



Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The second half of the Spring term is underway and our new topic 'Castles and Dragons' is proving very popular! Unfortunately in a bid to keep all families and staff safe, snow had to stop play for a few days. Thank you for your support during this tricky period and for all the brilliant examples of snow-based learning shared via Tapestry. Normal service has now resumed and we are keen to make up for lost time. We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming sharing assemblies and parent/teacher meetings.



World Book Day

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Our celebrations for World Book Day have been postponed but not forgotten. We would love to see all our crowned Kings and Queens with stories of castles and dragons galore on Thursday 8th March! Don't forget, every child has a £1 token to spend on a special World Book Day book or put towards the cost of any other title. These have already been distributed via book bags. Happy reading!

Castle Museum Visit

Thank you to those parents who supported on our Castle Museum visit. The children had a fantastic time and gained an experience that will really help them in their learning this term. Their behaviour on the visit was exemplary; it was a pleasure to take them out.



Facebook

Our school facebook page is being used more and more usefully to share information with families. The Friends page is also used successfully. Please be aware that other class/year group pages are not authorised or managed by any member of the school team. Could I respectfully request that if you comment on these other pages you do so with respect to each other as parents and remind you that it is an offence to send messages that could be interpreted as offensive. Any questions or concerns can always be addressed directly to the school. Thank you.

Online **eats.** Lunch Menus

To become a greener company, EATs have decided to only publish their menus online from this term. They will be available on our website. Should anyone need a paper copy, please ask at the office.

Attendance

85 children met our school attendance target last half term and took home an attendance certificate – Well done!

**Number of learning hours lost in February:
391**

Newspaper Tokens

Please keep collecting and sending in the Sports Equipment for Schools tokens from any Archant publication inc the EDP, Norwich Extra, Evening News and North Norfolk News. Thank you.



Science Week



This year we will again be celebrating Science Week. From Monday 12th – Friday 16th March our classrooms will be turned into laboratories at least once each day!

To support our transition work, on Thursday 15th Year 2 and Year 3 children will also be working together for a Science morning.

If you would like some ideas for Science activities to try at home follow this link:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/>

GoGo Hare

Our GoGo Hare is almost ready to go! Look out for Jumping Jack on the trail this Summer and we'll see him back at school in the Autumn.



P.E and School Sports Premium

Every school with primary aged pupils receives money from the government to improve the health and well-being of children. This is called the P.E. and School Sports Premium. The money received from this fund can only be spent on projects related to sport and health. This year, the money we receive is being spent on a number of projects including developing outdoor active play and developing a cookery room. To find out more, our full report is available on our website under Key Information – PE Funding. The Friends have also kindly agreed to donate a further fixed sum to support these improvements.



Purple Mash

The next drop-in to find out more about how Purple Mash can be used to support learning at home will be held on Monday 30th April from 3.30 – 4pm. If you have forgotten your log in details please speak to Mrs Murphy or your child's class teacher for support.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Round 1 of the Spelling Bee. The families of the grand finalists will be invited to join us in the hall at 9.10am on Thursday 8th March to find out which of our House teams will be crowned winners of our first ever Spelling Bee!

General Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.
- Please park considerately to our neighbours and other parents and safely for our children
- If your details or circumstances change, please let us know.



Safeguarding – PANTS!

The NSPCC PANTS resource is a fantastic tool, used by many schools, to keep children safe by helping them to understand that some parts of their bodies are private. We will be talking PANTS to the children in the Summer term. If you wanted to look at some of the resources ahead of this please go to: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>



Key Spring Term Dates

Sharing Afternoon: 15th March

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings ALL YEARS: March 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st

Class Assemblies: Horse Chestnut - 13th March; Maple - 16th March; Beech - 21st March; Oak - 23rd March

Friends non-uniform day 9th March. £1 donation please. This is a change to the advertised donation emailed to parents.

Easter service at St Peter's Church for the children Mon 26th March

Silly Socks Day and Friends disco 28th March

Easter Holiday: School closes 3.15pm Wednesday 28th March Reopens 8.55am Monday 16th April