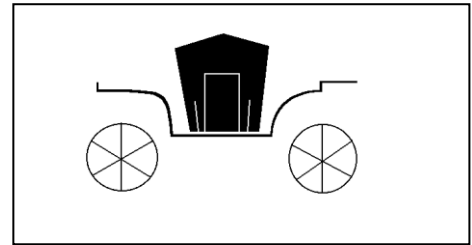


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Newsletter No. 17
Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Governors,



Certificates in Assembly

A well done to the children got a certificate in today's assembly.

Week on week, we hear a huge range of reasons about why certificates are given out. It's always so lovely to hear so many fantastic qualities being demonstrated across every year group. We see examples of perseverance, kindness, being a role-model, sustained and improved efforts, improvements in different areas, excellent knowledge and interest in things, and "consistently doing x, y and z".

We know that sometimes certificates get lost at the bottom of bookbags or occasionally left behind in trays, but we see how proud the children are when they come up to receive them in assembly. There are always lots of smiles – and an echo of 'thank you' around the hall. Do take a moment to celebrate when you see a certificate, as they are special moments.



Reading Well for Children

Reading Well for children is a new booklist (see attached) of expert endorsed reading to support children's mental health and wellbeing. The list includes titles aimed at a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers, and to encourage children to read together with their siblings and carers. Developed by charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) in partnership with Libraries Connected and the UK public library network, **Reading Well** is a national books on

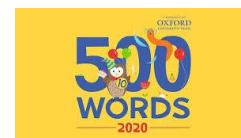
prescription programme that provides helpful reading to support health and wellbeing. The scheme is developed and endorsed by leading health partners and delivered in public libraries.

The books are all selected and endorsed by health experts, children and families. All 33 books will be available on the open shelves of local public libraries for anyone to borrow. See attached list, which includes books for both infant and junior aged children.



Social Media Letter to Parents

We have attached this letter as we have just received our updated copy with the correct signatories on it. The content is exactly the same as previous copies – it is very much worth re-reading so we are all clear on the importance of using the internet as a force for good, not to create additional problems.



Radio 2's 500 words Competition

The 500 word competition has begun! All entries must be submitted by Thursday 27th February at 8pm.

How to enter: You can create an account at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile> to submit your child's 500 word story.

This year's 500 Words Final will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 2 from Buckingham Palace, on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, on Friday 12th June. Please read the competition rules before submitting entries, along with the competition Privacy Notice.



Toy Dinosaurs

Blue class are looking for donations of toy dinosaurs. Do you have any old ones that you no longer need? If so, please could you drop them into the school office on Monday morning. Thank you very much.



From 24th February, for the rest of the term, there will be a change to the menu. Week One - Mondays menu (Chicken) will be swapped with Tuesdays menu (Sausages).



Half Term Events in Wokingham Borough

Attached are details of February Half term events running across Wokingham Borough Libraries for children. For more information please see attached poster or go to <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-4gA>



Year 2 Parents Drinks

An evening has been arranged for Year 2 parents to get together and have a drink at The Duke (back room) on Wednesday 12th February from 8pm. Everyone welcome.

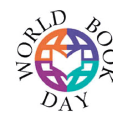
Corona Virus Advice Poster

Please see attached.

Miss Helen Ball
Executive Headteacher

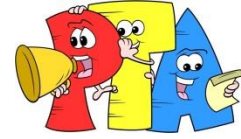
Next week's dates in blue

New or amended dates and arrangements in red



World Book Day – 5th March

If you haven't decided what to wear on World Book day, half term would be a good time to have a think. We encourage all our children (and staff!) to dress up as a character from a book.



Diary Dates:

Sponsored Event – 'Run for books'

Monday 16th March pm – Blue Class

Tuesday 17th March pm – Y2

Wednesday 18th March pm – Y1

More details to follow shortly, but we will need volunteers to help run this event. Please do let us know if you can help on your year groups day – Thanks.

PTA Meeting 11th March:

All welcome please do come along.

Joint Quiz Night 27th March:

Juniors and Infants will be holding a joint quiz night. More details to following soon.

Thank you
The PTA Team

PTA Party Box

We now have a party box available for hire, £10 to hire (£5 deposit back if returned clean and complete). This is a super way to reduce waste – less plastic is always good!

Includes:

- 30 x plates, cups, bowls
- 3 x serving platters
- 2 x jugs

We have already received lots of bookings, so please do get in touch if you would like to hire it.

Miss Hazel Snellgrove
Head of School

Diary Dates – Spring 2020		
Date	Event	Timing/venue
w/c Monday 17th February	Half Term	School closed
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tuesday 10 th March	Parents Evening 1	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 th March	PTA Meeting	More info to follow
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Cake Sale	3.00pm - playground
W/C 16 th March	PTA Sponsored Event	More info to follow
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening 2	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 19 th March	Year 2 Trip to Reading Museum and RISC	More info to follow
Friday 27 th March	Year 2 Fairtrade Coffee Morning	9.00am – school hall. Y2 parents invited
Friday 27 th March	PTA Quiz Night	Joint with Junior School – details to follow
Tuesday 31 st March	Blue Class Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am - school hall – Parents invited
Wednesday 1 st April	Church Service	St Mary's Church
Thursday 2 nd April	Year 1 & 2 Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am & 2.30pm - school hall – Parents invited
Friday 3rd April	Last day of term	School closes at 1.50pm

Term Dates 2019-20

Please note that holidays in school term time are not authorised

Spring Term 2020

Inset Day – Mon 6th January

Tues 7th January – Friday 3rd April

Half term w/c Monday 17th February

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July 2020

Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday – please note this is a national change from the usual Monday due to VE Day commemorations

Half term w/c Monday 25th May

Inset days – Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July

Term Dates 2010-21

Autumn Term 2020

School open to pupils - Thurs 3rd Sep to Fri 18th Dec 2020

- Inset days - Tuesday 1st & Wed 2nd Sept
- Inset day – Fri 23rd October
- Half term – w/c Monday 26th October

Spring Term 2021

School open to pupils - Tues 5th January to Thurs 1st April 2021

- Inset day Monday 4th Jan
- Inset day – Fri 12th February
- Half term - w/c Monday 15th February

Summer Term 2021

School open to pupils - Monday 19th April to Wed 21st July 2021

- Half term - w/c Monday 31st May