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4th March 2022

Book Week!



The children have had a brilliant first week back! We turned World Book Day into World Book Week, culminating in our dressing-up day this morning. Throughout the week the children took part in a wide range of book-related activities including a bedtime story on Monday evening. We were also lucky enough to have Marnie from Prime Theatre in Swindon with us for the week. She worked with every class on books especially chosen to represent our school values. Marnie helped the children come-up with class poetry based on these values. The children also got to enjoy a selection of brand-new books and take part in a range of other book activities and competitions. Thank you to Miss Hargreaves and all of the staff for the effort they put into organising such an exciting week.



Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 25th March

This has now been rearranged to Friday 25th March after school was closed on the last day of term. Children can wear non-uniform and pay £1 towards books for the class book corners. Please pay via Parent Pay. **Please note: Year 3 will still need PE kit in the afternoon.**

Ukraine Crisis

We understand that the events in the Ukraine will be very upsetting for many of our children and families, especially given our military links both as a school and in Tidworth. The news can be difficult for children to understand. If you want to discuss events with your child at an age-appropriate level, this may help to reassure them. Children's news websites like BBC Newsround can be helpful for explaining things. The following link helps you to support children with distressing news:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

It is not advisable to expose children to news coverage aimed at adults including anything on social media.

Please see attached letter regarding donations for the Ukraine Appeal.

If your family is currently affected by over-seas deployment, particularly to eastern Europe, please let us know. It may be just that the teacher or TA can keep an extra eye on your child, or it might be that an ELSA session would help them.

School Values – Responsibility

Responsibility is where you have a job to do and it's your thing you need to do. Responsibility is most definitely important because when you are responsible everyone can trust you in a lot of different ways. We show responsibility by doing jobs and school councillors help us show it even more. By showing this value it can be hard or easy but the way I show it is through confidence. By Beulah and Nicole in Peregrines.

Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey before the half term. Nearly 100 parents responded. Please see the summary of results on the attached letter.

PE and Forest School Days:

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school for their PE, Forest School and Swimming sessions.

Class	PE	Forest School
Nursery	Daily Activity	Tuesdays
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Mondays	Mondays
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Tuesdays	Fridays
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Fridays	Wednesdays
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels*)	Wednesdays	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Thursdays	Thursdays
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Thursdays	

***Swimming for Kestrel Class (Y4) each Monday.**

Covid Update

Thankfully, Covid cases in school are now very low and children are no longer restricted to bubbles. However, please continue to be mindful and do not send your child to school if they are unwell. This is the latest government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Safeguarding Update – Roblox

Last month, there was an article on the BBC website about the dangers of **Roblox**. Roblox is a gaming 'world' aimed at children and one of the most used games around the world. Although most content is child-friendly, the website allows 'User-Generated Content' which means anyone can upload anything. Parts of the game can therefore include sex, violence, drug references and bad language. Children must be supervised if using this game.

Curriculum Webs and Info Sheets

This term's Curriculum Webs and Parent Information Sheets can now be found online here:

<https://zouch-academy.twhf.org.uk/learning-and-education/curriculum/curriculum-overview>

School Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our school Governing Body for a parent governor. This is a great opportunity to contribute to make our school even better. You do not need a background in education as all training is provided. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you for the interest we have already received – the [closing date for application is 31st March.](#)

Uniform

A reminder that all children must be wearing smart school uniform each day. Trainers are not part of school uniform. Ties must be worn in Years 5 and 6. PE kit must also follow the school's uniform policy. No coloured t-shirts or football kits.

Bumped Head Texts

If your child has a minor head bump at school, we will send a text to notify you and to check their bags for the Advice sheet explaining the details and further advice.

If it is a severe bump or cut, we will contact parents/guardians to seek advice on possibly collecting your child or if a parent would like to come and assess them.

Dates for the Term:

Tues 22nd Mar – Year 6 Bikeability, Information has been sent to the children who registered.

Fri 25th Mar – Non-Uniform Day!

Wed 30th Mar – Schoolastic Book Fair, KS2 Hall

Fri 1st Apr - Schoolastic Book Fair, KS2 Hall

Tues 5th Apr – Class photo's and Year 6 Leavers