

Messages

Thank you

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during last week. We will always aim to open the school whenever possible but the health and safety of the children, and staff, comes first. The weather, forecast weather and the dangerous access to the site left little option but to remain closed to keep everyone safe. We sincerely hope that this didn't cause too many problems and that you all remained safe and warm.

Sausage Sizzle

Unfortunately, due to the bad weather, we had to cancel our 'Sausage Sizzle' at Bunnings this Sunday. Mrs Legg has another, alternative, plan and will be sending out information shortly. We do have another 'Sizzle' booked at Bunnings in April which will hopefully come with some sunshine!

Free School Meals

We have added some information to our website about applying for 'free school meals'. This can be found under the Parents tab—please just look for the 'Free School Meals' link. Please do read the information if you think you might be entitled to claim. Even if children are currently in Reception, Years 1 or 2 (and therefore get Universal Free School Meals) it is worth claiming as it means additional income for the school which helps us to help support children further. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Diary:

Monday 5th March

9am Demelza Assembly

2-2.45pm Year R Parent sharing event

Wednesday 5th March

Year 4 swimming

Thursday 8th March

Year 5/6 trip to Kent Life

2.15-2.45pm Nursery parent open session

PTA Mothers' Day gift shop

Friday 9th March

Mothers' Day gift shop for year 5/6

Parent / toddler group

PTA Chocolate bingo (after school)

Monday 12th March

2-2.45pm Year R parent open event

Tuesday 13th March

Year 6 to see 'Sister Act' at Fulston

Wednesday 14th March

Year 4 swimming

2.15-2.45pm Nursery open session

11b411

The weather also meant that we didn't get the opportunity to celebrate World Book Day or launch our new 11b411 initiative. As you hopefully read in our letter last week, this is about 111 books that we recommend children read (amongst others!) before they leave primary school. The list is based on recommended texts from the Book Trust and was added to a little from Kemsley Staff! The list, if you wish to look at it, is on our website under the 'Learning' tab.

Children in years 1-6 will be getting one of our special 11b411 folders this week and will be able to start collecting the cards to show that they have read the different books.

Open Lessons

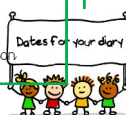
Letters will be coming out this week about the open lessons that are being held in Y1-6 classrooms during the week commencing the 19th March. Early Years are already holding regular open lessons.

Please do sign up to come along to a lesson in your child's classroom. These lessons are ahead of our parent evenings in the last week of term.

Attendance

Whole school attendance remains at 96.7%. As the school was officially closed for 4 days last week (due to snow), we have no attendance to announce!

Looking forward to a good attendance week this week!



News from around the school

Nursery: Well, what an interesting and unexpected week we had last week!

This week we will hopefully be learning about ladybirds but, as we have missed some of the snail activities, we might do both!

Our book of the week is 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle and we will be linking the book to our learning.

We will be having Multi-sports on Monday where we are developing our gross motor skills and upper body strength; the children are really enjoying these sessions!

Our Parent Sharing session on Wednesday at 2.15pm will be focusing on recalling events so we hope you are able to attend.

I am sorry to say but with the severe weather we have had to cancel the sausage sizzle but I have another idea for an event up my sleeve. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Here's to a great week! We look forward to hearing all about the fun you had on your Snow Days!

Year R: This week in Oak Class we will be focusing our learning around 'ladybirds'. We will be sharing lots of ladybird themed stories as well as finding out information about these minibeasts. We will continue to learn some new songs and we will also be sharing some poetry linked to our topic.

In maths we will be exploring 'measure' by comparing different weights and using language to describe how heavy or light something is.

Our creative learning will see us making 'painted rock bugs' and using string and wool to create pictures.

In PE we will continue to explore climbing and balancing with Lewis, our sports coach, and also we will be taking part in some gymnastics games and activities.

Please don't forget to send your child in with hats and gloves, so that they can use the outside area comfortably throughout the day, thank you.

Year 1: What a week last week was!

I hope you all had fun in the snow; building snowmen, sledging and having snowball fights.

This week we will be continuing with where we left off last week. We will be writing letters to Mrs Andrews all about our trip to 'Soar' and we will be having lots of fun with 2D and 3D shapes. Why don't you go on a shape hunt at home? How many shapes will you find?

This week in phonics we will be looking at the phonemes -ea, e_e, ey and y. We will be playing lots of fun games to practise sounding these out and writing them. Feel free to come into class on Tuesday (6th March) at 9am to watch our phonics lessons this week.

Year 2: This week in Maths we will be completing our work on the number system that we were unable to complete last week. We will be using our knowledge of number to order, compare and find the missing numbers in sequences. Our focus in arithmetic will be adding three, one digit numbers.

In literacy we will be focusing on instructions. At the beginning of the week we will be looking at the key features of instructions, learning how to use imperative verbs and making fruit smoothies. At the end of the week we will then plan and write a set of instructions on how we made our smoothies.

Our topic work this week will include looking at how animals move and classifying and sorting animals in groups.

Year 3: This week in Beech Class the children will be identifying the features of a biography. The children will compare autobiographies and biographies and use the knowledge and skills they learn at the beginning of the week to write a biography.

In Maths the children will be securing their knowledge of multiplication and division and solving word problems. The children will increase their understanding of the grid and bus stop method and will be challenged to apply their knowledge to various questions.

PE—our PE days are Monday and Wednesday; therefore please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask an adult in year 3, thank you.

Year 4: Due to the snowy weather, we will continue with last week's work. In Literacy we will be reading an extract from the book—'20,000 leagues under the sea'. We will be using events as inspiration for our own dilemma stories. We will also be looking at a range of images and watching video clips that show deep sea diving. During this time, we will be generating an extensive word bank of effective language to use in our work.

In Maths we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will then apply this knowledge to answering word problems including using the inverse to check our answers. While, in our topic lesson, we will be studying a range of seascape paintings and experimenting with the techniques used by those artists.

Please can children remember to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday, in a bag which is large enough to contain their school uniform while they swim. Also could children please wrap up warm for the journey to and from the pool.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Year 5: Due to the snow last week, lots of our learning has rolled over to this week and needs completing—therefore, we will be finishing our non-chronological reports on Victorian schools in English lessons and developing our multiplication knowledge in maths lessons looking at both written methods and the rules for multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In topic we will be completing information posters on Queen Victoria.

Don't forget we have our trip to Kent Life on Thursday this week. Children are welcome to dress up in Victorian clothes but they weather may be too cold for this. There will be another opportunity to come to school in Victorian dressing up for our Express Event at the end of this term.

Please keep collecting and sending in your junk modelling materials; in particular any cardboard boxes. Thank you.

Year 6: Due to the weather last week, we are going to pick up where we left off this week.

In Literacy we are going to be continuing and finishing our recount from the point of Oliver Twist. We will be using the film to write a diary entry based on the pickpocket scene in London.

In Maths, we are going to be working on algebra and pie charts as the SAT's tests draw nearer.

We will be researching crime and punishment in topic lessons and playing hockey in PE. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.