



## Newsletter

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### Class 4 Dance

Last half-term, Class 4 had been working with Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Field to create a whole-class dance on the theme of anti-bullying. Entitled 'Why bully me?' the class worked in groups to create sections of dance exploring the impact of different behaviour on others. Below are a few stills from their performance to the whole school in the last week of term.



### Happy New Year

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year and, like us, are re-energised for the new term ahead. There's a lot to do before Easter...

### Catering Update

I'm delighted to be able to announce that Lunchtime Company have appointed Mrs Nicola Kirk to the role of school caterer and that means we now have a permanent caterer working in our kitchen. Nicola started this week and it has already made such a difference having a permanent

member of staff compared to the string of agency chefs we had last term. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Nicola to the team.

### Make, Do and Mend

Our next Make, Do and Mend morning will be on **Saturday 8th February**. We are very grateful to the groups of parents, children and volunteers who give up their time to help keep the school and its grounds looking tidy.

On recent days we have been able to:

- Keep reception garden looking tidy and well-cared for

- Paint most of the wooden fences in school
- Tidy the school garden
- Begin to tidy the wildlife area on the back playground
- Decorate the boys' cloakrooms at KS2

This time there will be another gardening tidy up and we are also hoping to get some more interior decorating done, starting with the girls' cloakrooms at Key Stage 2.

If you are able to join us on that day, we would be delighted. Please speak with Ms Perkins if you would like further information.

### Required Items

2020 seems to have begun almost as wet as 2019 finished. Children still need:

- A change of shoes/wellies for playtimes and lunchtimes on the Butts
- A **warm, waterproof** coat. Although it has been quite mild this week, I have no doubt that January and February will bring some colder weather.

Occasionally, we do have to stop individual children going out if it is particularly wet or cold and they have not brought a suitable coat.

Thank you for your help.

### Thank you

Thank you everyone. You raised a fantastic £132.62 for Barnados from collections after the Nativity and Carol Service.

## Congratulations to...

- Connie (Class 2) for her music Blue Peter Badge which she received for her work learning to play the recorder.
- Carla (Class 3) for her Grade 2 Piano certificate – passing with merit.
- Charlotte (Class 3) for her Stage 5 Swimming Certificate.

## Reminders

- Tag Rugby Club begins on Monday 13th January
- Dodgeball and Multi-Sports clubs begin again on Wednesday 15th January

## Mobile Phones

We understand that, sometimes, when older children are walking home alone from school you may want them to have a mobile phone with them in case of emergencies. Please can I remind you of our policy in this matter:

- You should let us know that this is happening (we should know if children are regularly walking home alone in any case).
- Children should leave mobile phones, switched off, at the school office in the morning. They can be collected again at the end of the day.

Please don't forget to remind children that they can always return to school if there is an issue.

## STEM Club

We're pleased that there were enough Key Stage 2 children interested in STEM club for it to run this half-term. There are still a couple of spaces if your child remains interested. Please speak to Ms Love to organise a place.

Best wishes,  
Mr Philip Atkin  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

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| <b>Monday 13th January</b>                               | PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm   |
| <b>Friday 24th January</b>                               | PTFA Children's Disco  |
| <b>Wednesday 29th January</b>                            | Class 3 visit to Cambridge Museums <b>NEW</b>                |
| <b>Saturday 8th February</b>                             | Make, Do and Mend Day  |
| <b>Monday 10th February –<br/>Thursday 13th February</b> | Year 6 Bikeability   |
| <b>Monday 10th February</b>                              | Parent & Child Consultations                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 11th February</b>                             | Year 5 Day at MVC  |
| <b>Wednesday 12th February</b>                           | Parent & Child Consultations                                 |
| <b>Friday 14th February</b>                              | INSET Day (School Closed)                                    |
| <b>Monday 17th February –<br/>Friday 21st February</b>   | Half-Term  |
| <b>Thursday 27th February</b>                            | First of 6 Reception Balanceability Sessions                 |
| <b>Thursday 5th March</b>                                | World Book Day <b>NEW</b>                                    |
| <b>Monday 9th March –<br/>Friday 13th March</b>          | Science Week   |
| <b>Friday 13th March</b>                                 | PTFA Bags2School Collection                                  |
| <b>Friday 13th March</b>                                 | Year 5/6 Science Visit to MVC                                |
| <b>Wednesday 18th March</b>                              | Tag Rugby Competition  |
| <b>Friday 20th March</b>                                 | PTFA Quiz  |
| <b>Wednesday 25th March</b>                              | Year 5 Big Read and Write 'Meet the Author' Event <b>NEW</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 1st April</b>                               | Vision Screening for Reception Year                          |
| <b>Wednesday 1st April</b>                               | KS2 Team Building Afternoon                                  |
| <b>Friday 3rd April</b>                                  | Last Day of Term   |

## Summer Term 2020

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| <b>Monday 20th April</b>                       | INSET Day (School Closed)                    |
| <b>Tuesday 21st April</b>                      | First Day of Term                            |
| <b>Thursday 23rd April</b>                     | Reception & Year 6 Measurement Programme     |
| <b>Friday 24th April</b>                       | Bikeability for Year 3                       |
| <b>Monday 27th April</b>                       | Swimming Resus Training (Parents)            |
| <b>Friday 8th May</b>                          | Bank Holiday (School Closed)                 |
| <b>Monday 11th May –<br/>Thursday 14th May</b> | Key Stage 2 SATs Week                        |
| <b>Monday 18th May</b>                         | Class Photographs <b>NEW</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday 21st May</b>                       | Sports' Day and Family Activities <b>NEW</b> |
| <b>Monday 25th May –<br/>Friday 29th May</b>   | Half-Term                                    |