



- Mon 28th Feb - World Book 'Week'!
- Thurs 3rd March - Y3/4 trip to Magna
- Fri 4th Mar - Wear your pyjamas day (Raising money for the children's hospital)
- Balance Ability (Y2) March 14th-16th
- Fri 18th Mar - Red Nose Day (Wear something red)
- 26th & 27th April Road Safety Visitor in School
- Tues 17th May - Y2 Network Games event @ EIS
- **Fri 27th May - Platinum Jubilee extra bank holiday**

A big welcome to Mishel who has joined the Year 6 class.

A huge thanks to the merry band of fundraisers who have raised over £1000 for the Reception outdoor space!

The sun came out this weekend and what a difference it makes to our spirits, especially when there is so much trouble in the world. Today we start a week of book-themed activities to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday; this is always something which puts a smile on the teachers' faces!

ONLINE SAFETY

This month we observed Safer Internet Day. The internet is a useful and fun place to spend time and we need to make sure that our children are well equipped to be safe. We teach them that sometimes things go wrong (even for adults!), and what to do when this happens. I spent some time in the children's classrooms finding out about their online lives and it was really fascinating.

INSET DAY Also computer related, the teachers received training from an Edutech trainer after half term. Although the children receive a computing skills lesson each week, we are moving towards a model where computing is integrated into other curriculum areas. The teachers learned how to use green screen technology to enable them to film with children, and they learned about a whole host of apps which powerfully

deliver music, art, science and maths to name just a few. The afternoon was spent learning about computer programming.

And finally, this morning we have just received another consignment of tablets, courtesy of the DfE, so as soon as we have them set up by our hard-working tech team, so we can put them to good use. Exciting times!

BOOK SWAP

Bring any books you are happy to swap and on Wednesday children will be able to choose a brand new book, free of charge.

RED NOSE DAY Our school council will be selling red noses in school from next week. They will be priced at £1.50 and there is enough for all children to have one each if they wish. Any leftovers will be then sold to children who want more. They will be sold at break times in the entrance hall, and the children will take some across to Nursery too.



VISITING AUTHOR

As part of our World Book Week celebrations, Paul Grimshaw visited school today to spend time with each class, reading extracts from his book.



LIVING WITH COVID



There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is that they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Schools may exercise the right to refuse entry to children who have a confirmed or suspected case of covid in order to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. However, I must pause here to say thank you; you have all been really conscientious about your decision-making and as a result our covid numbers have remained much lower than many schools in our local area, so huge thanks for this.

The above advice is relates to:

- people with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19
- people who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or PCR test result
- people who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19

We will continue to liaise with parents about whether children require remote learning. As with any illness, we would never expect a child to undertake any work if they were feeling poorly. However, if your child is well enough to be able to undertake work at home, we shall provide work from the next working day. (Please note that we will not provide work for children with other illnesses.)



CROSS COUNTRY

We had another record-breaking cross country event at Graves park last weekend, with 35 children attending—the highest number yet! It was supremely muddy, so we hope everyone's washing machines are still working...

Sports events are slowly returning after a long period of cancellations which is really cheering.

I WISH MY TEACHER KNEW' BOX



As part of our trauma informed approach, we are rolling out training for the whole staff team, (including office staff and lunchtime supervisors). We are introducing these boxes for the children to let us know if they have any worries in Year 2 and upwards.

WELCOME TO MRS BUSSEY

Mrs Bussey is working at 300 mph to get to grips with all the support plans for our children and all of our policies and procedures. She is very excited to join the team and to work with you.



WRAP UP WARM

It really is uplifting that the days are becoming longer, however, just a reminder that children still need to bring coats—It's still chilly outside at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thanks



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