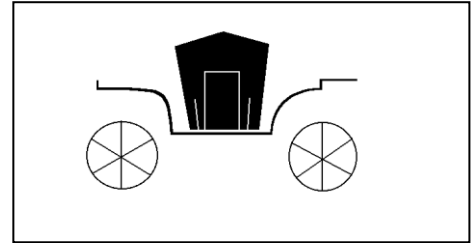


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**Newsletter No. 15**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents and Governors,

**Thank  
You!**

**Governor thanks to our PTA teams**

At our Governor Finance and HR committee meeting this week, I was sharing all the amazing recent PTA contributions and future plans. The Governors wanted to pass on their sincerest thanks for all the work both our PTA teams do for our schools. The fun and fundraising makes such a difference to every child's school experience – THANK YOU!!!



**Tonight is Movie Night!**

We will be holding our annual PTA Children's Movie Night tonight:- 5:15-6:45pm and we are pleased to announce that this year's film will be "**The Secret Life of Pets 2**".

**Children are welcome to come in their PJs and bring a small cushion to relax on** (mats will be placed on the floor as well as chairs at the back). We ask for a contribution of £3.50.

**Tickets will be on sale at the door if you are available at the last minute.**

**Dropping off at 5.15pm** – children are to be signed in through Blue Classroom doors.

**Collection at 6.45pm** – please enter through the hall doors. We will then operate 3 leaving doors

- **Blue Class** down the Blue Class corridor
- **Year One** by the office
- **Year Two** through the brown doors by the kitchen

You must sign your child out with one of the teachers  
– thank you.



**KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS**

**Knowledge Organisers and Curriculum Information**

Please find our new "**Knowledge Organisers**" attached to today's newsletters. Hard copies are being sent home this week too.

We have devised these **Knowledge Organisers** so children and parents have a single sheet of paper that lists the **important facts** – not practical skills – that pupils should know by the end of a unit of topic work. They can be used as

- a planning tool, to clearly outline the core knowledge that will be taught
- a quizzing tool, to help pupils boost their recall of key knowledge
- an assessment tool, to help teachers check whether pupils have learned the key knowledge

We are continuing to send out the general curriculum information as the knowledge organisers only cover specific topic work.

We would love to hear what you think of this new teaching and learning tool.



**Winter Weather**

We are now entering the coldest part of the year. If it does become extremely cold, we would make adjustments in school, such as shortening the longer lunchtime play. However, it is important that children have some time outside whenever possible, so do make sure your child is well equipped with labelled hats, gloves, etc as we only keep a few spare coats in school.



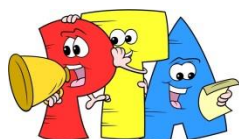
### Frosty or Wet Conditions in the Playground

When it's icy or wet, we don't allow the children on the equipment. Most children remember the rules but please do remind your child if they forget – thank you.



### Parking in the School Car Park and Around the School

Please note that only school staff are allowed to park at school. If you do park on the local streets, please be considerate to our neighbours, as we have had reports of people parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways. Waitrose are more than happy for you to use theirs at drop off and collection. Thank you.



### PTA News

We would like to say a big thank you to our movie night volunteers who have helped to sell tickets this week and to the parents who have offered to help at the event.

We hope the children enjoy the film!

We tried something new this week by asking each year group to take responsibility for selling tickets on different days. Unfortunately, no tickets were sold on Thursday due to no one being available in year 1.

We would love it if more people could get involved! Something like selling tickets takes up 10-15 minutes of your day.

The work the PTA does is primarily aimed at fundraising for the school and putting on events for the children/families to enjoy. We need more people to help! If you would like to get involved please do contact us.

Happy weekend!

### 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 Helen Ball  
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Head of School

### Next week's dates in blue

### New or amended dates and arrangements in red

Diary Dates – Spring 2020		
Date	Event	Timing/venue
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Movie Night	5.15pm – 6.45pm school hall
w/c Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	School closed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 1	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting	More info to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Cake Sale	3.00pm - playground
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Sponsored Event	More info to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 2	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Trip to Reading Museum and RISC	More info to follow

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Fairtrade Coffee Morning	9.00am – school hall. Y2 parents invited
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night	Joint with Junior School – details to follow
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Blue Class Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am - school hall – Parents invited
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Church Service	St Mary's Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 1 & 2 Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am & 2.30pm - school hall – Parents invited
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.50pm</b>

### Term Dates 2019-20

*Please note that holidays in school term time are not authorised*

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Inset Day – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Half term w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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

Half term w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Inset days – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Term Dates 2010-21**

#### **Autumn Term 2020**

School open to pupils - Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

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

#### **Spring Term 2021**

School open to pupils - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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

#### **Summer Term 2021**

School open to pupils - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

- Half term - w/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May