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Welcome back to the Spring Term. We are all hoping for some appropriate spring sunshine to help us make the most of our outside areas this term!

Class Updates...

Year R Bumble Bees



Planning

This half term we are planning activities and learning experiences based around the broad theme of 'Once upon a time', this will include introducing the children to oral stories, initially The Gingerbread Man but also other traditional tales. We will be talking about healthy eating choices and enjoying cooking some foods we like too, which may not all be healthy! We will be experimenting with food and looking at changes both natural and man-made. In maths we will find out about halves and doubles including finding out about the 'full moon, half moon and total eclipse' of well known chocolate and orange flavoured biscuits! We will be measuring length and weighing and comparing objects. We are also continuing to work on numbers between 10 and 20; recognising and writing them. We will be trying to write labels and lists and will be planning stories we have learnt. In RE we will be listening to stories Jesus told. In PE we are alternating between dance and multiskills.

Getting outside

Our outside provision improves by the day and we are grateful for all donations of building materials. We are still keen to have more tyres to plant inside etc, so if you are changing a car tyre please bring it in, we also need more planks, pieces of wood for bridge making and gutter lengths, so if you are planning DIY, which a lot of us are as the weather is so poor, please save surplus materials for us.

Phonics

We are now learning the more complex vowel digraphs and are making good progress. Many of us still need to work on reading and now writing tricky words.

Thank you

Many thanks to all helping Mums and Grandmas; you make such a difference. Our thanks to Penny Faulkner for making our purple trimmed bakery aprons for us, we love them.

Year 1/2 Ladybirds



Welcome back! Ladybirds have returned after a busy Autumn Term full of beans. We have begun the Spring term by going on a bear hunt in preparation for our Intrepid Explorers topic. During the term we will be learning about two famous explorers - Neil Armstrong and Captain Scott. The children will be role playing their trips and finding out about why these events are remembered today. Later in the half term we are going to visit a museum where the children can see real artefacts gathered from one of the members of Scott's team. We would like to invite you to our Family Assembly on Friday 14th February at 9.15 a.m. where we will share all our learning with you. A few reminders for you:

Having a pair of wellies in school is useful, especially after all the rain we have had. Please could you send your child in with a named pair that can be left in school.

Ladybirds have started sending home a 'Spotlight Bag'. The idea is that the children pick 3 things from home that they want to talk about at school. They will be in the spotlight the following day so please send the bag back with the three things in.

PE

This will take place on Monday mornings this half term, led by PE teachers from Henry Cort. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every Monday

Keeping Hydrated



It is really important that you try to remember your child's water bottle, as it's much easier for children to hydrate themselves independently if they have one.

Uniform & PE Kit



Please could you ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled. We have had problems, especially after clubs, with items going missing. Coats are the most difficult clothing item to match to a child if they are not labelled. The reversible coats do make labelling difficult so why not try a ribbon or key ring in the zip or sew/ iron a label at the bottom under the lining.

We do try our best to minimise getting uniform dirty during class activities. However if you could

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provide your child with a waterproof outfit, to keep in school, it would be a great help. Please could you send in some spare uniform to keep in PE bags if your child often comes home in other clothes due to 'accidents' or watery disasters. Please return borrowed clothes as quickly as your washing routine allows. Thank you.

On-Line Payment System



You should have all received a letter containing the information required to sign up to our On-line payment system. We hope that you will find the system easy to use and a convenient way to pay for school dinners and any future trips. If you need any help using the system or need another copy of your original letter so you can sign up please contact the school office.

Junk Modelling



We always need boxes for junk modelling so please save any suitable boxes and send them in.

Clubs

We are able to offer the following clubs:

Lunchtime Clubs

Choir - working towards performance in the Easter Service

Reading (details to follow)

After School Clubs

Monday	Performing Arts 3.15 pm - 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday	LJ's Dance & Drama 3.15 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday	Tecnico Coaching Football Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Friday	Multi Skills 3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

If your child would like to join any of the above clubs please speak to their class teacher or the school office.

Smart Swaps

The attached booklet is part of an initiative to help us become healthier. We will be talking to the children about the ideas contained in the booklet.



Time Out Childcare

The Time Out Breakfast and After School care has now started. If you would like to find out more about the service or to book a place please contact Karen on 07718 910522 or email Jacqui at jacquiqrisciti@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for your Diary



January 2014

- 06 Start of Spring Term
- 31 Professional Day - children do not attend

February 2014

- 06 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Workshop
- 07 Quiz Night
- 11 Oates Museum Trip - Ladybirds
- 11 PTA Meeting 7.00 p.m.
- 14 Ladybirds Family Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- 14 School finishes 3.15 p.m for Half Term holiday
- 24 Start of second half of Spring term
- 24 African Week
- 25 Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.
- 27 Parents Evening 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.

March 2014

- 03 SEARCH Museum Trip - Bumble Bees & Ladybirds(further details to follow)
- 06 World Book Day
- 07 Dress Up Day - Character from a book
Family Friday - Reading 2.30 p.m.
- 11 Film Club 5p.m. - details to follow
- 14 Professional Day - children do not attend
- 24 Betsy Bunny - Performing Arts Club 6 p.m.
- 28 PTA Secret Room - details to follow
- 31 Spring Celebration Assembly 2.30 p.m. - all welcome

April 2014

- 03 PTA Children's Disco - details to follow
- 04 Easter Fun Day
- 04 End of Term 3.15 p.m.
- 22 Start of Summer Term

Forward Planning

- 7 May Class Photos
- 19 May Carnival Week
- 2 June Professional Day - children do not attend
- 3 June Start of Out and About Week
- 5 June Picnic Lunch & Sports Day 12.15 p.m.
- 20 June Summer Fayre
- 04 July Problem Solving Day & Exhibition 2.30 p.m.
- 08 July Itchen Valley Country Park Trip - details to follow
- 09 July Parent Child Evening
- 14 July Professional Day - children do not attend
- 23 July End of Term
- 02 Sept Autumn Term starts

Thank you for your continued support.

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