



Dear Parents,

It has been a very exciting week with World Book Day and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day!) It was lovely to walk around school this week and see the children so busy and focused on their learning, with lovely writing happening in Reception, both indoors and outdoors (and pancake making!) Year 1 made a visit to Magic Writing Land on Thursday too - I look forward to reading some of their work. Lime Class in Year 2 surprised me by taking over our World Book Day assembly and preparing their own 'Book Day Recipe' assembly using an adapted version of our Xmas Recipe song - very creative. They told us some funny stories that had become all mixed up in the recipe bowl! In other exciting news - you may have noticed in the Diary Dates section that Class Assemblies have been scheduled for Summer Term. Parents are very welcome to attend these and they will be more regular from September 2017. The children will be talking about their learning and possibly doing a bit of acting too, so it's not to be missed! Finally, I'd like to remind you about our E-safety assembly next Thursday - parents are invited to attend - it will hopefully be informative and enjoyable. Have a great weekend.

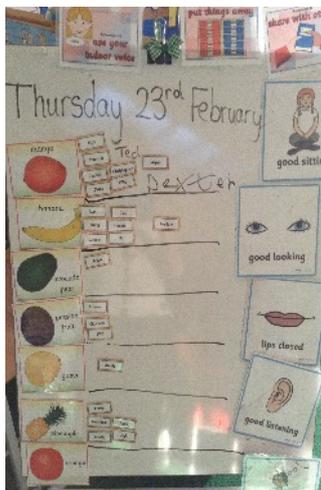
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DIARY DATES

Thurs	09.03.17	E-Safety Workshop - 2pm	Thurs	30.03.17	Easter Fair - 3.15pm
Fri	10.03.17	Children's Disco-YR 4-5pm Y2 5.15-6.15pm and Y1 can choose either session	Fri	31.03.17	Last Day of term- school closes 1pm
Mon	13.03.17	Toddler Time 2.15-3.00pm	Tues	18.04.17	First day of Summer term
Weds	15.03.17	Parents Evening (1) 4.30 - 7.15pm	Mon	01.05.17	May Bank holiday
Thurs	16.03.17	Parents Evening (2) 3.30 - 6.00pm	Fri	12.05.17	Elm Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Wed	22.03.17	Godalming Festival Singing Together Y2 Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School	Fri	26.05.17	Lime Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Fri	24.03.17	Muffin Day - bring an Easter egg	Mon	29.05.17 - Fri 02.06.17	Summer Half-term
Fri	24.03.17	Race Night for parents (details to follow)	Mon	05.06.17	Inset Day-school closed for staff training
Wed	29.03.17	Spring Assembly 2.30 - 3.00pm	Fri	09.06.17	Beech Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Thurs	30.03.17	Y2 to visit Dower House and Clockhouse	Fri	23.06.17	Cherry Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
			Fri	07.07.17	Willow Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
			Fri	14.07.17	Oak Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
			Fri	21.07.17	Last day of term school closes 1pm

'Food, Glorious Food'

Oak Class have kicked off their new topic, Food, Glorious Food, by reading Handa's Surprise. This has led to learning about life in Africa and animals that live there, as well as tasting some new exotic fruits! The children used their growth mindset to demonstrate enough bravery to have a taste, even if they didn't like the look of it, and many surprised themselves! The chart in the photo shows which fruit they liked best.



After-School Club

SCL have now obtained Ofsted registration for our after-school club, and we are delighted to announce that it will be launching on Tuesday 18th April. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and SCL are initially limiting the club to a maximum of 20 children. Each session will cost £12, with the club running from 3.15-6.00pm. A "bolt on" option at £9 per session is available for children attending Football or Dodgeball club, whereby they will be escorted to the after-school club after their session. Please refer to the SCL flyer for further information. Bookings must be made online via the SCL website, please check for further details.



On-line Booking for Parents Evening

On-line booking for Parents Evenings (on Wednesday 15th March - 4.30 - 7.15pm and Thursday 16th March from 3.30 - 6.00pm) will open at 3.15pm today, Friday 3rd March. If you have two teachers to see, please leave a ten minute gap in between to allow transfer from one teacher to another.

Star of the Week w/e 24/02/2017

Willow:

Fred: For taking the responsibility of 'Workshop Manager' ensuring that the Willow workshop is always stocked and tidied.

Seb: For working extremely hard learning his letter sounds and applying these to his reading

Oak:

Charlotte: For taking time and care on her work and paying attention to detail

Archie: For working extremely hard when learning his letter sounds and applying these to his reading.

Beech:

Elliott: Showed great consideration when helping another child in P.E.

Florence: For always being a kind and considerate friend

Cherry:

Belle: Being a super role model - getting on to the rainbow or pot of gold every day

Oli: For magnificent home learning - using the computer program (Publish) to write about our topic!

Elm:

Penny: Fantastic improvement all round

Jake: Great improvement in handwriting

Lime:

Harry: For stretching his fantastic elastic brain (growth mindset)

Mia: Working independently



Playground

We have now received 3 designs for the school playground, and the School and Friends have narrowed this down to two options. School staff are being consulted at the moment, and parents will be able to view the final design at the forthcoming Parent's Evenings.

We are grateful to Friends who have pledged £5,000 to the project, and are working hard to raise additional funds to add to this pot. We have also received a cash donation of £50 from the grandparents of a Year 1 child. We have not yet been successful in obtaining grant funding, so every penny will count! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

The Friends - Update

The Friends have had a fantastic start to 2017 in terms of working towards our playground fundraising target of £10,000! We have pledged £5,000 out of the money we have built up in Friends' bank account (coming from monies raised in the Autumn term and also monies raised in previous years), and everything raised from 1 January goes directly to the playground fund. So far this term we've raised £320 from the film night, £322 from the cake sale (thank you to Cherry class for organising this), £77 from bingo night (thank you to Mrs Szczepanski for being an ace bingo caller), just under £200 from the weekly cake lottos (thank you to Beech and Lime classes for baking and selling), and £288 from the lunchtime yoga classes (thank you to Kate Leonard for donating the proceeds from these).

Race Night

After many requests for more social evenings, the Friends will be hosting a Race Night on Friday 24th March. So if you fancy a flutter, or just a fun night out, then look out for the leaflets coming soon to those book bags. We are also looking for local businesses or groups who may be willing to sponsor a race. Sponsorship will bring some publicity to the business on the night. If you are interested, please contact Nicola Firth at n.e.firth@gmail.com.

'Phil' the Bag

'Phil' the Bag collection days will be Monday 20th March (drop-off and pick-up) and Tuesday 21st March (drop-off only).

This half term we also have the disco and the Easter fair to look forward to.

Pancake Races!



Lip Balm

Please do not send lip balm into school unless it is absolutely necessary. Please ensure your child knows not to share as there may be a risk of cross infection.