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### Newsletter

# Spring term

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17th March 2023



#### Dear Parents / Carers

Last week was Science week and the children marked the occasion with a challenge day on Friday with a focus on 'connections'. It was amazing to see all the different ways children created designs using different ways to join a variety of materials. K52 classes worked collaboratively to create a huge marble run around the central area of the pavilion. Representatives from each year group shared their learning in our celebration assembly, demonstrating joins and explaining the scientific concepts behind their creations. Well done!

Our School Council arranged the fundraising activities for Red Nose Day today including guessing the number of sweets in the jar, a fabulous cake sale and paying to come to school in brightly coloured clothes. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed-we raised £485 for this really worthwhile charity.

I know that several families are requesting leave of absence for their children in the forthcoming weeks, some of these are unavoidable however, could I please ask you to avoid these requests for the month of May

We would like to thank you for your messages of support following the release of our Ofsted report, they have been much appreciated. We will continue to keep you updated with our actions to address the areas for development.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Headland

#### Sponsored Book Read

Please could we remind everyone that the deadline to return any sponsored book read money is this Mon 20th March.



#### Diary Dates

27th March—Yr4 Trip to Verulamium Museum 27th March—Yr1 Great Fire of London Workshop 27th March—Outdoor Learning Week (History based)

28th March—SEND Coffee Morning 29th March—YrR to Woburn Safari Park 30th March—Yr5 Historic Workshop—Victorians 31st March—Forest School Ambassadors Fund raising events.

31st March—End of Term 17th April—Teacher training day 18th April—Return to school 24th April—Ninja Academy begins



#### **Attendance**

A big well done to Eagles class this week with 96.7% attendance and Ospreys last week with 97.4%. The whole school attendance is 93.8% but we are aiming for 98%!

#### Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from public health, until the end of this term any child who may have been sick

and/or had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode. We will review this after Easter.

Can we also remind you that if your child has chickenpox that they can return to school once the last spot has scabbed over.

We would also appreciate for our records that a confirmation of any doctor's appointment,

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office@cottor

hospital appointment, any medicine prescribed or even a picture of spots (face doesn't have to be visible) is sent over to:

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Thank you.

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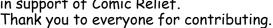
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#### Comic Relief

The children have had an amazing day today in their brightly coloured mufti clothing in support of Comic Relief.



We raised an outstanding £485.00 and we would like 11. to say a huge thank you to every parent and child who went to the trouble and expense of donating.

The winner of the "quess the number of sweets in the jar" competition was Miss Coe from preschool and she got to keep the whole jar!!!



All money raised will be split equally between the Comic Relief appeal and our school.

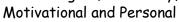
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Thank you for your continued support

#### Ninja Academy

We are delighted to see the return of our Ninja Academy next term. This is a brand new Fun & Enjoyable non-fighting martial art concept of embedding PE, Reactivity,



Development skills to help to become like a Ninja.

The cost per child is £4.50 per session, which will need to be paid half termly and are delivered by fully trained DBS checked coaches.

Ninja Academy starts Monday 24th April 2023 3:30-4:30pm. (Last session 22nd May 2023, Total of

3 sessions, due to bank holidays)



If you are interested in booking a place, please send your enquiry to:

atskcoaching@gmail.com

#### Forest School Ambassadors—31st March 2023

Our Forest School Ambassadors have been very I busy this week thinking of ways to raise money in order to help fund a Forest School Flag and on Friday 31st March will be organising the following events:-

- Guess how many mini eggs are in the jar.
- 12. Guess the name of the bunny.
- **11**3. Pin the carrot on the bunny's mouth.
  - Easter Hat Competition.

They will also be holding two raffles. One to win an Easter hamper and a separate one to win an Easter Egg (one winner per class).

Finally they will be hosting an Easter

Quiz.

this cause.

Every item will be 50p per go and we really hope you can support



#### SEND Coffee Morning.

We hope those who attended our recent Coffee Mornings hosted by Mrs Chesters-Lewis this term felt I they benefitted from the support and used the opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have had.



Due to it's success, on Tuesday 28th March Mrs Chesters-Lewis will be hosting the same opportunity for parents throughout the whole

school for those who have SEND needs and / enquiries.

Please feel free to pop along between 9am and 10am

We hope to see you there.



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