



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Miss Avenell who has returned from maternity leave. Miss Avenell will be providing support around the school.

We hope that you found our new booking system for Parent Interviews easy to use. The feedback we have received so far is very positive.

As part of our School Development Plan to increase parental engagement in supporting children to maximise learning at home, we have added a new section to the Parent Interview form. We will be seeking ideas from you on how you feel you can help your child at home. Please don't worry if you do not have any ideas as the teachers have lots of suggestions prepared to offer you.

I also wanted to remind you that we are looking for Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. Information was emailed to all parents before half term, if you would like a copy please speak to the school office.

Thank you to all the children who took part in the PTA Smartie Challenge. We will let you know which class won the challenge in our next newsletter.

Finally, teachers and TAs are always happy to speak to you at the end of the school day, but please wait until all of the children have been handed over to their parents safely before approaching them. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Year Two SATS Workshop

Year Two parents are invited to a SATS Workshop on Thursday 21st March at 2.30pm.

The purpose of the workshop is to talk you through what is assessed during the SATS period and how you can help your children at home in the lead up to it.

We are very keen to ensure that the children do not get anxious about the tests and we have lots of practice runs leading up to it in order to prepare them for it as much as possible. If you would like to come along, please come to the school office at 2.30pm on this day.

40 Acts of Kindness Challenge

We would like to invite families to take part in a challenge for Lent, which is a little different to the traditional Lent where you give something up something you enjoy until Easter.

Lent is a tradition that reminds us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, preparing for his ministry on earth, where he would ultimately give his life as a sacrifice.

The challenge we would like to invite children to take part in is to perform 40 simple acts of generosity, which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously' in 2019.

Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities and ultimately, to our world.

On Monday, the day before Shrove Tuesday, we will be sending home a grid for children to make a note of the 40acts they have undertaken. They are most welcome to bring the sheet back in after Easter to share with their class.

You can find out more about the challenge at 40acts.org.uk.

P.E. Kits

Many of the girls are still wearing tights at the moment, so please could parents provide their child with a pair of spare socks which they can change into for P.E.

As the weather is getting milder, P.E. will be taken outside, where possible, so this will make their trainers/plimsolls more comfortable.

On the same note, please can all parents ensure that their child's P.E. kit includes a comfortable pair of named trainers or plimsolls.

School Lunches

Week commencing 4th March we will be on **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

Parent Interview

On Monday 18th March (early slots) and on Wednesday 6th March (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

We have sent home details about how to book your appointment on-line. If you are unable to do this on-line, please call the school and we will book an appointment for you.

Year One Spring Celebration Day

On 1st April children from Ruby and Diamond Classes are welcome to come to school dressed in spring colours. These could be any colour/s that they feel represents spring. This is a non school uniform day for children that take part.

Bag2School

We will be collecting textile donations on 5th and 6th March and sending them off to Bag2School. Bag2School will then pay us commission based on the weight of the textiles they have collected. If you have had a clear-out over the half term holiday this is an ideal opportunity to recycle any unwanted textiles and raise money for the school at the same time.

Please note that, due to limited space, we cannot accept donations before Monday 4th March. Bag2School are collecting our donations on Wednesday 6th March so we are unable to accept any further donations after 3pm on 6th March. Thank you for your support.

Year One Bake Sale

Well done to Year One who made £165.32 at their recent bake sale. This has been split equally between Diamond and Ruby Classes who will have £82.66 each to spend. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and helped to sell them on the day.

Mother's Day Tea Towels

The Mother's Day tea towels have been ordered and will be wrapped and sent out on or before 29th March, in time for Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Raffle

The Coop have very kindly donated a Hamper for Mother's Day which will be raffled off. All proceeds will be split equally between ourselves and the Junior School.

During week commencing 25th March, some of our Year Two children will be helping to sell tickets at the Coop with an appropriate adult. We will let you know the timings next week.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Chelsea Football Club (External provider)

Fee paying club—all year groups. Block 1 runs every Monday from 4th to 25th March, inclusive, from 3.00pm-4.15pm.

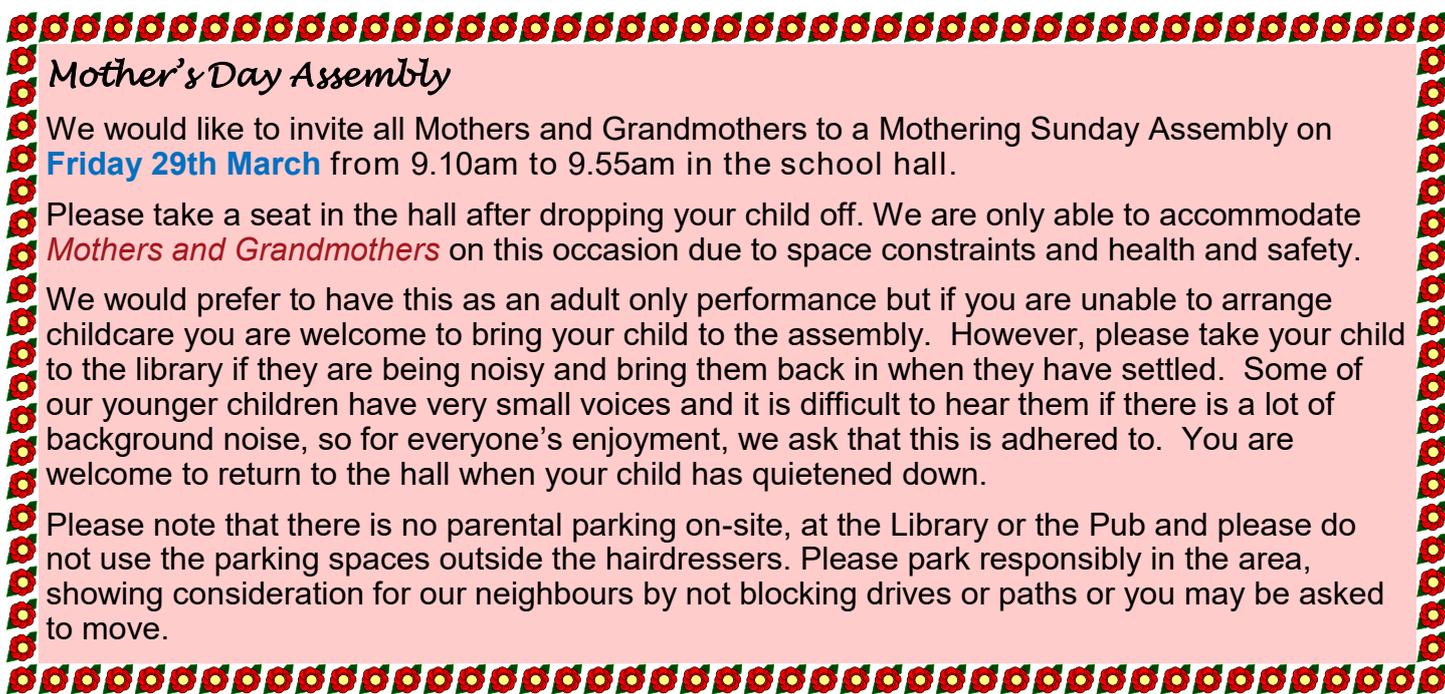
Choir Club

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two is held every Tuesday from 3pm-3.45pm.

Unfortunately there are no further spaces available at present.

Puzzle Club

Puzzle Club is on class rotation and it will be running on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th March for children in Ruby Class. It runs from 3-3.50pm.



Mother's Day Assembly

We would like to invite all Mothers and Grandmothers to a Mothering Sunday Assembly on **Friday 29th March** from 9.10am to 9.55am in the school hall.

Please take a seat in the hall after dropping your child off. We are only able to accommodate **Mothers and Grandmothers** on this occasion due to space constraints and health and safety.

We would prefer to have this as an adult only performance but if you are unable to arrange childcare you are welcome to bring your child to the assembly. However, please take your child to the library if they are being noisy and bring them back in when they have settled. Some of our younger children have very small voices and it is difficult to hear them if there is a lot of background noise, so for everyone's enjoyment, we ask that this is adhered to. You are welcome to return to the hall when your child has quietened down.

Please note that there is no parental parking on-site, at the Library or the Pub and please do not use the parking spaces outside the hairdressers. Please park responsibly in the area, showing consideration for our neighbours by not blocking drives or paths or you may be asked to move.

World Book Day – 7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Thursday 7th March**. This is a non-school uniform day for children who would like to dress up.

We will be running a Design a Bookmark competition, which is open to pre-school children, our children and adults. If you or your child would like to take part, please return your named book mark to school before Thursday 7th March. There will be a prize for the winning designs.

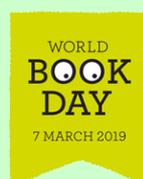
We would also like to invite parents in at 2.30pm to share their child's favourite book with their child's class or a small group of children. If you would like to come along, please come to reception at 2.30pm on this day. Pre-schoolers are welcome if you are unable to find a baby-sitter for them.

We will also be running a Book Swap where children are invited to bring in a good quality book that they would like to swap on the day. If they would like to swap a book, please ensure that they definitely do not want it anymore and send it in in their book bag that day.

Finally, Usborne Books will also be coming into school on this day and children will be able to buy books with any money they have saved in the book saving scheme.

If your child would like to save some money in the book saving scheme, please put it in an envelope with their name, class, and the amount on and ask them to hand it in to the school office or pop it in the school post box in reception.

Parents will be able to come into school and look at the range of books available from 2.45pm on this day.



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
6th March	Final day to send in clothing donations for Bags2School	3.00pm
6th March	Parent Interviews—late slots	5.00pm-7.30pm
7th March	World Book Day and Usborne Books visiting school	
13th March	School Choir Sing Along at Shawfield School (letters to be sent home to Choir members shortly)	
18th March	Parent Interviews—early slots (more information to follow)	3.30pm-6.00pm
21st March	Year Two SATS Workshop (more information to follow)	2.30pm
29th March	Mother's Day Assembly (for Mothers and Grandmothers only)	9.10am-9.55am
1st April	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4.00pm return
1st April	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
1st April	Miller's Ark Visit to School for Year R and Year One	
5th April	End of term	1.10pm finish
	Summer Term	
23rd April	Back to school	8.45am
26th April	Mufti for Garden Toys (more info to follow)	
29th April—10th May	Living Eggs in school (more information to follow)	
10th May	Mufti Day for bottles and sweets (more information to follow)	
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12.00-3.00pm
13th May	Class Photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
12th June	Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre	9.00am-3.00pm
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only)	TBA
27th June	Year One trip to Alice Holt	9.00am-3.00pm
28th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00pm
12th July	Sports Day (Timings to be advised)	
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2.00pm
24th July	End of term	1.10pm finish

2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)

Monday 3rd June