



Newsletter



Spring term

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3rd March 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

As you know, we work hard to promote a real love of reading at this school, therefore we go beyond World Book Day and plan reading related activities for the whole week. It has been very exciting for the children who have enjoyed a book hunt, a sponsored read and some have created their own books as well as celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as book characters on Thursday. The range of outfits that we saw across the school was amazing!

The Scholastic book fair was well attended and many of you purchased new books for your children to enjoy. This helps to raise valuable funds for school with the commission earned, enabling us to invest in new books for school. Thank you!

The cakes for the competition were absolutely fabulous, we have some talented bakers amongst us! Mrs Thacker, our Chair of Governors had the unenviable task of judging the cake designs; she was very impressed with the calibre of all of the entries and found it difficult to choose.

It was a pleasure to see so many Grandparents come into school on Wednesday to hear the children read, thank you for taking the time to support us with that.



Year 2 classes of Woodpeckers and Skylarks ventured out to Rockingham Castle on Thursday to explore how Kings and Queens lived in the past. They proudly shared their experiences in assembly today -well done!!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parent consultations sessions next week; please make sure you have booked a slot to meet the teachers.

You may be aware that there are two further days planned for industrial action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 1st. We support teachers who choose to take strike action and would like to give you notice that, due to staffing issues, year 1 and 2 classes may not be able to open on those days except for vulnerable children and those with Education and Health Care Plans. Please be prepared to make alternative arrangements for your children on those days. We will, of course, keep you updated with any changes.
Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

7th March—Height & Weight Measurement (YrR)
8th March—Coffee Morning KS1 & Early Years
8th March—Parent Consultation YrR—Yr6 1.30-7pm
9th March—Parent Consultation YrR—Yr6 8.30-11.15am
w/c 13th March—Parent Consultation Preschool
27th March—Yr4 Trip to Verulamium Museum
27th March—Yr1 Great Fire of London Workshop
29th March—YrR to Woburn Safari Park
31st March—End of Term
17th April—Teacher training day
18th April—Return to school

Important Information

Attendance

A big well done to Kestrels class this week with 97.7% attendance and Kingfishers last week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 94.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



Bring and Buy Book Sale

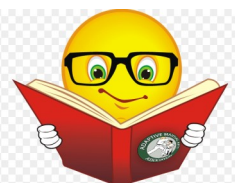
BOOK SALE!



Our bring and buy book sale was a huge success. We managed to raise an impressive £133 so thank you to everyone who took part.

Sponsored Book Read

Reception - Year 6 parents - Thank you for returning your yellow sponsored read event forms and white sponsor forms today. The sponsor form will now be returned back to you and we ask that all monies are collected and brought into the office by Friday 17th March.



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Scholastics Book Fair

"Bringing books to children and giving back to schools". We would like to thank everyone who supported our Scholastics Book Fair. We raised an overwhelming £490 for our schools book fund.



Forest School Ambassadors

We would like to give a bit shout out to our recently appointed Forest School Ambassadors. They have been working really hard over the past few weeks to support Forest School across all the classes—helping to set up, checking resources etc. Additionally they have been caring for our potted plants dotted around the school. They are terrific role models to the rest of the children.

Well done:

- Aiden Roe,
- Ashleigh White,
- Sienna Sowah
- Samuel Smith



World Book Day



Parent Coffee Morning.

We hope those who attended our KS2 Parent Coffee Morning hosted by Mrs Chesters-Lewis this week felt they benefitted from the support and used the opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have had.

Mrs Chesters-Lewis will be offering the same opportunity for parents of KS1 and Early Years pupils on Wednesday 8th March between 9am—10.30am. Please feel free to pop along!

We hope to see you there.



Cake Decorating Competition

1st place—Caoimhe & Niamh Okogwu



2nd Place—
Sarah & Lillian
Scipien

3rd Place—
Sebastian
Tucker

Well
Done!



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