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## **No 25 Newsletter**

### **Parent Consultation Week**

We hope to meet with most parents on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. If parents cannot attend on this day please make contact with the relevant teachers to make appointments after school from Tuesday to Friday. We would like all meetings to have taken place by the end of that week.

### **Non Uniform Day – Sports Relief**

Today we held a non-uniform day in aid of Sports Relief. Thank you for your support toward this very worthwhile cause as we managed to raise £211.15!

### **Punctuality**

Punctuality was very poor today; I hope to see this greatly improve next week.

### **Snacks**

May I remind parents that I do not want to see any snacks in packaging or wrappers. Children should have a snack of fruit or cut up vegetables. This is a much healthier option and will also reduce the litter around the school.

### **Forest School Report Y3/ 4**

For the first half of this term we considered the season of winter and keeping warm. We engaged in active team games, made hot chocolate with the Kelly kettle and 's'mores' on the fire. We also considered the nature in winter time, particularly the birds. Through learning about the RSPB and their initiative 'Give nature a home' we made a variety of feeders to suit hanging, table and ground feeding types of bird.

There is lots of information to be found on the RSPB website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) and if you register then you'll receive a free pack which includes '20 easy ways to give nature a home'. Also if you access the 'Big Schools Birdwatch' part of the site, you will find lots of resources, games and stories including the bird identification charts, the blackbird bird food story and the bird trumps game that we have used in our sessions.

Through all this we have developed our understanding of the fire triangle and fire safety, simple tool use skills (fire steels, peelers for peeling fruit and whittling cooking sticks and knives for chopping fruit), knotting and threading skills and our knowledge and understanding of some of the common birds that we see. We are now continuing to develop further our fire lighting, tool use and knotting skills whilst considering Fairtrade fortnight, the season of spring, new life and Easter. We would be grateful of donations of scrap fabric or baby clothes for our next project!

### **Forest School Report Y5/6**

In Forest School we have been building up from last half term and have started to learn and use some outdoor skills including knots and lashings and sawing. Unfortunately, the weather has kept us in for a few weeks, so we took the opportunity to do a bit of art and cookery as well.

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### **Activity Afternoon: Forest School/Sports**

On the first day back after Easter, children will be asked for their choice for activity afternoon, either Forest School or Sports. The sports options next half term will be: Boys: Cricket, Girls: Rounders. Children will be expected to stay with their choice for the whole of the term.

### **Y6 Sponsored Spell**

Congratulations to Year 6 for working hard on their sponsored spell and many thanks to parents for their support. Please could all sponsor money be in next Wednesday.

### **Stockland Cross Country**

Mrs Churchill's Report: On Wednesday I took 16 athletes to the penultimate Stockland Cross Country, at least 250 children took part in the event with each race containing 60 plus children. I was very proud of all the children's efforts especially the children who had not run before. It is a tricky course with mud streams and hill starts. Congratulations to Finlay D who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Y3/4 boys; the following children were in the top 20: Sam D, Sam G, Chloe P, Lola S. A big thank you to Miss Kelly who provided treats for the children at the end of the races.

### **Stockland Trials**

Trials for Stockland Cross Country will take place next at 8.15am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March before school. I would like as many children from Y3-6 to enter, not just the running club members. The team of 16 will be made up of 4 girls and boys from Y5/6 and 4 girls and boys from Y3/4. The first four to finish will be selected for the team.

### **Y5/6 Hockey V Perrot Hill**

On Wednesday we take two teams to Perrot Hill for a Hockey fixture. The school are providing transport and permission letters have already been sent home. The teams are:

A Team: Thomas P, Oliver B, Monty, Matthew, James E, Aaron, Sam G, & Danny.

B Team: Flynn, Luke, Hayden, Alfie, Leon, Jack, Herbert & Harrison L.

### **Y5/6 Netball V Stockland**

On Wednesday we have a home Netball fixture against Stockland. The selected pupils are: Lola P, Amy B, Molly, Chloe G, Catherine, Freya H, Tierney, Phoebe P, Darcie, Freya R, Lola S, Chloe P, Daisy R, Emmie, Sophie, Lydia & Emma T.

### **KS2 Swimming Information**

Please find attached by email the swimming timetable. Paper copies have already been sent home.

### **Mr Bulbeck's Easter Holiday Club**

Mr Bulbeck will be running an Easter holiday club on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 5th/6th/7th April. There are still places available, form attached by email or please collect a form from the office.

### **Tonight: PAFOTS Family Easter Bingo**

Doors open 6pm eyes down 6.30pm. Come along and join in the fun! There will be many prizes with lots of Easter Eggs, plus more prizes in our hampers as well as a raffle and bar.

### **KS2 Disco**

This popular event will be held at school for Key Stage 2 children on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30 – 8.00pm. As usual permission slips will be issued on the day for children to bring back in the evening. On these occasions we use the lower double doors next to the Gold Room for entrance and exit.

### **Saffron**

Yesterday we sent cards to Saffron in hospital and hope she will be back to school as soon as she is well enough.

**Tree Planting Reminder:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am Parish Council – Tree Planting - Jubilee Field – spade needed!

**Scarlet Fever**

We have had two confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school. Scarlet fever is a common childhood bacterial infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications.

Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should contact their GP for a consultation and if provided with appropriate antibiotic treatment for a diagnosis of scarlet fever should be excluded from school for 24 hours after the commencement of the treatment.

Yours sincerely



Steve Clark  
Principal

\*\*\*\*\***Dates for the Diary**\*\*\*\*\*

**March**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am Parish Council – Tree Planting - Jubilee Field – spade needed!

**Week 11**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.50pm: Y5/6 Hockey V Perrot Hill (A) ST  
2.00pm: Y5/6 Netball V Stockland (H)  
Y3/4 Forest School

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Sports Practise/Forest School  
8.15am:Stockland Trials with Mrs Churchill  
Break for Easter Holiday

**April**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Inset day for Parent Consultations 9am – 7pm.

\*\*\*\*\***PAFOTS Events**\*\*\*\*\*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Easter Bingo  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** KS2 Disco

\*\*\*\*\***Cake Days**\*\*\*\*\*

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July