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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter. It’s been a busy half term with some fantastic learning going on. Some highlights below, plus a look ahead to some events which are coming up next half term.  Don’t forget, **Monday 26th February is a teacher training day**. School re-opens for pupils on **Tuesday 27th February.** | | |
| **Staffing Update**  I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mr Robin Bridges as our new caretaker and he starts work with us this week.  We are looking forward to working with him. | | **Gymnastics club**  Gymnastics club finishes this week for Class 1 and 2. After half term, there will be a chance for children in Class 3 and 4 to take part. A letter will be coming out shortly about this. |
| **Diversity and inclusion workshops**  On Tuesday 5th March, as part of our anti-bullying work, all the children will be taking part in activities delivered by the charity ‘Diversity role models’. There is more information about the charity here:  [Diversity Role Models](https://www.diversityrolemodels.org/)  EYFS/ Year 1&2: The workshop will explore how we are all different and how everyone should be treated with respect and allowed to be themselves. We will read the book ‘Perfectly Norman’ by Tom Percival and discuss how all of us are different and how our families may look different but are characterised by love and care and should be treated with respect.  Year 3&4: The workshop will explore how our families may all look different but all deserve to be treated with respect. We also explore what makes us all unique and how there are many aspects to each of our identities including our families, cultures, gender, religion, hobbies etc.  Year 5&6: The workshop uses the poet and campaigner Audre Lorde to introduce concepts relating to prejudice and discrimination and the importance of recognising and celebrating our differences.  If anyone has any questions about the content of the workshops, please just ask! | | |
| **Theatre Workshop**  Class 3 will be taking part in a drama workshop this Wednesday morning run by the Miscreations Theatre Company.  The theme is ‘The World of the Soil’! | **World Book Day**  World Book Day is fast approaching and Ms Blake Darcy has planned some exciting activities this year. Look out for the separate letter coming out this week. | |
| **School Council update**  The school council are busy designing a campaign about ‘Being safe, and being seen’. They will be launching this on Friday this week when they will be handing out stickers to everyone as well as unveiling a banner they have made.  The date for the next batch of tree seeds to be planted is fast approaching- and the school council members are keeping a close eye on the seeds which are already planted to see if there are any signs of life!  Finally, they are busy designing some activities for the ‘Big Plastic Count’ week which takes place from the 11th- 17th March. They will be sharing more information about this after half term. | | |
| **Art Days**  Class 3 produced some amazing artwork during their art days last week. They looked at the work of Antoni Gaudi- architect, sculptor and artist - and then produced their own lamppost sculptures.  Image preview  Class 2 have been looking at the work of the surrealist painter Leonora Carrington and this week will be going on to look at Henri Rousseau’s jungle paintings; focusing on creating different effects while drawing, and mixing different shades of colours. Class 4 are going to be looking at the work of surrealist artists including Salvador Dali, Leonora Carrington and Kara Walker and creating their own mixed media work concentrating on the theme of ‘Fantasy Worlds.’ | | |
| **Changes to Nursery Provision**  Hopefully, you have all seen the letter outlining the changes to our nursery provision. From Easter, children can attend for full days right from the start of the term after their 3rd birthday (M- Th full days and mornings only on Fridays). From September, we hope that children will be able to start from the beginning of the term in which they turn three. There is lots more information in the letter which came out last week. If you need another copy- or require further clarification on any aspect- please do get in touch.  . | | **Wrap around care**  Just a reminder of the hours for Wrap around care.  Breakfast Club is 7.45- 8.45am each morning.  After school club is 3.15- 4.30 pm on Monday and  3.15- 5.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  A huge thank you to all of you who are now booking online via Parentpay. I know there have been some teething problems with this new system so thank you all for your patience. |
| **Online safety:**  The London Grid for Learning have produced a video which explains what parents just don’t get about online lives! The link is here:  <https://youtu.be/Lde52EtjljQ?si>  It’s a great way to start a conversation.!  There’s also a free downloadable game which explores internet safety themes. The link is here:  [Safer Internet Day | LGFL](https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day) | | |
| **Attendance Matters!**  Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. | | |
| **Parking**  NCC traffic officers are now regularly patrolling outside our school. THIS IS TO TRY AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. Please park responsibly and use the cricket club car park where possible rather than double-parking which causes an obstruction to other road users and reduces visibility for those trying to cross the road. I have received further complaints from members of the community about the parking outside school.  Please help us to keep the children safe! | | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | | |
| **Dates for your diary** | |  |
| **FEBRUARY** | |  |
| Friday 16 th Feb | | School closes for half term |
| **Monday 26th Feb** | | Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 27th Feb | | School reopens for pupils |
| **MARCH** | |  |
| w/c 4th March | | *Book week* |
| Tuesday 5th March | | Diversity and Inclusion day |
| Friday 8th March | | World book day celebration |
| w/c 18th March | | DT days |
| **Thursday 28th March** | | School closes for Easter |
| **APRIL** | |  |
| Monday 15th April | | School re-opens |
| W/c 22nd April | | Parent consultations |
| **MAY** | |  |
| Friday 24th May | | Finish for half term |
| **JUNE** | |  |
| Monday 3rd June | | School re-opens |
| **JULY** | |  |
| Friday 19th July | | School closes for the summer |
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