



# Newsletter

## Spring Term

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**11th February 2022**



Dear Parent / Carer

We have come to the end of another very busy half term and it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying so much learning both inside the classroom and beyond.

Although we still have restrictions in place, it has been lovely to start to welcome visitors back into school.



Teaching Talons visited Reception this week and the children said "we met a Madagascan cockroach, a giant African snail, an owl called Pigwidgeon, a bearded dragon lizard, two guinea pigs - Radish and Spike and a dog called Chip. We had the opportunity to stroke and feed some of the animals. The cockroach felt like a conker shell and the lizard was quite soft. The guinea pigs loved parsley and it was funny watching them have a tug of war with some. We all loved Chip and he did some amazing tricks."



The sponsored KS2 Forest School skills day raised over £800 which was absolutely amazing -thank you! This will help to support funding towards trips and visitors which further enhance the learning opportunities for the children.

Year 5 have completed their swimming sessions and most have become more confident swimmers. Year 4 are now looking forward to their sessions after half term. We are also delighted to have the peripatetic music teacher, Will, back in school and teaching some children guitar, violin, ukulele, recorder or piano.

We have acknowledged Children's Mental Health Week this week with a range of activities for all year groups to support emotional well-being and build resilience. I have seen children completing their daily mile around the school grounds, enjoying lots of outdoor learning and mindfulness activities as well as identifying positive attributes about their friends and staff.

After the half term break, we would like to amend our arrangements for collection of your children at the end of the day. Staff will unlock the gates at the same designated times for you to collect your children from the outside door of their classroom. Please continue to bring your child to the usual gate each morning where staff will be ready to meet and greet them at the start of the day. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and is allowed to leave school on their own, please ensure that you have completed a consent form which is available from the office.

As you know, we don't allow dogs on our school grounds (apart from assistance dogs and Frank, our reading dog), however we appreciate that lots of you walk your dogs to drop your children off. Following some reports from concerned parents, could you please ensure that your dogs are on a lead and carefully controlled at the school gates, thank you.

Our PTFA is working hard in the background and we are looking forward to some of their exciting events in the near future, look out for further information to follow. If anyone has a contact or link with a printing company, could you please contact Miss Grey with their details. Many thanks.

I hope that you all enjoy a healthy and restful half term with your families.

Mrs Headland

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### Diary Dates

- 14th February— Half term
- 21st February— Return to school
- W/C 21st February—Pre-school parent consultations
- 25th February—Preschool session request forms deadline.
- 23rd February—Historical Workshop (Yr5 only)
- 23rd & 24th February—Parent Consultations (Wagtails, Woodpeckers and Kestrels only).
- 24th February—Year 4 swimming lessons commence.



### Attendance

A big well done to class Eagles this week with 99.3% attendance and Eagles again last week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 95.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



### HCL

School lunches are now available to book on School Grid for the whole of the next half term up to the Easter holidays.

**We are still finding that some Parents / Carers are not ordering their child's lunch in advance. Please can we ask you to pre-order all your children's meals in advance via School Grid.**



### Parent Consultations.

We would like to thank those parents for their patience whose consultations had to be postponed this week due to COVID-19. We are pleased to be able to reschedule them for 23rd and 24th February and your previously booked day and time will remain.

Those classes affected are Wagtails, Woodpeckers and Kestrels



Tymon requested a slot in the newsletter to mention the RE they have been learning in Year 3, he had really enjoyed the topic and wanted to share:

*In R.E lately we've been learning about the Holy Trinity which is God formed from 3 things: God the father, God the son and God the holy spirit.*

*God the father is the father of everyone as also the creator of the universe.*

*God the son is Jesus and has been incarnated for a long time.*

*God the holy spirit can take any form.*

*We were doing lots of activities including drawing our own symbols.*

*It is really interesting!*

### Medicines in school

Please do not send any non prescribed medicines direct with your child into school i.e. cough sweets, pain relief (Calpol), cold remedies etc. We can only have and administer **prescribed medicines where the dose is 4 times a day in school.** Children are not permitted to bring in any medicines in school without a signed Parental consent form

### Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am.** There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. If your child is absent for 3day or more, medical evidence may be requested.

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