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## Class 3 go Roman

To start their new project *I am warrior!*, Class 3 visited St Albans on Tuesday this week. In unprecedented February weather, they walked to the Roman theatre to look at the ruins and imagine what it might have looked like nearly 2000 years ago. They also walked to the hypocaust in Verulamium Park to see the fantastically preserved mosaic floor and under-floor heating system, speculating on the kind of building it may have been part of and what it told them about the owner.

In the afternoon, after a balmy outdoor picnic, they visited the Verulamium Museum and enjoyed a taught session set up as a Roman market, where children had to find specific items amongst the wares.

The children asked interesting questions, learnt a huge amount about Roman times and represented the school well. Thanks to Mr Martin for preparing such a well-organised, informative and enjoyable trip.



## World Book Day

Next week sees World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We understand that, whilst many families love helping their children get dressed up on World Book Day, for others it can be quite stressful.

This year, getting dressed up as a favourite book character (that's not an excuse for children to arrive at school in football kit) will be an optional part of the day. So, if you love making the costumes and applying the face-paint to your little ones, please go ahead. If you don't...then don't worry. Judging by the conversations we've had at school, it could be a 50/50 split!

Nobody will be left out just because they haven't dressed up.

# What we would really like is for all children to bring a favourite book to school to share on the day.

There will be other activities on the day, and it is our Reception and Year 1 PJs and Teddies evening too.

#### **Bromcom MIS**

All of our data has now been transferred from SIMS to our new Bromcom system. As you can imagine, there is a lot of information involved and we have been navigating the new system this week and checking that data is correct and in the right places.

One of the issues we have identified is with Dinner Money balances for some children and so, once we have this sorted, and our online payments system set up, we will contact you with login details for the parent portal and app. We anticipate this being at some point next week.

If you are concerned that you haven't paid for any dinners recently, we are still accepting payments by cheque during the transition, but we should be up and running soon enough.

# Congratulations to...

- Children in Class 1 for successfully completing their Balanceability course.
- Xander (Class 1) for his Duckling 2 swimming certificate.
- Luke (Class 2) for his certificate from the Ultra Marathon Club recognising his 50 completed Park Runs – that's a total of 100km.
- Megan (Class 4) for her gymnastic competition medals.
- Christina, Connie and Andreas (all Class 2) for their gymnastics certificates.

#### Reminders

- The PTFA Bags to School collection is on Thursday 7th March.
- It is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.
  - Children can dress up if they want.
  - All children should bring a favourite book to school
  - The Reception and Year 1
    PJ and Teddies evening is at 6.30pm.

#### **Red Nose Day**

This year's Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March) falls on a busy day in school as it is the visit of our partner school and school uniform is one of the key differences between French and UK Primary Schools. Year 6 have put their minds to an alternative and have come up with a **Silly Hair or Hat Day** for a small donation to the cause.

## Year 3/4 Orienteering

Congratulations to three teams of four Year 3/4s who attended Linton Village College for an afternoon of orienteering challenges. Over 30 teams took part and we were delighted when one of our teams (Bonnie, George C, Luke and Jack) were announced as winners of one of the events. Our other teams of 4 were: Charlie R, William H, Charlotte & Isabella and Rebecca, Emily, Jake & Raffy. Well done everyone!

## PTFA Quiz

Don't forget the PTFA Quiz on Friday 15th March. Why not book a babysitter and put a team together for a great night out? http://ptaevents.co.uk/fowlmereptfa/

Best wishes, Mr Philip Atkin **Headteacher** 

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 4th March	Sonrisa Music Concert (Whole School) and Workshop for Class 3
Tuesday 5th March	Class 4 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	PTFA Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday 7th March	EYFS and Year 1 PJs and Teddies Evening, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 11th March	Instrumental Concert, Fowlmere URC, 6.00pm 🚧
Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March	Science Week
Friday 15th March	Visit from Ecole Victor Hugo
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day – Silly Hair or Hat Day 🚧
Friday 15th March	PTFA Quiz Night
Tuesday 19th March	Lunchtime Co. Tasting Session for Parents, 3.00pm
Wednesday 20th March	Tag Rugby Competition
Friday 29th March	Year 3/4 Bikeability
Friday 29th March	PTFA School Cinema
Monday 1st April	Reception & Year 6 NHS Measurement Programme
Tuesday 2nd April	Reception NHS Vision Screening
Friday 5th April	Open Morning, 9am – 10am
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term

#### Summer Term 2019

Monday

Tuesday 23rd April	School Closed for Staff Training
Wednesday 24th April	First Day of Term
Monday 6th May	School Closed (May Day)
Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Saturday 18th May – Sunday 19th May	PTFA Art Exhibition
Thursday 23rd May	Sports Day
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half-Term
Friday 13th June	MVC Induction Day 🚧
Tuesday 18th June	Year 4 Mini-Olympics 🚧
Friday 21st June	Open Morning 觽
8th July – Friday 12th July	Class 4 Residential Visit
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of Term