

Newsletter

6th Match 2020

World Book Day

The children had a fantastic time on Thursday, creating book characters out of potatoes and writing a whole school story based on exciting objects that the teachers brought in. Please read our finished story at the end of this newsletter.

Each child received a £1 book voucher. These can be used towards the price of a new book. Several book shops also sell special £1 books written especially for World Book Day.

Handwashing.

We are aware of the anxiety being caused by the coronavirus. Schools have received clear guidance on this, which we are following. This virus is spread in a similar way to the common cold and, similarly, regular handwashing with soap and running warm water is by far the most effective way to combat the spread of germs.

We teach children how to wash their hands as part of our PSHE scheme. This week, we have taught all the children and have introduced handwashing at regular periods during the day.

We are also encouraging children to cough/ sneeze into the crook of their arm as this also reduces the spread.

Revised morning routine

From Monday, we are changing the way we enter school in the morning. As normal, children can arrive in the playground from 8:30am and parents can leave, provided they have told an adult on duty. At 8:40am, we will blow a whistle. Children will then be able to enter the building via the doors they are

Diary Dates

March

23rd-27th Year 5/6 residential PGL

25th Reception and Pre- School
Perrygrove Railway visit

April

1st Year 1 and 2 Dean Forest Railway
visit

3rd Easter service and end of term 4

20th Start of Term 5

May

22nd End of term 5

June

1st Start of Term 6

July

17th Leavers' service and end of year

used to using at the end of playtime where teachers will be waiting in the classrooms ready to receive the children.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 – white double doors

Years 3 and 4 – Year 4 classroom door

Years 5 and 6 Year 5/6 classroom door.

Pre-school children to meet Laura on the playground as normal.

The bell will ring at 8:45am. This signals the start of the school day.

Children who arrive after 8:45am will need to use the main school entrance.

This new system will allow a child to wash their hands and be ready to learn by 8:45am.

We are very impressed with how independent our reception children have become. As a result, there is no need for any parents to enter the building.

On a wet day, the school will be open from 8:30am as usual.

Fizz Pop Science

Fizz Pop Science Club will now start Friday 13th of March and run for five weeks. We are delighted to be able to offer a further 5 week follow up to this club with additional science activities. You may sign your child up to the second club in the summer term even if they have not attended the first one.

Parents Evening

A reminder that parents' evenings are this Tuesday and Wednesday

Easter Service

The Easter Service will take place on Friday 3rd of April at St Peter's Church. This will now be at 2:15pm to follow on from the Lent Lunch Club. The children will be dismissed from Church. Children who attend Fizz Pop Science or Music Club will be walked back to school by staff members

SEND Information Fair

Are you the parent of a disabled child (any child with additional needs, SEND, a long term physical or mental health condition, sensory, physical or cognitive impairment or disability)?

Would you like to:

Know more about what services are offered to support you and your family?

Meet other parent carers and talk about the issues you currently face?

Enjoy some delicious pastries and cake, maybe get some reflexology or a mini manicure? All free.

Discover what's on offer for disabled children and young people in Gloucestershire?

Book your space now for our SEND Information Fair on Wednesday 25th March 10am - 2pm. First 100 bookings will receive a free goodie bag when they sign in on the day. As the parent of a disabled child, you are entitled to flexibility at work to enable you to access key services. This event offers important information and we strongly encourage you to come along if you can.

At the event, there will be lots of stalls with information about what's on, services to support you and more. Also, you will be given the chance to sign up to three free services for parent carers - Gloucestershire Carers Hub Family Information Service - Gloucestershire - and The Key (who offer free swimming passes for disabled children and their parents) and Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum.

BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gloucestershire-parent-carers-send-information-fair-tickets-90337898085>

Our World Book Day Whole School Story

Each class wrote a paragraph for our whole school story using an unusual object to inspire them. Can you spot the objects they used?

The dark, lonely figure looked ahead at the immense mountain in front of her. She felt nervous about the journey that lay ahead. Trembling, she started her slow ascent, following a faint track in the deep, soft snow.

However much she wanted to go home, that was not an option. She had an important job that only she could do.

As she began to climb the snowy mountain, she felt the old, rusty key in her pocket. She knew she had to find that treasure chest! She strained her eyes as she looked for the cave in the distance. Could that blurry shape possibly be it?

As she slowly walked through the freezing, white snow she came closer to the blurry shape in the distance. It became clear to her that it was a rocky, icy cave. She nervously crept into the cold cave. She could not believe her eyes. There in front of her was a golden, shiny treasure chest. She slowly reached into her pocket and pulled out the old, rusty key. Hesitantly, she put the key into the golden lock and she turned it. Click. She lifted the lid on the gold, shiny treasure chest with her frozen hands. There inside the treasure chest was a glass jar of purple, shiny, magic potion.

She leaned forward and picked up the jar. The liquid swirled and bubbled. She knew that she should never drink strange liquids but she was curious; so she opened the lid and poured it on to the ground. The purple liquid

ran into the rocks and then came together to make a picture. She looked closely; she could see rocks and the sea crashing against the sand. It was a beach but she didn't know where. She looked again. The sea was moving ! And was that a figure in the distance waving to her ? As she stepped closer to the picture she could feel soft sand under her boots. She was walking into the picture.

As she walked slowly towards the figure, it appeared to be her father slowly walking towards her. The girl's father opened his arms out wide and the girl ran through him. Suddenly the picture began to close and the girl appeared to be in a strange, dark room. On a dark, rusty table, the girl saw something shimmering. It was a lamp! She picked up the lamp and rubbed it.

Sinking, drowning in the depths of swirling mists, her father's face appeared like a distant memory or forgotten dream. She struggled to remember his words, "They will try to distract you; be brave, focused, determined and you will succeed."

In the blink of an eye, she sat bolt upright and remembered her task: she had to gather together all the mysterious objects, use them to open the portal back to

her father's laboratory and finally save the world from eternal winter.

Arriving, exhausted but triumphant, back at the lab, she assisted her father in using each object to release the army of potato people who unleashed their superpowers and saved the world.

This week's value - Friendship