

Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Olive (Ash) Harrison & Kyle (Oak)
Alex & Edie (Hawthorn)
Rowan (Beech) Eleanor (Fir)
Elsabeth (Rowan) Ethan (Willow)
Frank & Rosalie (Maple) Jessica & Paul (Sycamore)

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5th March

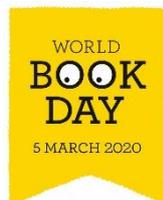
This year's World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. In the past, children and staff have dressed as their favourite book characters, but this year we are going to do it slightly differently.

This year, we would like children to dress in the style of a describing word - an **adjective**. An adjective could be as simple as 'sparkly', 'spotty', or 'colourful'. But then again, it could be a little bit more involved... What about 'athletic', 'artistic', 'medical' or 'regal'? If you want to think even more, what about 'courageous', 'adventurous' or 'wise'? There is a world of choice, without incurring any extra cost!

We think you will enjoy this more than ever, as it will really encourage your children to get thinking about what to wear. We will spend time during the day talking about the different words chosen and it will really help enrich the children's vocabulary.

The children will all take part in lots of World Book Day related activities in their classes during the day. Every child in school will also be given a World Book Day token which can be redeemed in any book shop.

All parents and carers are also invited in to school on the afternoon of Friday 6th March from 2.45 – 3.15pm for a special 'Family Story Time' with your children in their classes to celebrate World Book Day.



SAFEGUARDING BEFORE SCHOOL

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children must always be supervised in the playgrounds before school opens. The safety of all children remains our primary concern, but we cannot accept responsibility for them, or keep them safe, before they come **in to the school building** in the morning.

KEY STAGE 1 MORNING ARRANGEMENTS

From Monday, there will be a small change to our morning routine, when we welcome children into school from the front playground. Instead of there being staff from each class on the gates, there will be one Teaching Assistant each morning to welcome the children and to take any messages from parents. These messages will be passed on to the class teachers straight after the gates close.

It's great that our Key Stage 1 children can come into school so independently in the mornings and that this is now possible. This new arrangement will enable us to get started with our learning straight away and focus on hearing children read, practising our Phonics, and changing reading books.

The best time to speak to class teachers is after school; messages can, of course, always be phoned in to the front desk too.

Mrs Katherine Llewellyn
Key Stage 1 Leader

ROBOT

We are delighted to have received an AV1 robot, who will spend most of his time in Ash class but may also attend collective worship and playtimes from time to time.

AV1 will be supporting Bertie's learning when he is unable to be in school, and will be introduced to the children next week.



SUN TOKENS

Last call for any tokens please - we are still quite a long way off our total!

CAN YOU HELP?

Staff in Acorns would love some old keys for children to use in their activities. If you have any you no longer need, and would be willing to donate them to school, we would be very grateful. Please just bring them to the front desk. Thank you.

SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to Iris, Tahiri, Lacey V, Chloe, Tolly, Ben, Kavin and Anish who all represented St John's School at the swimming gala this week.

A total of eleven schools took part with all children swimming in the relay and a front crawl race followed by four children swimming the backstroke and four swimming the breast stroke.

Over all we came eighth. Noticeable mentions go to Chloe who had the third quickest breaststroke time and Tahiri, who was fifth out of forty-seven children.

WELL DONE to all eight children!

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN RECEPTION

Oak and Ash classes have been learning about tomorrow's Chinese New Year this week. Children made and decorated Chinese lanterns, and a mask for the traditional dragon. After that, they took it in turns to get underneath and do their own New Year Dragon Dances in the playground!



THE NEST

Art - We will use our Craft box to make a craft of our own choice.



Cookery - We will explore a range of exotic fruits to prepare and eat for snack time.

PE - We will use the first lesson from the First Funs programme - 'Pirate Pranks'.

SMSC - We will play puzzles and games with adult support.

A Child's Voice

Swimming Gala Report 2020

By Lacey V and Chloe - Year 4

This Swimming Gala was fun. The first stroke was front crawl and it was so exciting. The second stroke was breast stroke and it was really fun. The next stroke was backstroke but we didn't do backstroke.

Warm-Ups

Chloe did front crawl and she said it was really fun. Lacey did breast stroke and she was really fast!

Races

The races were front crawl (my favourite - Chloe), breast stroke (my favourite - Lacey) and backstroke - our least favourite.

Relay Races

Relay races were really fun. We got split up into teams of four. Two went to the shallow end, the other two went to the deep end.

OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Values are Aspiration and Hope

Reception

Maths - Adding and taking away.

English - Asking questions.

Phonics - Blending and segmenting.

Year 1

Maths - Adding by making 10.

English - Writing about our senses.

Year 2

Maths - Division.

English - Planning and writing a story about Julia Donaldson's book 'The Troll'.

Year 3

Maths - Bus stop division with remainders.

English - Continuing our newspaper report about Boudicca.

Year 4

Maths - Multiplication using the grid and column method.

English - Writing our own non-chronological report about dragons.

DIARY DATES

Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Fri 24 Jan	Reception Heights & Weights
Weds 29 Jan	Sports Festival at Selwood - Year 2
Fri 14 Feb	Author Visit at Cheese & Grain - Year 4
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Fri 6 March	Family Story Time 2.45 - 3.15pm
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Year 4
Fri 3 April	Last day of term
6-17 April	Easter Holiday
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
Fri 8 May	May Bank Holiday
25-29 May	Half Term
w/c Mon 1 June	Sports Week - details TBC
Tues 2 June	Class Photos
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School
Fri 17 July	Last day of term
Mon 20 July	Inset Day