



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your continued support in every aspect of the school. Your support of Red Nose Day means that we have raised £150, enough for a wheelchair for a young person in Zambia. It makes you realise how little it can take for us to collectively make a huge difference to someone's life.

Thank you for the positive feedback about the Interim Reports and the Parent Consultation evenings. We are glad you found them helpful and constructive. It was also great to meet with parents this week who are both keen and able to volunteer to listen to children read in school and support them with practising their formation of letters and numbers. We will be starting these sessions as soon as DBS checks have been completed.

The children loved seeing so many of you in school yesterday, sharing books and stories with them before the end of the day. I hope you enjoy the experience as much as they do.



What have we been up to?

All the classes have been learning about 'Space'. CBeebies have a stargazers programme the children might find really interesting and we are all looking forward to the mobile planetarium experience on Tuesday morning.

Reception

Reception classes have been developing their writing trying to use words that make their sentences more interesting and have been really concentrating on their formation of letters and numbers. In Maths their counting on and back is rapidly progressing and they will be focusing on ordering next week. They have been developing their knowledge and understanding about healthy living with a focus on 'Germs' and have been finding out about Spring. Did you know that today is officially the First Day of Spring?



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week, as usual beginning with an investigation to see if we could find answers to given questions about our solar system. This involved searching non-fiction texts, using contents pages, indexes and glossaries, and also safely searching for information online using the class computers. You can access the lovely song about the solar system that we have been listening to by going to Youtube and typing in 'the solar system song' and finding the one by KidsTV123.

We have been investigating the way that the Earth moves around the sun, and how that relates to the hours of daylight we have in each

month. We discovered that the summer months have the most daylight, and the winter months have the least. We will be continuing our seasons work over the next couple of weeks by looking at Spring.

In Literacy we have been writing our own fantasy stories involving an alien. A good story means SO much to remember; not just capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, but connectives, adjectives and verbs too... plus remembering to include a beginning, a middle and an end!

In Maths we have been working on relating addition and subtraction facts. So if we know that $5+3=8$, we also know that $3+5=8$. We have been working on understanding that this also means that $8-5=3$ and $8-3=5$. A tricky concept, but everyone has been working hard, using objects to help us visualise the number sentences. We have also been working with 2-digit numbers using a 100 square to add/subtract 10, then small multiples of 10 ("spider counting").

PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

I had a really constructive meeting with Parent Class Representatives yesterday. Notes of this will be passed on to you all. One thing we discussed was www.oxfordowl.co.uk which is a tremendously useful website. It has ebooks, tips, advice and support about Maths, Phonics and Reading. All you need to do is log on and register yourself with an email and password. There is a link on the class pages of our website - do have a look.

LIVING EGGS

We will be receiving our 'Living Eggs' on Monday. They will be in an incubator in my office and the children will be able to visit them and watch them hatch. We will keep the chicks until the end of term, when we will hand them back to be homed at a farm in Berkshire.

INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PHOTOS

Proofs of Class photos are being sent home today and we should have full size copies for display next week. The deadline for Class photo orders is Thursday 2nd April and for Individual photos Monday 23rd March.

CONSULTATION ON THE PERMANENT SITE

The Open Public Meeting, part of the consultation process, is at Riverside Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. A copy of the letter from EFA/RBC was sent with Highlights last week and may be seen on our noticeboards.

AWNING CONSTRUCTION - TOMORROW

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered assistance with the construction of the awning tomorrow. If anyone else can spare us an hour or so you would be very welcome.

READING HALF MARATHON

Good luck to all of you who may be running the Reading Half Marathon this Sunday. Mr Crispin is running on behalf of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. If you would like to sponsor him in support of his chosen charity please note the following link: www.justgiving.com/niallsyearofpain.

DATES TO NOTE

Mon 23 rd Feb - Thur 2 nd April		Term 4 - school closes at 1.30pm on 2 nd April
Tuesday 24 th March		Planetarium visit
Wednesday 25 th March	7pm	Permanent Site Consultation at the Rivermead Centre

PTFA Easter Cake Bake - 27th March

As you have hopefully seen in the posters our Easter celebrations on the 27th March will include an Easter themed cake bake.

It is the turn of Mrs Rizvi's class to bake or buy cakes along with the second half of year 1, that is: *Rishona, Roshini, Anna, Rose, Lucy, Daniel and Georgiy* please.

We require 4 volunteers to help sell and to also arrive early to set up please (around 2.30pm) before Assembly starts - let Tracey (Ruby's mummy) or class reps (Beccs/Helen/Alison/Alice) know if you can help at all.



Thank you and Happy Baking!!



Joe and his hexacontagon

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight falls on Darcey Jones, Tara Anand, Mantra Vivek and Emily Miller for **swimming**; Joe Mackereth and Sophie Lowe for **gymnastics** and Amelia Moore for all her achievements at **drama** club. Well done everyone.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Isla Tiplady and Rishwith Vippera (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Holly Parr and Bilal Ahmad (Mr Crispin's Class); Freya Carter and Jayden Jemmott (Y1). Congratulations to all of them.

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