

Headlines

1st March 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the academic year. Hopefully you were able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather over the half term break. Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents' evenings this week. It is important for us to work together to support children's learning. If you were unable to come to parents' evening this week or have any concerns about your child's learning in the future, please do contact the office to make an appointment to see the class teacher. There are lots of opportunities to become more involved with your child's learning coming up this year so please keep an eye out for these.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair this week. It has been one of our most successful fairs ever. As well as new books for you to enjoy at home this also means that we can purchase new books for our library.

Air Quality

On Wednesday, Rachel from the London Sustainability Exchange came to school to work with Year 5. Over the last term Year 5 have been investigating the air quality around our school. They set up some diffusion tubes in and around the school to measure the quantity of air pollution. The results were quite shocking. Levels on the M25 bridge were 4 times the legal limit but fortunately the barriers and trees around our school protect us and levels in the playground were much lower. Year 5 have made a pledge to try to reduce air pollution and protect ourselves by:-

1. Encouraging our family and friends to stop idling (turning the engine off)
2. Being healthy and walking
3. Crossing the motorway bridge quickly.



Staffing

If you have seen Mrs Masey recently you cannot have failed to notice that she is pregnant! She will be leaving us soon to begin her maternity leave. I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Reed will be covering Mrs Masey's absence until the end of the school year and will be teaching Year 2 alongside Mrs Pirie from the 28th March. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Masey well. We look forward to her return.

Dates

Friday 1 st March	Last day of the Book Fair
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Year 3 cake sale
Friday 15 th March	Year 2 Birdworld trip
Monday 18 th March	Year 3 Butser Farm trip
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 2 class assembly

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day next Friday. Children are invited to bring in a favourite book to share with their class and dress up as a character from a book. If any parents would like to come into school to share a favourite book, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Sports News

On Thursday 28th February just as the winter sunshine came to an end the girl's football team from Year 4 took part in a football festival at Cleves school. It was the first experience of football matches for most of the girls. They played 6 matches throughout the afternoon. In their first match they conceded a goal that was more Maradona than his infamous goal in the 1986 World Cup! But the girls were not disheartened and continued to play with great spirit. They learnt from each game played and their performances showed fantastic improvement.

The rain came part way through the afternoon and that coupled with the lack of boots meant that the girls became covered in mud but they continued to smile-even when Issy made a fabulous save which left a ball shaped mud mark on her face- Gordon Banks would have been proud!

In the final game Lauren decided to take on the Maradona style herself but this time more like his second goal. She ran from her own half, beat a couple players and then slotted the ball past the keeper inside the far post.

As this was a festival no results were recorded. However, the girls were a credit to themselves and the school. They were limited in number and had to play all 6 games without a substitute. I think they are looking forward to their next sporting adventure.

The team was Isabella, Lola, Simran, Lauren and Grace.

Momo – online safety

We are aware that there are currently some distressing video clips and images circulating on social media sites, YouTube and games which some children may have access to. Some of these encourage children to do dangerous things without telling their parents. We have attached some information from 'National Online safety' which provides parents with information and guidance. We would always encourage you to monitor your children's online activity closely.