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Dear Families

We have come to the end of what has been a busy half term.

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children experienced the Great Fire of London through drama and they had a great afternoon. Our Reception children had their assembly and did an amazing job of sharing all of their learning around Africa. They have been super busy this half term looking at vocabulary, language, culture, habitats and music.

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, our staff have also had their annual Prevent training. This is current information around radicalisation and extremism and current issues around active groups online and the social network platforms that are being used.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for your continued support, by working together we achieve the best outcomes for our children.

Have a great week.

Mrs Sharrock

### WORLD THINKING DAY



On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, children who are members of the Girl Guiding and Scouting organisation can wear their uniforms to school to celebrate 'World Thinking Day'. This includes children who are in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. World Thinking Day is an annual event, celebrated worldwide.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> February was chosen as the date for Thinking Day because it was the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting Movement, and Olave Baden-Powell, who was the first World Chief Guide.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and as a school, we are planning a variety of exciting activities to promote and encourage children to see themselves as a reader.

We are asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character, sharing the books that they enjoy reading or having read to them.

We will also be doing a 'Teacher Read', where members of staff will be reading their favourite books and children can choose which classroom they wish to visit and which books they wish to hear. Individual key stages will be planning their own activities for the day but all will involve the children seeing themselves as readers and enjoying books. World Book Day will be a fun-filled and productive day for the children celebrating the pleasure that is found in reading and promoting reading for all!

## **HOLLY CLASS VISIT TO CHICHESTER**

Following a cancellation, the Novium museum is able to offer Holly Class a guided walk around Chichester, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The cost of this walk is £3.50. The children will learn more about the changes to Chichester since the Roman invasion in 43AD. This will now take the trip cost to £5.50. We apologise for the short notice, but we only received this message yesterday and this is a learning opportunity that we do not want to miss.

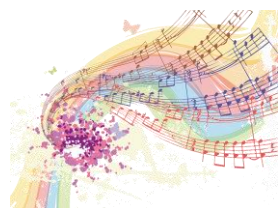
**If you haven't already done so, please return the consent slip, included in the original letter, along with an additional voluntary contribution of £3.50 for the guided walk.**

## **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL**

Wow, the girls played some great football this week, and improved with each game. Although they found it hard to score a goal, they did have a number of near misses and eventually they found the back of the net in the last minute of the last match. Brilliant football girls, well done.



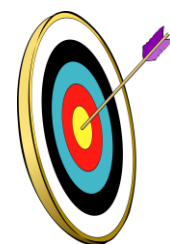
## **REMINDER - BOYS VOCAL CLUB**



Boys Vocal Club will restart on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, the Club will not take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> February as we have parents evening and staff training after school on these dates.

## **PREMIER EDUCATION ARCHERY CLUB**

Premier Education Archery Club will be continuing for children in Years 1 to Year 6. There are spaces available if your child would like to try out a new sport. Please speak to the school office for more information.



## 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.

Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	Half-term break
Mon 19 February	Back to school
Tues 20 February	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 21 February	Rowan & Holly trip to Chichester Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5pm)
Thurs 22 February	World Thinking Day
Tues 27 February	PTA meeting (6pm)
Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at morning service (St John's Church 10am)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
<b>Tues 26 March</b>	<b>Easter Service, Rowan Class will be leading the service (9am at school)</b>
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
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Fri 17 May	PTA non-uniform day
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</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

