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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 7th:** World Book Day
- **Friday 15th:** Comic Relief
- **Tuesday 19th:** Willow Class trip to Homeyards Botanical Garden, Shaldon*
- **Thursday 21st:** TCS Music Festival (Willow Class)*

APRIL DIARY DATES

- **Monday 1st:** Parent Consultations
- **Tuesday 2nd:** Parent Consultations
- **Friday 5th:** Final day of Spring Term
- **Tuesday 23rd:** Non-pupil Day
- **Wednesday 24th:** Children return to school
- **Saturday 27th:** Twinning Association Celebration for French Visitors
- **Monday 29th:** Meet the Lifeguards Assembly

MAY DIARY DATES

- **Monday 13th—Friday 17th:** KS2 SATS Week

*More detailed information will be sent separately about these items

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to your February newsletter. Another month has flown by—where has the time gone?! It has been another fun-filled and action-packed month, so we do hope that you enjoy looking at all the lovely things that the children have been doing recently.

March is also looking to be another busy month! Please find below some reminders and details about upcoming events for the term.

World Book Day 2019

As you will now be aware, World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March 2019. An information letter has already been sent with details about the different competitions, events and activities that will be taking place on that day. The children are also allowed to dress up as their favourite story book characters and also have the chance to enter our **Get Caught Reading** competition. Remember, the deadline for the reading competition is **Monday 4th March 2019**. You can either print your child's entry, or send the entry with your child's name via the admin email at the top of this newsletter. You are also invited to attend our fancy dress parade at the end of the day at **2:40pm** on the school playground (weather permitting). Don't forget to get collecting sponsors for the **Sponsored Silent Read** event as well! Any money raised will go towards the development of the playground for the children.

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day to support Comic Relief will be taking place on **Friday 15th March**. The children are welcome to dress in all things red that day for a contribution towards the charity event. Don't forget your red noses! More information about this event will be sent out shortly.

Swimming

Swimming will be taking place for all children at our school this year. Each class will have 4 sessions of swimming, which will include water safety sessions. We will be taking children to the swimming pool at Devon Valley Holiday Park in Ringmore. Letters with more information and the relevant dates for your child's class will be sent out next week. Letters for the children in the younger classes will also be asking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come along and help support our younger swimmers in the water. We would very much appreciate some helpers, so please let us know if you would be willing to help.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those people who attended the Parent Forum on Wednesday 27th February and for sharing your opinions and views. Please don't forget to read the Chair of Governors Blog, which can be found on our school website. Go to the 'School Community' and then 'Chair's Blog'.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Joanna Crathorne
Acting Head of School

PARKING

Please could we politely remind you to park either in the village hall car park, or in the car park at The Church House Inn at drop-off in the morning and pick-up at the end of the day. If you are parking within the village itself, please can you do so respectfully of the village residents and avoid blocking driveways or where the road outside the school narrows as this causes congestion. For safety reasons, we are also asking parents/carers not to do quick drop-offs at the gate.

We are working really hard to build more positive relationships with the village community, and are keen to avoid any situations which may cause upset either to yourselves as parents or carers, or to members of the local community. Your understanding and co-operation is greatly appreciated.



TIMETABLES ROCK STARS LAUNCH DAY

We had a great time launching the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' program on Friday 1st March 2019. All of the children and staff looked amazing in their rock star costumes and enjoyed a day of activities linked to this theme. All of the children from Years 1 to 6 had a go on the program, with the older children in the school helping the younger children to get started. There was lots of lovely team work and it has been lovely to see the children keen to have a go at home over the weekend. Well done to Mr Horton for organising the event and to all the staff for working hard to make the day a success! Thank you also to you, the parents, who helped the children with their amazing alter-egos! They really did look fantastic! Look out for the photographs on the school website and Facebook page!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & BREAKFAST CLUB

The new charges for After School Club and Breakfast have now been implemented and we appreciate your understanding of this, as well as your continued support of both of the clubs.

This term, there are also some special club days and it is not too late to book! These clubs have a spring theme and are as follows:

Tuesday 5th March 2019: More Messy Art! Experimenting with colour mixing and printing patterns with fruit and vegetables.

Tuesday 12th March 2019: Egg Carton Bugs. Make some cool and colourful critters!

Tuesday 19th March 2019: Take to the Air. Make your own catapults and parachutes.

Thursday 21st March 2019: Movie Night. Screening of 'Boss Baby' (PG)

Tuesday 26th March 2019: Mother's Day. Create a special gift for Mother's Day

Thursday 4th April 2019: Easter Fun! Let's make some tasty treats and have some Easter fun!

