



Newsletter 9th March 2018

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

After a few weeks of unsettled weather, hopefully we are beginning to see a few signs of Spring. This week has been particularly busy as, apart from two classes, I have had the pleasure of observing the children across the whole school. During each observation, I have been joined by one member of the Senior Leadership Team. The children and staff have been focusing on using their reasoning skills, one of our whole school priorities on our School Improvement Plan. The teaching and learning that takes place every day is just amazing. Teachers have really challenged the children and the children have had to demonstrate the school values to aspire and collaborate with others to discuss their learning. There is a real learning buzz from the children and they love to show off their skills. It makes me feel extremely proud of all.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up. The annual pyramid concert takes place next week and we are so excited for the choir to perform. Last year our performance was superb and the children were fantastic ambassadors for school. This year we are really looking forward to showcasing not only our amazing voices, but also our new school uniform. Hopefully I will be able to share our success and perhaps a photograph of the choir in action in the next newsletter.

We also have parents' evenings planned for this half term. This is a chance for teachers to share information about the children's achievement and progress. A target sheet will be provided for you to take away showing the objectives your child is expected to achieve for their age group and specific targets your child is working towards. As you can imagine, the teachers have to see many parents, as a result timings have to be tight. If you need to speak to a teacher about more than their achievement and progress then it may be more appropriate to make a separate appointment. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

From time to time there is a need to speak to staff about your child or clarify things that may have happened in school. In the first instance, the class teacher is always the best person to speak to as they know your child better than anyone. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at senior leader meetings with myself and Mr Coombs.

Thank you for your on-going support,
Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

PTFA

Our PTFA continue to work hard to raise funds for the school and the Spring term is no exception. On Friday 16th March we have chocolate bingo & the KS2 disco. All welcome.

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st March.
Thursday 22nd March.
Please ensure you have booked a slot with your child's teacher.
Appointments will be confirmed next week.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 12th March. All children will have their photograph taken and there will be an opportunity for you to purchase copies if you wish.

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World Book Day Success!
Thank you to all who joined our World Book Day fun. The children had a wonderful time creating their twisted tales. Check out some of the brilliant costumes.



Just before half term, the children in Nursery and Reception were visited by the 'Animal Lady'. Our Leasowes Values were in action all day as the children showed courage and respect as they carefully touched or held the animals. There were lots of animals that we were able to meet, but a few memorable ones for the children were a Bearded Dragon called 'Gorgeous George', a baby Corn Snake called 'Kellog', a very cuddly Kinkajou (Honey Bear) called 'Esther' and a Tortoise called 'Barry'.

