



Newsletter

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Dinosaurs in Class 2...

This week saw Class 2 visiting the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge to explore the topic of dinosaurs. Nicola from the museum led a session about fossils and challenged pupils to think about where they thought a small piece of bone she showed them had come from on the skeleton, mirroring the kind of puzzle palaeontologists are having to solve all the time. The class returned to school full of stories of terrifying lizards...



Spelling

As part of our commitment to improving spelling across the school, we will be introducing some additional spelling work to be completed as part of your child's home learning. It is our hope that this will be a quick and simple addition that has positive impact on spelling.

Each week your child will have five 'tricky' words to learn using a method of their choice.

In order to provide further details on how this spelling work will be structured and to communicate ways in which you can support your child, we have organised some 20-minute parent meetings.

You only need to attend one of these meetings and we have tried

to vary the times in such a way that every parent can attend one of the sessions. The dates and times for the meetings are as follows:

- Monday 26th February at 8.10
- Tuesday 27th February at 8.45 and 15.05
- Wednesday 28th March at 17.45 and 19.00
- Thursday 1st March at 15.05

We look forward to seeing you.

Parent Consultations

This term's Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 5th March and Tuesday 6th March. Booking for these consultations will take place within eSchools (follow the login link on our website homepage) and open at 7pm on Monday. Please check that

you can login successfully over the weekend and email the school office if you have any problems.

Great Fire of London

Class 2 recreated the Great Fire of London on the back playground at the end of half-term to finish off their project. It was very exciting (and very well risk-assessed!)



Congratulations to...

- Mrs Parker on the birth of her first grandchild!
- Class 4 for excellent behaviour and attitudes at their recent residential at Burwell House – well done for working hard at lots of new activities.
- Class 2 for excellent behaviour and questioning on their recent trip to the Sedgwick Museum.

Reminders

- Parent Consultation Booking opens at 7pm on Monday 26th February.
- World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March.
- The KS2 Cross Country (invited children) is on Thursday 1st March – it would help if children could arrive in PE kit.

Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

PTFA News

There are plenty of PTFA activities coming up in the next few weeks:

- **Coffee Afternoon**, from 2.30pm on Friday 2nd March
- **School Cinema**, after-school on Friday 9th March
- **Quiz Night**, on the evening of Friday 23rd March

Tickets for ticketed events can be bought by following the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowlmereptfa>

Please support these events if you can: either by attending or offering to help out. The whole school has benefitted from a number of projects, such as updated laptops, coach trips and improved reading resources thanks to your generous support of PTFA events.

This really does help us to provide better learning experiences for your children which would be beyond our means otherwise.

World Book Day

Don't forget that we are hoping that children will be dressing up as book characters on World Book Day, Thursday 1st March. If it helps, please remind your children that it is dressing as a book character (which can be as simple as you like) for World Book Day, not dressing as a footballer! A few families have asked us to help make this clear to children.

Homework

Now that our new homework system is well-established, we will be introducing a lunchtime "Homework Club" on a Tuesday to follow up with any children who have not completed their tasks. We hope this will help at home with any reluctant completers.

Class 4 at Burwell House

Class 4 have just returned from a 3-day residential at Burwell House. The Burwell House residential provides opportunities to explore team challenges, environmental education and live filming, as well as being the first time for many children staying away from home independently.

It was pretty wet and muddy, but the class learnt plenty and had lots of fun too. Thank you to Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Anderson and Miss Thomson for accompanying the visit.



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 1st March	World Book Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library Open After-School• PTFA Book Stall
Thursday 1st March	Small Schools Cross Country Competition (am)
Friday 2nd March	PTFA Coffee Afternoon, 2.30pm
Monday 5th March	Britten Sinfonia Concert and Workshop (Cambridgeshire Music Live Week)
Monday 5th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 6th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 8th March	Away Football Match against Barrington School
Friday 9th March	PTFA School Cinema, 3pm – 5.15pm
Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March	Science Week
Monday 12th March	Reception and Year 6 Measuring Programme
Thursday 15th March	Home Football Match against Melbourn
Friday 23rd March	Bags2School Collection
Friday 23rd March	PTFA Quiz Night
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term