

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello/नमस्ते

This week despite it being a tad cold, the children have taken off their coats as they warm up running about in the playground. Each day I come outside and the tyres on the front playground have moved to a new area or are stacked in another formation. Hopefully if the weather continues to be dry the field may be in use soon so that we can spread out more.

Since we relaunched our [Behaviour Policy](#) across both schools it has been lovely to see the staff from each school able to support all children across the Infant and Junior lunchtimes. Mrs Wright has been auditing the behaviour of the older children and has noticed that there is a reduction in children needing Reflection time. Please note if your child does have a Reflection time it will always be relayed to you so that you are aware of the conversation that has taken place between the member of staff and the child. This may not have happened last year. Thank you for your continued support.

The **Book Fair** in the **Infant School** was well attended and over £600 of books were bought. A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who supported the event. The book shop [[Next Page Books](#)] returns to the **Junior School** next week on **Thursday 9th March** from **3.15pm**. Children *can* use their World Book Day vouchers at this event. We look forward to seeing you there and remember anyone can come along. The schools will receive 10% of the profit to replenish our books in classes across both schools.

Across the week, **Miss Deaves** and I have spent time in classrooms to observe the support the children receive from our Teaching Assistants. They do a marvellous job with the children, regularly checking in with their wellbeing and supporting them in their learning. How lucky we are to have a dedicated team.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes/शुभकामनाएं/

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Earthquake/भूकंप

The children across **both schools** can wear **non uniform** on **Wednesday 8th March** and donate to the Earthquake appeal.

In the **Infant School** we say a fond farewell to **Miss Reid** who teaches in Class 2 who is beginning her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new baby soon. Miss Adams will work alongside Mrs Wiltshire in Class 2 and Mrs Turner will teach with Mrs Eagle in Class 1.

Easyfundraising/

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I hope that you were able to register click on our [easyfundraising](#) page here is the link if you haven't been able to do so. Please support us. It only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address. Every penny gets ploughed back into the school funds across all 3 schools.

Language of the Month/

माह की भाषा

This month the **Infant School** children are learning to speak in simple phrases in **Hindi**. If you have any resources that we can use on our display such as books or photographs or artefacts we would love to have them for the month of March thank you in advance for any donations.

Clothes Bank/

कपड़े बैंक

Have you seen our new **Rockinghorse charity clothes bank**; the red box near to the kitchens is ready to receive any clothes, shoes, blankets, handbags, belts, towels, cds, dvds, video games, books or bric-a-brac at any time across the school day.



World Book Day/विश्व पुस्तक दिवस

Thank you for all your support on **World Book Day** we had a marvellous time across both schools, the children looked very relaxed in their pyjamas and had ample opportunities to read throughout the day. It was also lovely to see some people like **Mr Squires** had found a costume to celebrate their favourite book character. It was lovely to see so many parents of **Infant School** children pop into our reading workshop with **Mrs Hyem**, we do hope that you found it useful. The children absolutely loved seeing you in their classroom, so thank you for coming along.

Dates for the Diary/ डायरी के लिए दिनांक/

Phonics Screening	Infant School	Wednesday 8th March	For parents of children in Classes 3 and 4 at 6.00pm
Non uniform for Earthquake Appeal	All Schools	Wednesday 8th March	All children and staff are invited to wear non uniform for a monetary donation to support the Earthquake Appeal
Burwell Trip Meeting	Year 4	Wednesday 8th March	All Year 4 parents invited to hear more about the Burwell Residential Trip at 6.00pm
Book Fair	Junior School	Thursday 9th March	Next Page Books visiting the junior School, see posters for more information [children in HIPS can go but most books will be for KS" children]
Parent Evenings	All Schools	Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March	Online Parent Consultations scheduled. More details to follow
Work Share Event	Infant School	Wk beg 20th March	Each class invite their parents into the school hall from 9.00am for a short presentation to showcase their learning about the UK this half term. More details to follow
Non Uniform for Fete	All Schools	Friday 24th March	Children bring in chocolate easter eggs for the tombola and/or raffle prizes for the Easter fete if they wear non uniform
Easter Concert	Reception	Monday 27th March	Parents and Carers of children in Class 1 and 2 invited to listen to the children's Easter Concert from 9.15am
Musical Production	Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 28th March	Year 3 and 4 perform, 'A Medley of Musicals' at 2.00pm and 6.00pm . More details to follow re tickets
Cake Sale	All Schools	Tuesday 28th March	After school from 3.00pm donated cakes to be sold on front playground. Any parent helpers would be much appreciated [you can collect your child early if you are helping us on the stalls]
Easter Fete	All schools	Thursday 30th March	Easter Fete [similar to the Christmas Fete], £3/child [see ParentPay for how to purchase your child's entry] for a bag of goodies, an entry to the colouring/quiz competition with separate prizes and an entry ticket for the Easter egg tombola. The raffle will be drawn after school at 3.30pm in the Infant School hall for the prizes- you are welcome to pop into hear the draw
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant School	Friday 31st March	Please bring in home made Easter bonnets to school and the children will parade these outside on the front playground at 2.30pm
Last day of term	All Schools	Friday 31st March	All children return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.45am

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Preschool

This week, preschool children enjoyed World Book Day and wearing their pyjamas was a big hit! We focused on 'The Gruffalo' story, some wonderful play dough models were made we loved hearing the children's recall from the story. We also used our fine motor skills making some small Gruffalo stick puppets. Having a 'picnic' snack outside in the afternoon was fun and we enjoyed some of the stories brought in from home. **Next week** we will continue planting and any clean yoghurt pots from home would be welcomed! Thank you.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, loved sharing photos of our pets or pets we would like to have and we have been thinking about the differences and similarities between wild and tame/domesticated animals. We have been learning about the United Kingdom and focussing on England, London and famous English landmarks. In maths we have been partitioning numbers 6-9 into '5 and a bit' and thinking about the concept of 'more' and 'fewer'. **Next week**, we will be using iPads to create a piece of digital art linked to our learning about London's famous landmarks. We will be using our phonic knowledge to write captions for our 'Supertato' story and in maths we will be comparing numbers.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we enjoyed coming to school in our pyjamas and sharing our favourite books from home with our friends. We discussed 'Gerald the Giraffe' from 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae in English and added the suffixes 'er' and 'est' to root words in our phonics lessons. In maths we continued to impress our teachers by subtracting tens and ones from numbers using tens frames. We learned about amphibians and fish in our science lessons too and reflected on the animals we saw at Hamerton Zoo. **Next week**, in English, we will use the phonics we know to write adjectives about 'Gerald the Giraffe'. In maths we will be recalling related addition and subtraction facts.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6**, have enjoyed making predictions and inferences about 'Traction Man'. In maths we were finding half and quarters of amounts and looked at unit fractions. What fun we had exploring Scotland and watching Barnaby Bear in Edinburgh. **Next week** in maths we will look at equivalent fractions and notice $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ are the same. In English we will write a character description with interesting adjectives, similes and conjunctions. In geography we will be travelling to Wales to find out about its capital city, traditions and where it is situated within the UK.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we started a new maths topic 'fractions'. We have identified what is a 'whole' and what is a 'part'. In science we have started our new topic of 'forces and magnets' and explored how different toys move and what happens when we put ends (poles) of a magnet together. **Next week**, we will explore whether different materials are magnetic or not. In history and geography, we have linked up our knowledge about urban settlements and have identified the facilities of a town. The children looked cosy in their pyjamas and enjoyed hearing each others favourite stories. We cannot wait to hear about the books they buy with their vouchers!

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, have been using place value counters to learn about the role of factors and thinking about real-life stories that we can make up. In English, we have been starting to find the features in a diary entry written by Little Red Riding Hood ready for planning our own diary entry. In history, we have continued to learn about the Romans and how Constantine helped to make Christianity the official religion of Rome. **Next week**, in Science, we will be learning more about different habitats and the animals that live in them.

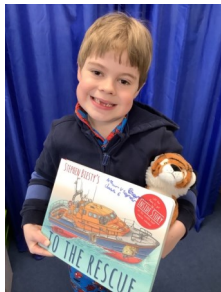
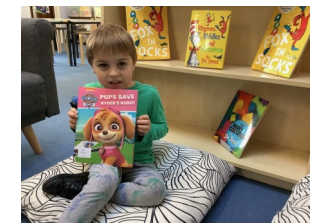
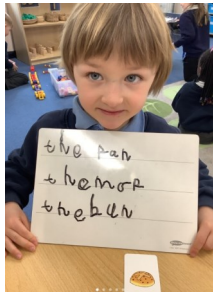
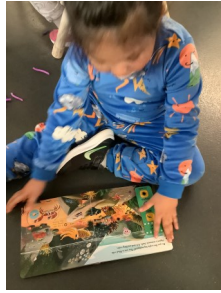
Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we started our new unit on multiplication and division in maths and have been looking carefully at the mathematical terms we use in expressions and equations. We have also been practising column addition and subtraction in fluency sessions, as well as continuing to work on our times tables knowledge. In geography we started our new unit on tourism and this week focussed on seaside towns, such as Llandudno in North Wales. In history, we learned about Emperor Constantine and his impact on the Roman Empire, particularly with regards to the treatment of Christians and in RSE we discussed Body Image. We enjoyed the World Book Day activities and loved looking at the Extreme Reading photos!

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we found out the features of a non-chronological report ready to write one next week. In science, we learned about the components of blood and represented this with different ingredients in a smoothie. **Next week**, we will investigate the impact of exercise on heart rate. The children are working hard in maths lessons as we come to the end of our fractions unit covering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions.

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