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**'We A.S.P.I.R.E to Learn and Grow Together'**



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## Newsletter No. 13

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support for our **Comic Relief Day** in school today. It was amazing to see the children dressed 'red to toe' to support the charity. Thank you too for your generous donations which will be sent to the charity to support their amazing projects both in the UK and around the world.

### World Book Day

What an exciting day we had in school last week celebrating World Book Day! The range of story book and nursery rhyme influenced costumes and characters were amazing as were all of the bug costumes in Reception - what creative families we have at Forefield! During the day Miss Oldham and the Year 2 teachers and children created a very unique version of The Gingerbread Man story, using only characters the children had chosen to dress up as on World Book Day. This was no usual version of the story, as the Gingerbread Man took a journey to France on board the Titanic and got into a bit of bother. However, fortunately for him some wizards from Hogwarts were on hand to rescue him. You can read the story on the Year 2 page of the school website. Thank you ever so much for supporting the day and in this age of technology helping us to remember the exciting world of stories and books and the great pleasure that reading can bring, taking us to different times and places.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend meetings this week to discuss your child's achievements and progress so far this academic year. We hope you found the meetings informative. If you weren't able to make an appointment this week, please speak to your child's class teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

### Year 1 Football Tournament

Year 1 children showcased their football skills and talents last week taking part in the Chesterfield Yr1 Football tournament. The team played matches against 7 other schools, won every single match and never conceded a goal. They were crowned tournament champions and came home with some very shiny gold medals. Well done for your achievements, I know Mr. Houghton was very proud of how you worked together as a team throughout the tournament. A huge thank you to Mr. Houghton for organising and coaching the team.

### Diversity Concert

Continuing the theme of representing school, last week some Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in the Equality and Diversity Concert 2024. As you may have seen in the media, this was originally due to take place back in February at Pontins, however due to the immediate closure a new venue was eventually found. The children performed at Mountford Hall and what a show they put on! Singing two songs, Sing a Rainbow and Brighter Day Tomorrow, they stole the show! Well done to you all for an amazing performance and making everyone at school and your families so proud! A big thank you to Mrs Hadwin who taught the children the songs during singing club and supported them during the performance.

### **Y1 Class Assemblies**

Y1 classes are very much looking forward to sharing their learning with their grownups at forthcoming class assemblies. To accommodate everyone comfortably, we request no more than two grown-ups attend per child. Please book on through the school app. We also respectfully request that younger siblings remain at home so that children who have been working hard to learn lines etc. can perform for their grown-ups without any distractions. Unfortunately owing to staff shortages we are unable to offer any creche facility at the current time. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am Class 5 Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.15am Class 6 Assembly

We very much hope you can make it.

### **Parent/Carer Workshops**

Towards the end of this term we will be offering some parental workshops to help you support your child in phonics. As your child progresses through the phonic phases, it is useful to find out what they will be learning and how to support their application of this knowledge in their new phase. The workshops will consist of staff sharing some key information about the specific phonic phase your child is working in followed by a chance to look at some different activities you can do at home to support learning. Staff will be delivering a phase 3 workshop on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, a phase 5 workshop on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and a Year 2 workshop focusing on reading comprehension, spelling and grammar strategies will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. All workshops will begin at 5.15pm and be finished by 6pm. If you are not sure which workshop to attend please check with your child's class teacher at your upcoming parent meeting.

After Easter we will also be holding some Maths Workshops for parents. More information will be sent out about these towards the end of term.

### **Packed Lunches**

Could we ask parents to please consider the content of packed lunch boxes as we have noticed some smaller food items that can be quite tricky for young children to chew and swallow. Supermarkets quite often sell pre-packed lunch box products to make life easy for us parents, but sometimes these products are not the easiest for young children to eat. Could we ask parents to ensure they are confident that their child can open, chew and safely swallow any products sent in as part of packed lunches to ensure their safety.

### **FOFIS Events**

Thank you very much for supporting our Mufti Day on Monday, sending in lots of lovely Easter Eggs. These were used to make prizes for the ever-popular Easter Bingo which raised an amazing £1112.83 for FOFIS. Thank you for all of your support at this and the other FOFIS events.

The next FOFIS event is the Easter Discos which will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30-5.30pm and 6-7pm. More information will be sent out on the app next week.

### **Easter Bonnet Parades**

Easter Bonnet parades will now be taking place on the second to last day of term, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (last day of term for Nursery children). There will be prizes awarded for the most creative entries, so you may want to start gathering some empty egg boxes and other supplies

and start a Pinterest board of ideas to help your child along the way. We are always amazed at the children's ideas and creativity.

### **Golden Ticket Reward**

As we near the end of this half term, I hope everyone is well on their way to achieving their Golden Ticket by meeting their reading targets. The Golden Ticket reading reward this half term will be entry into a children's entertainer event hosted in school. However, after reviewing the children's reading diaries, and comparing them to the progress children are making in phonics/reading, I can honestly say the real reward is most definitely the children's rapidly increasing attainment in reading. You may have seen the recent news reports describing a crisis in reading levels for young children in the UK, and parts of the North West were cited as some of the worst areas. Let's work together to make sure our children do not become one of these statistics by creating a culture of reading for them both in school and at home. The positive impact regular reading has on your child is something you won't believe until you see it for yourself! Remember, being able to read opens the doors to all of the other subjects in the curriculum as well a world of pure imagination for children to immerse themselves into. Thank you as always for your continued support. If you do need any support or advice around home reading please see your child's class teacher, Miss Oldham (English lead), Mrs Boardman or call into speak to one of our Team Around the School Practitioners at the next drop in session.

### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **March**

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5.15-6pm - Phonics Phase 3 Workshop 4pm Prospective Parent tour
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class 4 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am 5.15-6pm - Phonics Phase 5 Workshop.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class 5 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am
Thurs 21 Mar	Class 6 Assembly for Parents@ 9.15am 5.15-6pm - Year 2 Comprehension, Spelling & Grammar Workshop.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Animals Take Over - Visit for Reception
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole School - Easter Bonnet Parades ( <b>Change of date</b> ) End of Term for Nursery children
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Golden Ticket Reward Celebration! 1.50pm End of Term

#### **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024      Easter Holiday**

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	5.15-6pm - Year 2 Maths Workshop
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Trip to Cathedral & Synagogue 5.15-6pm -Year 1 Maths Workshop
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	5.15-6pm - EYFS Maths Workshop
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	4pm - Prospective Parent Tour

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Yours sincerely

***B. Roberts***

Headteacher