



Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many children coming into school dressed up as their favourite book character on World Book Day! Thank you to the parents for creating such lovely costumes.

Thank you also to the many parents who came in to read with a small group of children, we were over-whelmed by the number of you that came in and we know that the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Winner of book mark competition, chosen by Mrs Reilly and Alex R (Year 2) was Eva W. They particularly liked her book mark as it was glittery with a beaded tail and it said 'I love reading'. They also liked Harrison S's Harry Potter book mark and he was the runner up. All of the entries were wonderful, so a very well done to all the children who took part.

A couple of parents have asked whether they should be rewarding their children for completing the 40 Acts of Kindness chart. The point of the exercise is to encourage children to do a good deed for free, without expecting a reward for doing so.

Finally, please take a look in the Millennium Garden where we have had Daffodils popping up every year for the past 19 years!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

PTA Smartie Fundraiser

Well done to all the children that took part in our PTA Smartie Fundraiser which raised a huge £500.69. We are delighted to inform you that Ruby Class won the competition overall, and in second place were Diamond and Gold Class who were within £1 of each other. We will let you know in due course what the children choose for their reward.

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 as much as possible. If you would like to come along, please come to the school office at 2.30pm on this day.

Easter Bunny Basket

Today we are sending home an Easter Bunny Basket for the children to decorate and bring back into school for Monday 1st April.

We are hoping to have a special visitor to the school on the last day of term and the children will be able to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt.

Internet Safety

There has been a lot of talk and speculation around Momo recently. Although this appears to have been a hoax, it acts as a reminder that parents should always supervise what their children can access via the internet and talk to their children about what to do if they hear or see something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Year One Sculpture Exhibition

Year One parents are invited to attend our Sculpture Exhibition on Tuesday 26th March at 2.30pm where we will be show-casing the sculptures that the children have been busy making over the past week.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a temporary Teaching Assistant from 23rd April until 24th July from 8.45am to 3.15pm. If you are interested in applying for this role, please collect an application form from the school office. The closing date for applications is 27th March with interviews being held on Monday 1st April.

School Dinner Menu

Our new school dinner menu will be starting after the Easter break. New forms will be sent home in the latter part of next week, so please keep an eye out for it in your child's book bag. We would ask that all forms are returned to school before 27th March at the latest.

School Lunches

Week commencing 18th March we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Parent Interviews

Our final Parent Interviews are on Monday 18th March from 3.30pm and 6.00pm. If you have booked an appointment and cannot remember the time, please speak to the school office who will be able to help 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

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothing and textiles to Bag2School. We raised £88.00, so thank you very much to everyone for their support.

Parents' Forum

On May 1st from 2.30-3.00pm, we will be holding a Parents Forum with Mrs Cawson and Mrs Wall. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and share their views on a range of topics. This time we will be covering:

- How to increase the uptake on school dinners
- What stops parents helping their children at home
- The Government has issued some guidance on activities children should experience at certain ages—what do parents think?
- Safety—we will share our current curriculum and would value parents' views for improvement
- Suggestions for future meetings

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend this Forum so that we have an idea of numbers.

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. Please let us know if you need to send one somewhere and we will prioritise it for you.

Mother's Day Raffle

The Co-op have very kindly donated a Hamper for Mother's Day which will be raffled. 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 Co-op with an appropriate adult. We will let you know the timings next week.

ICT Questionnaire

We are sending home an ICT Questionnaire for parents to complete and return. Please could we ask for the completed Questionnaire to be returned to school on or before Monday 1st April.

Thank you for your support.

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-4.00pm.

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 the final one for Ruby Class is on 19th March. 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 quiet 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.

Mufti Days for Summer Fair Donations

Mufti for Garden Toys

On **Friday 26th April** children are welcome to come to school dressed in their home clothes.

Please ensure that the clothes are suitable for a normal school day, i.e. no dress up costumes please or open toed shoes.

In exchange we would be very grateful for donations of **garden toys** for our tombola at the summer fair. This could be Frisbees, bat and ball games, water pistols, skipping ropes etc.

Mufti for Bottles

On **Friday 10th May** children are welcome to come to school dressed in their home clothes.

Please ensure that the clothes are suitable for a normal school day, i.e. no dress up costumes please or open toed shoes.

In exchange we would be very grateful for donations of **bottles** for our tombola at the summer fair. This could be a bottle of wine, lemonade, shampoo or anything that you would like to win on a tombola.

PTA NEWS

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
18th March	Parent Interviews—early slots	3.30pm-6.00pm
21st March	Year Two SATS Workshop	2.30pm
21st March	PTA Meeting—all welcome	7.30pm
26th March	Year One Sculpture Exhibition	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	
29th April—10th May	Living Eggs in school (more information to follow)	
1st May	Parent's Forum (please let the office know if you wish to attend)	2.30pm
10th May	Mufti Day for Bottles	
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12.00-3.00pm
13th May	Class Photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
3rd June	INSET Day—School closed for children	All day
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

Dates for your Diary