are invited to join the children for a special assembly at 2.30 pm on Thursday 8th March where the winners of the best shoebox rooms will be announced.

Year 1 Concerts

Tickets will be available for these concerts from the class teachers on Tuesday 6th March. There will be a total of 2 tickets available per child. Please note that pre-school children will only be admitted to the 2.15 p.m. performance on Wednesday 21st March. Thank you.

Sport Relief Day - Friday 23rd March

We would like the children to come dressed either in sporty clothes (or non-school uniform) on Friday 23rd March and to bring in a small donation towards Sport Relief.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be on 28th March. The Easter Bunny helpers will be hiding maths clues around the grounds and the children will be rewarded with a small Easter Egg when they complete the puzzle. We should be grateful if you could donate a couple of Cadbury's crème egg size eggs (not Kinder Surprise please) for this activity. Thank you.



SATs Testing

During the first half of the Summer Term, all Year 2 children will be taking the end of Key Stage 1 tests. This comprises of two reading papers and two maths papers. Examples of last year's papers can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>. In school we do not tell the children that they are taking these tests and make them part of our everyday work.

We would appreciate all Year 2 children being in school for this very important half term after the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Phonics Testing

The Year 2 children who need to re-take this test, and all the Year 1 children will be taking their Phonics test in the week commencing 11th June so, again, it is vital that all the children are in school at this time. Thank you.

Thank You!

The staff and children would like to say a very big thank you to the PTA for raising funds to purchase a number of new reading scheme books for the library. Our old reading books will be going out to a school in Sierra Leone with a charity called Education West Africa. They will be coming to speak to the children in an assembly after Easter. Some books are also going to an orphanage in Kenya.

Working with Others (WVO)

Thank you to all the families who took part in our 'Great Family Skill Swap' home challenge over half term. It has been great to see children learning new skills from family members including sewing, fishing, cooking, skateboarding and welding! These children will be awarded a special certificate for their hard work and great use of WVO skills. Well done to all! Our current WVO focus is 'Communication: taking turns talking'. We are learning to listen to others carefully and join in conversations without interrupting!



School Grounds

Unfortunately, during half term and over last weekend, we have had mindless damage in our

reception outside area. The children had planted up some tyres and came in on Monday to find that the plants had been thrown around and all the soil emptied out. During half term the sand pit cover and mud kitchen were also vandalised.

We have reported this anti-social behaviour to the Police and are very saddened that our children's equipment has been broken. Mr Charlton, our caretaker, is undertaking repairs.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
Creative Week & Book Week	26 th February - 2nd March	
Fairtrade fortnight	26 th February - 9 th March	
Year 1 Cake Sale (postponed)	Friday 2 nd March	3.00 pm
Fairtrade Assembly (for Year 1 & 2 parents)	Tuesday 6 th March	9.05 am
Year 1 Assembly re shoebox competition	Thursday 8th March	2.30 pm
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 9 th March	7.30 pm
The Big Sing	Thursday 15 th March	
Year 1 concert for parents	Wednesday 21 st March	2:15 pm
Year 1 concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 22 nd March	9:15 am
Red Nose Day	Friday 23 rd March	
Reception Trip to Gaston Farm, Slindon	Monday 26 th March	All day
Working with Others Spring Event and Easter Egg Hunt	Wednesday 28 th March	9.30 am
Easter holidays	30 th March - 13 th April (not the 29 th March as shown in previous newsletters)	
PTA Bunny Bounce	Wednesday 18 th April	All morning
Year 1 visit to Amberley Museum	Thursday 19 th April	All day
Dance House Festival	Tuesday 24 th April	
Year 2 Infant Agility at the Arena	Friday 27 th April	All morning
Reception Huff & Puff launch	Thursday 3 rd May	2.30 pm
Year 2 Cake Sale	Friday 4 th May	3.00 pm
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 7 th May	
Walk to School Week	14 th - 18 th May	
Class photos	Wednesday 16 th May	All morning
Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 18th May	3.00 pm
Half term	28 th May - 1st June	
INSET Day	Monday 4 th June	
Maths & School Grounds week	5 th - 8 th June	
Phonics testing week	11 th - 15 th June	
Reception Celebration Assembly for parents	Wednesday 13 th June	2:15 pm
Reception Celebration Assembly for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 14 th June	9:15 am
Year 1 Summer Sports at the Arena	Friday 15 th June	All morning
Year 1 visit to St Thomas A Becket Church	Monday 18 th June	9.00 am
Reception Huff & Puff day	Monday 18 th June	All day
Reception Sports morning	Thursday 21 st June	9.15 am
Year 1 Sports afternoon	Thursday 21 st June	1.15 pm
Year 2 Sports morning	Friday 22 nd June	9.15 am
National Sports Week	25 th - 29 th June	
Reserve Reception Sports morning	Thursday 28 th June	9.15 am
Reserve Year 1 Sports afternoon	Thursday 28 th June	1.15 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports morning	Friday 29 th June	9.15 am

PTA Summer Fair	Friday 29 th June	5.00 - 7.00 pm
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Monday 2 nd July	9.00 am
Transition Day	Wednesday 4 th July	
Reports to be sent home	Friday 6 th July	
Thank you Assembly KS1 for invited parent helpers	Tuesday 10 th July	9:10 am
Thank you Assembly Reception for invited parent helpers	Tuesday 10 th July	2:30 pm
Year Two Concert for parents	Wednesday 11 th July	2:15 - 2.55 pm
Year Two Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 12 th July	9.10 - 9.50 am
Open afternoon	Wednesday 18 th July	2:15 pm
PTA Year 2 leaver's disco	Thursday 12 th July (please note revised date)	
Outdoor Playday	Thursday 19 th July	all day
Last day of term	Friday 20 th July	
Inset Days	Monday 23 rd July Tuesday 24 th July	