



1st February 2018

Dear Parents

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Forest School

The Forest School site has been developed further, creating screening, covered areas, a new gate area and a fire pit. We are still waiting for further screens to come for the pergola. Some tools have been bought for the area and the fencing has been replaced. Some children in Year 2 have already started to visit the area with our Forest School Lead. The Year 2 children are working in groups of 10 throughout the rest of the year to ensure they all get a three week sequence of sessions using our Forest School area before they leave the school and move to Year 3. This will be developed further and rolled out to Early Years in the coming months.

Class Reflections

Our class assemblies have been just lovely; it has been great to see so many of you coming to see your children perform; thank you for your support. We do realise it's not possible for everyone and are making a special 'fuss' of anyone who doesn't have a family member attend.

February Dates 2018

1st Squirrels Class Assembly - 9.20am
2nd Theatre company - The Hare and Tortoise

5th Book Week - Dressing Up day
Details have come out separately.

7th Bedtime Stories 5pm

This is an opportunity for your child to have their bedtime story read to them by their teacher. They are invited to return to school wearing their bedtime clothes.

HALF TERM 12th - 16th February

19th INSET day - school closed

20th Barn Owls Parent Conferences

21st Otters Parent Conferences

22nd Squirrels Parent Conferences

22nd Hedgehogs Class Assembly - 9.20am

22nd PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30

23rd Tawny Owls Parent Conferences

23rd PTA Quiz Night

26th Hedgehogs Parents Conferences

27th Snowy Owls Parent Conferences

28th Rabbits Parent Conferences

Playground Developments

The Children's Council brought lots of ideas about the new playground markings that they wanted and we are including some; games and hopscotch are included as well as a road layout. The PE and Sports Premium funding, which is ring-fenced, is being spent on providing these playground markings. This money will allow us to begin to create healthy life patterns for children by encouraging them to keep active and promote healthy lives. We are hoping the new markings will be installed over half term.

Internet Safety Day - 6th February

Safer Internet Day is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 6th February 2018. The theme is **Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you**. *Everyone* has their part to play in making the internet a better place, **including you!** ☺

We have a special reflections where we will discuss the many positives of the internet as well as raise awareness of the issues that children face online today.

We believe that Internet safety education is a crucial element of our curriculum and an essential part of your child's development in a world where they are surrounded by technology.

Having a conversation at home will also help reinforce their understanding. The following link to the NSPCC website can provide useful conversation ideas and is also available on our class website pages <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

Book Week

Our book week will be launched on Friday when we have a theatre production of 'The Hare and Tortoise' in the hall. Our thanks go to the PTA for funding this event. Remember to dress up as your favourite book character on **Monday 5th February!**

During Book Week a Book Fair will be held in the school hall. This will run from 2.45pm to 3.20pm each day (except Friday) and twice on Wednesday at 2.45pm and 5pm. The books are being provided by Scholastic Book Company. The school will then benefit by receiving free books as a percentage of the profits. We still need some volunteers to help to run the Book Fair, even if you can do only one session, please can you contact Liz Emslie via the office. Thank you

End of Key Stage/SAT meeting

There will be an End of Key Stage Assessment meeting for parents on **Wednesday 14th March at 9am** in the school hall. This is primarily for Year 2 parents; however anyone who is interested is welcome. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. The aim is to share what we know about the tests, how they are carried out at our school and answer any questions you may have.

We expect this meeting to last no longer than 30 minutes; however it will depend on how many questions are asked.

Autumn Term Dates and INSET days for 2018-19

Next year's term dates and INSET days are going on our website. Our first two INSET days are;

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 4th January 2019

The other three INSET days have yet to be confirmed.

PTA Events

The PTA wish to remind you of two upcoming events and inform you of their Summer Fair date - please put them in the diary now!

Thursday 22nd February 2.30pm - Second Hand Uniform Sale in the dining room.

Friday 23rd February - Quiz night - ticket details to follow

Saturday 9th June - Summer Fair

Governor Update Funding

We have reached just under £34,000 with our fundraising, are sure you will have seen the news continuing to share budget cuts in education, amongst other things. We will be emailing you tomorrow with our next update and funding letter.

Kind regards

Elaine Cooper