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Dear Families

What an amazing time we had on World Book Day! To promote reading and the love of reading, lots of activities had been planned for the day and the children loved it. We even had 'Masked Reader' where children had to identify the member of staff that was reading part of a story. See the full update below.

Today, we had our termly fire drill with our newer members of staff being involved. We were out, lined up and checked in under three minutes. The Chair of Governors, Mark Scott, was also around to observe, evaluate and give the school feedback. Following each termly fire drill, as a team, we evaluate the procedure to ensure that we have the best systems in place.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

### WORLD BOOK DAY

WORLD BOOK DAY - Wow, the children looked absolutely amazing dressed up as different book characters. Thank you, to you the parent/carers, for helping your child get their outfit and props together. The children have had a fantastic day immersed in books - reading books and listening to stories, guessing the 'Masked Reader', taking part in the Roald Dahl props quiz, and being able to swap their books. Thank you to the parents who came in at the end of the day to read their favourite story to the children as well. It was a brilliant day. Do have a look at the photos on our Facebook page.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are pleased to announce that Benjamin S and Bea have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl for the second half of this year. They have proved themselves to be responsible and hardworking role models, which led to their selection.

### YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to our footballers, who played 5 matches against other schools in our locality. Although, there was some great play from everyone in the team, they just couldn't find the back of the net, well, not until their last game, which they drew 1-1. Be proud of yourselves boys, as you never gave up.



## COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday, 15 March and all children are invited to dress in red clothes and wear their red noses (non-uniform day). The School Council will be standing by the front door to collect donations at the start of the day. Thank you for your support.



## EASTER BONNET PARADE – MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The Easter Bonnet parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly offered to donate. We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- Papier mâché balloon to make an egg.
- Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



## NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

Helena would like to pass on her thanks on the School Choir and staff for their wonderful singing in church last Sunday. So many people have commented on how much they enjoyed the Service and the singing!

My name is Leo the Donkey and I am looking forward to meeting you when I come for the Palm Sunday walk on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.



## **NEWS FROM THE PTA**

We had a great first PTA meeting last week since taking over on the committee and thank you to everyone who attended.

Plans are well underway for all of our upcoming events. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming months. Hopefully, you have all received letters this week for the Sponsored Bounce, which is happening on Thursday 28th March. This is a great opportunity to raise money for the school. The money raised is all going towards transport costs for upcoming school trips, which I am sure you will all agree is a very worthy cause for our children. It would be great to make this year our best one yet for sponsorship.

### **PTA upcoming events:**

- Friday 22nd March: Second hand uniform sale
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Sponsored Bounce
- Sunday 14th April: Grand National Run
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Bag2School
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Revels
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### **RECENT CORRESPONDENCE**

- Booking information for Chelsea FC Foundation after school club (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
- Email to all Year 5 parents (Science and EFS topic)
- PTA Sponsored Bounce forms
- Email to Year 2 parents (Nepcote Pond restoration project)

## DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
<b>Tues 19 March</b>	<b>Y2 Nepcote Pond restoration project</b>
Fri 22 March	PTA Second-hand uniform sale
Mon 25 March	Easter Bonnet Parade at school (9am, parents invited)
Tues 26 March	Easter Service, Rowan Class will be leading the service (9am at school)
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser No Book Club/last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
<b>Tues 16 April</b>	<b>PTA meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)</b>
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
<b>Thurs 25 April</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS parent meeting (3pm)</b> <b>Y5&amp;Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents and children (3.30pm)</b>
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
<b>Wed 8 May</b>	<b>Year 1 phonics meeting for parents (2.40pm)</b>
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
<b>Thurs 6 June</b>	<b>PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels</b>
<b>Fri 7 June</b>	<b>Class &amp; Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!</b>
<b>Sat 8 June</b>	<b>SUMMER REVELS</b>
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
<b>Mon 8 July</b>	<b>KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks</b>
Fri 19 July	PTA Summer disco
Tues 23 July	Last day of term

