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INSET Days

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Summer Term 2020

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Mon 1.6.20	Fri 17.7.20

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Words from the Woods!

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear parents,

Science Quality Mark

I am pleased to attach our Primary Science Quality Mark portfolio along with this newsletter; which we achieved for the academic year 2018-2019 and was awarded in December 2019. We are the only school in the area to have achieved this award! You can find a printed copy on the visitor table in reception.



This award recognises the excellent science provision that we provide for our children. The Primary Science Quality Mark is not like other quality marks: it is a year-long CPD programme, looking at how we could further develop our provision and raise the profile of science; which is now very much embedded within our curriculum.

Musical instruments

A huge thank you to 'Music Tutors 4 You' for their donation of ukuleles and music books. In the past they had also donated recorders and accompanying music books. This generosity has enabled us to teach the children an instrument as part of the music curriculum.

Today, Class 3 had the pleasure in learning ukulele and thoroughly enjoyed it. They will continue to learn the ukulele until the end of this academic year.

Summer 2020 will see Class 2 learning the recorder!



Can you help?

We will be hosting our 2nd Science Week starting Monday 9th March. Last year we had a visiting meteorologist and a female army mechanic. If you, or you know anyone involved in STEM (Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics) and would like to come in during that week to talk about their job, please do get in contact.



Tissues

It is that time of year where there are lots of sneezing taking place! Please could you donate a box of tissues? For every box brought in, your child will receive 10 house points!



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Clubs

I am pleased to announce that we have 3 new clubs starting after half term - sports, puck hockey and Ukulele. When the weather is drier, we will also be running a cross country club. If you would like to help with any of these after school clubs, please let the school know. The more adults we have, the more children that can participate!



After the success of pupil run clubs at lunch time, we will be opening up a few more! Harvey and Hamza will continue Coding and Sadie and Emily will continue Art and DT.

After half term, Isabella and Summer will run a relaxation club and Kaolan, Poppy, Georgia and Fuad will run a colouring club.



PTA news

I would like to thank the PTA for their donation of £2,000. The money has been used to purchase the log stack which was installed in July. All we need is some good weather so that the children can use it!

Class 4 residential

Class 4 will be off to Longridge on Tuesday 19th May 2020 – Friday 22nd May 2020. This will be an exciting opportunity for children to explore a range of activities, from canoeing to rock climbing as well as spending time away from home!

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting adventure, please return your deposit by Monday 3rd February.



Homework

Thank you for completing the questionnaires and offering to meet with myself to discuss homework.

I will be meeting with Ms Owen (Isabelle yr1), Mrs Puleston (Harry yr4 and Abby yr5), Mrs Smart (Zac yr 3 and Noah yr1) and Mrs Sharp (Georgia yr5) on Tuesday to discuss how best homework is used. We will have a new scheme, which will include a new online maths programme ready to trial after the February half term break.



Scooters

Do you have a scooter suitable for children aged 4-6 that your child has grown out of? Is it in good working order? If so, please donate your used scooter to our EYFS and KS1 play area. Scooters are great for developing strength and coordination.

Don't forget, our next celebration assembly and coffee morning will be held on Friday 31st January 2020. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided by the PTA for a small donation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
 Mrs D Groom
 Headteacher