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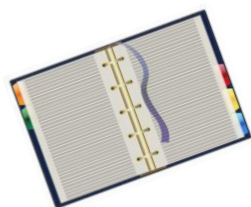
Thursday 1st March 2018

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



WORLD BOOK DAY



- **Passport to the World Day** – Friday 2nd March
- **Parent Teacher consultations** – Monday 5th March
- **Science Week** – Week Beginning 5th March
- **Non Uniform Day for Cancer Research** – Thursday 8th March
- **Mothering Sunday Service, St. Andrew's Church**- Monday 12th March
- **Mother's day Lunch** – Monday 12th March
- **Y5 Activity Day** – Wednesday 14th March
- **Y5 Science Festival Lecture** – Monday 19th March
- **Y4 Golden Hinde Visit** – Wednesday 21st March

Headteacher's reflections: Global Competency in an Interconnected World

It has been a fantastic week this week as each class has focused on a different country for our International Week. The children have experienced a wonderful variety of enriching activities including food tasting, alternative multiplication methods to learning to dance the Samba. I would like to thank those parents who have come into school this week to help deliver such an engaging timetable of activities; I am very proud of our close partnership with parents and the invaluable experience and skills we have in our community.

Our children's lives are increasingly being influenced by a rapidly changing, interconnected world. The more we can promote and expose children to intercultural encounters the more globally competent they will be.

Children who grow to be globally competent individuals will be better equipped to understand and appreciate differing perspectives and world views, they will have the skills to interact respectfully with others and enjoy living in diverse community with multiple languages and cultures.

Please ask your child to share with you what they have learned and experienced this week and if you would like to see some of their International Week work we have our usual Open Friday from 3.15-4pm tomorrow afternoon.

Wrap Up Warm!

The children have been enjoying the snow this week with our Foundation Class having a fabulous time in the wild wood on Tuesday and during their break times the children have been enthusiastically building snow men and playing with the snow. I would like to take the opportunity to ask that all children come to school with warm coats and gloves as we have had some very cold hands over the past few days. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher meetings take place between 1 -7pm on Monday 5th March. Appointment sheets are on display outside each classroom door for families to secure a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher. This really is an important opportunity to meet your class teacher and to discuss your child's achievements, their progress so far and how you can best support your child's reading at home. We strongly advise that you do not sign up siblings at immediately consecutive times around the school. You will appreciate that although we try to keep to schedule, it is tricky. We kindly ask parents to come into school to register their appointments themselves rather than do so via the school office. Thank you.



School Council Tuck Shop for KS2 Pupils

Over the next few weeks the School Council will be running a Tuck Shop selling apples, bananas and boxes of raisins. It will be open every Tuesday during morning break time in the school playground. Each item costs 15 pence each. If you would like your child to purchase an item from the Tuck Shop, please provide them with the correct money.

If the Tuck Shop becomes popular, the School Council plan for it to continue into the summer term.



Fundraising for Cancer Research UK

– Non Uniform Day 8th March

In September Cancer Research UK launched a special appeal in partnership with the Cambridge Independent to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the CRUK Research Centre in Cambridge. Local schools have been invited to hold a fundraising/science day to celebrate the work that is taking place in their home City and nationally and we have decided to hold a non uniform day during science week on **Thursday 8th March**.

The money raised from will go towards helping fund research into an imaging technique currently being trialled in Cambridge. The hope is that this trial will progress the way cancer treatment is given and make therapy more effective for patients in the future. This new technique could potentially mean that doctors will find out much more quickly if a treatment is working for their patient instead of waiting to see if a tumour shrinks. For more information please read the launch article from the newspaper:

<http://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/cambridge/join-the-cambridge-independent-s-rapid-scan-appeal-with-cancer-research-uk-to-help-fund-clinical-trials-at-addenbrooke-s-1-5219557>



Mothering Service and Bring your Parent to School Day.

On Monday 12th March, we are inviting you to join us for our annual Mothering Day celebration at St Andrew's Church followed by 'Bring your Parent to School Lunch'.

Come into school when you drop your child off and wait a few moments while your child is registered and then accompany your child's class as we walk together to St. Andrew's Church to share our traditional Mothering Sunday Service which will start at approximately 10:00 am. After the service we will walk back to school and on our return to school at approximately 11:30-11:45am parents will be offered tea or coffee and biscuits. You can then join your child on the playground until it is time to go in with them for lunch at approximately 12:00.

Foundation Stage Pupils and KS1 pupils will go in first with their parents, and siblings will be accommodated so that families can eat together. There will be a delicious lunch beef or vegetable Lasagne with garlic bread, fresh seasonal vegetables and a selection of salads. This will be followed by banana cake and custard or sliced fresh fruit. We love having parents in school but as ever we rely on your patience in ensuring that this process, which understandably takes a little longer than usual, can flow as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Meals cost £3.50 and can be ordered using the reply slip on the letter that was sent via parentmail last week. We will not be issuing tickets but will hold a central register of meals ordered. Pupil meals can be ordered in the usual way.

Unfortunately parent meals cannot be purchased via your Agora account and payment must be made at the time of purchase. Slips must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 6th March as the kitchen staff will need to have final numbers.

Multi-Academy Trust Parents Consultation

The Governors thank the parents who raised questions before and during the Multi-Academy Trust Parent Consultation Meetings on Wednesday 7th February which are now being evaluated. The presentation used at the Spinney Consultation Meetings can be found on the website along with a copy of the Spinney Questions and Answers. A copy of the questions and answers from the 3 primary schools working together to form the Innovation Trust - Fulbourn, Mayfield and the Spinney - will be added to the website in the near future. Thank you again to those parents who attended the meetings and for the thoughtful and meaningful discussion which took place.

Maths No Problem, Year 1 and 2

We would like to draw your attention to the videos which have been created for parents by the Maths No Problem team. These wonderful resources are there to help explain Maths No Problem teaching techniques and can be found via the link on the Year 2 page of the school website. <http://spinney.cambs.sch.uk/children/year2/>

New Lego Club For KS2

There will be a new Lego club starting on Monday 12th March from 3.30-4.30 in the learning bay. Working either together or independently the children will build something out of the Lego using different themes each week, for example "Movies." When they have finished each group will have the opportunity to discuss their project. Each week will finish with free play and free building with the Lego. The club will take place each Monday, 12th 19th and 26th March and 23rd 30th and 14th April. At the end of the sixth session the children will be given a certificate and a photo of their favourite piece of work to take home with them. The Club will cost £18 for the term. To book your place, please email Lauren Rogers at legoclub.primary@yahoo.com. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Payments can be made in cash via the school office.



My Cambridge is a growing partnership of organisations and individuals committed to making sure that all young people feel part of the rich variety of culture in Cambridge. This link will help you to discover all the latest events, news and training opportunities for adults working with young people plus creative activities for children in Cambridge <http://www.cambridgeartsnetwork.com/my-cambridge>



52 Stories Information

52 Stories Takes place every week at Cherry Hinton Library on Saturdays from 10.30am – 11.15am.

If you would like to become a 52 Stories Reader or become a volunteer to help us please come along to Cherry Hinton Library during one of our sessions and talk to one of the 52 Story Team Members. www.52stories.co.uk
www.facebook.com/52stores



Tickets are now on sale for The Barrington Hippo!

The Barrington Hippo is a charming, short show for children and adults with shadow puppets, music, and storytelling, all about the fossilised hippo currently on display in the Sedgwick Museum.

The show takes place on Saturday 17th March from 11am and 2pm at The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences; the performance is most suitable for ages 7 to 11 but all ages welcome. It's sure to be popular and is part of the Cambridge Science Festival so do buy tickets in advance. <https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>



Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club

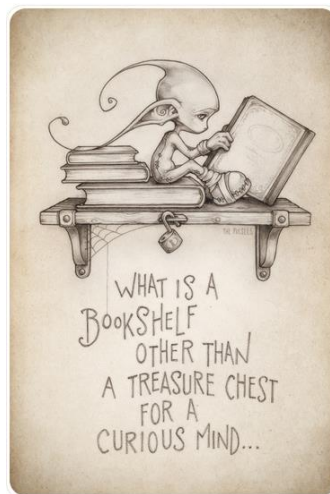
Maxwell and Scott will be starting their Saturday Kids Art and Craft Club here at The Spinney starting on Saturday 3rd March. The Sessions take place from 10:30am-12pm and are for children aged 6-11 years (4/5 year olds may join but must be supported by a parent) The cost is £8 per session or £7 when booked for a block of 5. Booking is essential. Activities include: Painting, collage, mosaics, ceramics, clay, printing and much more. To book your place please contact Tel: 07771 765348 maxwellandscott@gmail.com www.maxwellandscott.co.uk



Netherhall Sports Centre is starting a new **Rollerskating Club** on Thursdays from 5.00 – 6 pm starting on Thursday 15th March. The club is for children aged between 4 – 14 years and their parents and costs £ 3.00 per session. For more information call 01223 712142 Bring your own Skates and pads!

And Finally....

Unfortunately I have not been in school for World Book Day this year but I have had reports of fantastic costumes and creative characters. It sounds like the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in fantasy worlds and have delighted in a day of reading. I hope all of you will have been inspired to occasionally “drop everything and read” and bask in the enjoyment of a really good book!



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With very best wishes,

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