



Monday 27th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We return after the half term with lots of news and information to share.

ART WEEK You will have received a separate letter about our school participating the Fourth Plinth Competition. Last Wednesday, Ms Emma Moore delivered a presentation to the whole school about it. This week she will visit each class from Nursery to Year 6 helping the children with their creative entries.

The subject and theme will be:

In our school, we uphold certain values to be important in how we live our lives. These are Courage, Integrity, Gratitude, Respect, Self-discipline and Empathy.

We all know how to talk about these values but how would you make them into a piece of art? Children can do anything at all. They will do various sketches and then translate their design into a 3D piece of artwork. The challenge is to think of something creative and totally original that no-one else has thought of, because this is what will make their work stand out.

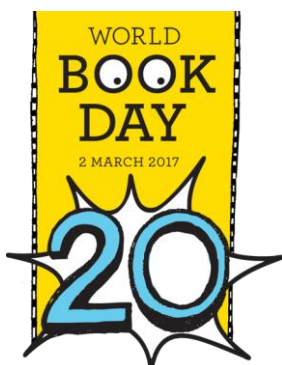
We will spend a good amount of time working on our creations during the week, but input from parents in terms of ideas and some materials is necessary to create something really fantastic! The school will provide basic materials for sculpture, painting and drawing, but specific requests will need to be provided by parents.

Suggestions:

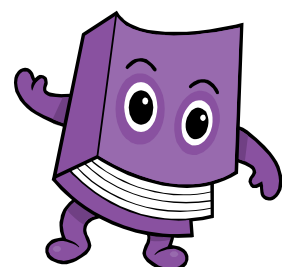
Buttons, sequences, fabric, empty food packaging, wool, plastic tops, newspaper, pompoms, artificial feathers etc.

Children should bring their own items to school on Tuesday 28th February in a named labelled bag.

Ms Moore is looking forward to working with the children on this exciting project. If you would like to come and help out, please kindly let your child's class teacher know. You may be a artist, graphic designer, architect, make clothes, knit, crochet, paint, draw or have an artistic hobby etc. It would be wonderful if you could come to school to talk and share about your talent or profession with the children. Please let us know. Either speak to your child's class teacher or to the Office team who will let me know.



WORLD BOOK DAY A reminder that next week is World Book Week, with World Book Day being held on Thursday 2nd March. We are going to postpone this event and celebrate the pleasure of literacy in the Summer term. However, each child will receive a book token.



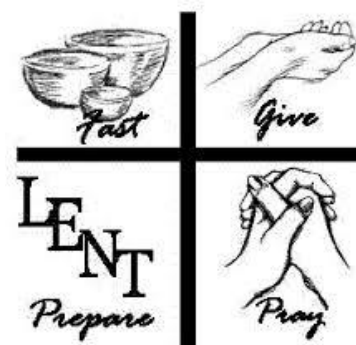
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK During last week's worship and yoga sessions we thought about the importance of Lent and how there are similarities in the actions in Hinduism.

We also had a moving presentation to celebrate Shivarati. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but heard how gracefully the children had performed. Well done to our Year 6 children.



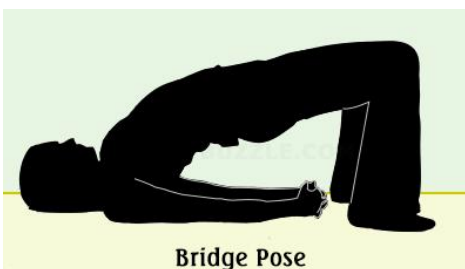
KAPS VALUES OF equality, respect and self-discipline

- Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday
- **Sacrifice** – Giving something up
- The importance of caring for all creatures big and small



YOGA LESSONS

Key Stage 1- We started the class with pranayam and our yogi poki song (sun salutations). We learned about sacrifice and what it means. It means to give up something that will make you happy for another's benefit. We learned about different types of sacrifices and how the story of the Monkey King sacrificed his life for saving the other monkeys in his kingdom by making himself into a bridge so the other monkeys could cross the river. We learned a new yoga pose called the bridge.



Key Stage 2- We got settled into the class by doing some breathing exercises (pranayama). Then we got warmed up by doing sun salutations. We refreshed our memory regarding all the yoga poses we have learnt and their Sanskrit names. We categorized them as sitting down, standing up and lying down yoga poses. We read a story about the mother's sacrifice for her son. Learning about sacrifices in different spiritual traditions such as Lent and

Ramadan, we learned that we show sacrifice by doing Ekadashi. We played a game of passing the treasure; whoever got the treasure sacrificed it to someone else to make them happy. The people that received the treasure from one of their classmates thanked them.



REMINDER

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, which are being issued up until 2nd May. Any vouchers should be posted into the orange post box found in the library.

Last year, we were able to purchase a range of cookery equipment from your donated vouchers - it would be great to get even more resources for our school. Thank you for your support.



LOOKING AFTER PETS and ANIMALS

This week we will consider the importance of looking after animals and pets. We will encourage a respect and reverence for all life forms.

We are fortunate that Mrs Beresford has two dogs, one which is a rescue dog.

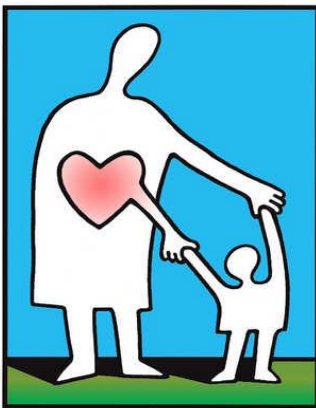
She has kindly agreed to bring Rody to school. She will deliver a presentation on Thursday 2nd March about promoting good practice in animal care. She will share her knowledge.

The assembly will be in two parts with KS1 at 8.00am and KS2 at 8.30am.

The assembly will not allow the children to touch or handle Rody, keeping line with the school risk assessment.

If you do not wish you child to attend the talk, please let your child's class teacher know. If this is the case, your child will stay in class and learn about caring for pets via a power point.

If we do not hear from you, the class teacher will assume that you are in agreement to your child attending assembly.



PARENT GYM Last Wednesday was another session to increase parents' skills, confidence and improve the behaviour and wellbeing of children. I was extremely pleased to hear that the sessions are being very positively received. I would like to thank the parent/ carers who have been attending them regularly and look forward to hearing how the sessions have benefited in building stronger parent and child relationships.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS will be on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March. **This is an important event where we would like you to attend the learning conversation meeting with your child if possible.**

You are required to go to your child's class, where you will find their book tray outside the classroom. Please browse through the work before speaking to the class teacher. The class teacher will call you into the room when it is your appointment.

Each appointment will last up to **ten minutes and will provide you with a confidential opportunity to view your child's work and to discuss progress.**

The time slot availability will be displayed outside your child's class room, kindly slot your preferred time.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS REMINDER I hope you have received the information regarding the 2 vacancies for parent members.

If you would like to stand for election as a parent member, please complete the relevant section on the nomination form that was emailed to you last week.

This is a rewarding volunteer role, where you can contribute to shaping the vision and values of the school.

The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd March 2017 at 3.00pm.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Attendance week ending 24th February was 95.8%. The current school attendance for the academic year to date is 96.5%. Your support would be appreciated for us to reach our academic year target of 97%.

44 children were late this week



The classroom doors open from 7.50am so there is no excuse for being late and ready to learn.

Our target for the academic year is 97%.

Appointments – Nearly all surgeries are open late and at weekends. Please try to arrange appointments after school. If in school time please bring your appointment card into school and an explanation of why it has to be in school time.

AMBER = Worrying

Attendance between 91% and 95.9% would raise concerns for pupils' progress and parents will be alerted with an 'amber' letter, which may help to identify patterns of absence which we could address.

RED = Serious Concern For attendance which falls below 91%, parents will receive a red letter outlining absences for the term, and highlighting the serious impact that this would have on progress if it continued.



LEADING ECO HELPERS TO THE RESCUE

I was so thrilled to find that a group of Year 3 children took the initiative to undertake a litter picking campaign in the school grounds during their lunchtimes. They were marvellous! They planned and organised the areas that required to be covered. They carried out the task splendidly, demonstrating values of respect, gratitude and pride for their school and self- discipline. I am so proud of the children. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

During assembly this week, we will be congratulating the children.





I hope you can join me on Friday afternoon for our Parent Forum meeting at 1.30pm.

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai, Principal

DIARY DATES :

27/02/17	Art week supported by Ms Emma Moore
01/03/17	Parent Gym session 4 in Conference Room - 8.15am
02/03/17	World Book Day - £1.00 Book tokens will be sent home
02/03/17	Mrs Beresford will bring Rody to school and deliver a presentation about taking care of pets and animals
03/03/17	Keep Britain Tidy day
03/03/17	Closing date Parent Governor Elections
03/03/17	<p>Parent Forum – Agenda 1.30pm – 2.30pm Building a strong partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of actions from previous meeting • Actions addressed so far • A consultation about Homework across the school <div style="text-align: center;">  <h3 style="color: blue;">Main Aims</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and promote children's learning • To help the school find out what parents and carers think about important issues • To involve parents and carers actively in school decisions • To make plans that support the ways the school wants to develop and improve outcomes for our children • Aim to meet twice a term  </div>
08/03/17	Gaura Purima Abishek celebrations – Non uniform to celebrate this important festival
08/03/17	Parents Consultation 1 evening
09/03/17	Parents Consultation 2 evening
13/03/17	Holi Arrival of Spring
15/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition EYFS, KS 1
15/03/17	Parent Gym 5 in Conference Room - 8.15am
17/03/17	St Patrick's Day (story of the Patron Saint of Ireland)
22/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition KS2
22/03/17	Parent Gym session 6 in Conference Room - 8.15am
24/03/17	Red Nose Day - Mufti Day (Non-school uniform) – details to follow
30/03/17	Easter Class assembly Year 3
31/03/17	<p>FOKAS EVENT – details to follow watch this space</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   </div>
31/03/17	Break up for Easter Holiday
18/04/17	Pupils return