This Week's News 1st March 2024

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Head Teacher Update

I hope that you have all had a good week. It seems that no week is a quiet one at the moment and we have so much going on in school on a daily and weekly basis, which is great in so many ways, but we do need to make sure that they are manageable. Thank you to everyone who came to the Bingo night last night. I hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves and a huge thank you to POPS for organising the event.

Also, thank you to everyone who came to support the Book Fair this week and we hope that the children have been able to use their book vouchers and buy some new books to enjoy at home. We want to continue to promote reading across the school and increase children's fluency in reading to enable them to read for pleasure. It is so satisfying to watch our older children in the library in the morning, engrossed in longer novels and their enjoyment of choosing the next one.

I know that the next four weeks leading up to Easter are also going to be incredibly busy, with quite a few sporting events happening for our older children. We will keep you updated on their progress. We are also going to be part of the Mothering Sunday Service at St Marks on **Sunday 10th March** with our school choir and readers.

We are going to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel starting on **Monday 11th March**. I have attached some further information about the event but it is an attempt to try and get more children walking or riding to school for a whole range of beneficial reasons. I have registered the school for this event and in the past, due to our high participation, we won a stunt show to come to the school which the children really enjoy so hopefully we can do the same again. I will give more reminders closer to the time.

Fire near the School on Wednesday

We have been made aware of the fact that there was a fire in a property adjacent to the entrance to the school on Wednesday by Dorset Fire and Rescue Service. Thankfully no one was injured in the fire but if any children did witness it and are concerned, then please let us know as we will be able to support them in partnership with the Fire Service to address any concerns they may have.

Mothering Sunday POPS Wrapping Room

In preparation for Mothers' Day on **Sunday 10th March**, POPS have organised a Wrapping Room to give the children the opportunity to buy a little gift. This will be held on **Tuesday 5th** and **Wednesday 6th March**. ALL gifts will be priced at £2.50 to make things much simpler for everyone hopefully. If your child would like to take part then please send money in a clearly named, sealed envelope containing no more than £5 please on the Tuesday 5th.

I think that is about it for this week. I hope that you all have a great weekend and again, thank you for all of your support.

With Best Wishes,

Mr Bagwell - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tues 5th Mar Mothers' Day

Wrapping Room

Wed 6th Mar Mothers' Day

Wrapping Room

Thurs 7th Mar Dress up for

World Book Day

Sun 10th Mar Mothering Sunday

Service at St

Marks

Mon 11th Mar Big Walk and

Wheel begins

Link to Key Dates

Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail <u>7 days before the</u> date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.2%

YR - 93.8%

Y1 - 94.9%

Y2 - 95.8%

Y3 - 95.2%

Y4 - 95.6%

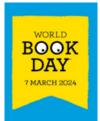
The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Update from the Governors

This week's Governors meeting looked at spelling strategies, highlighting the implementation of the most effective spelling strategy to implement alongside other resources to improve children's proficiency, and discussion of key topics such as funding and safeguarding. Clarity of the school's vision and strategy for the next five years were discussed, aiming for alignment with pupil needs and staff development. School performance and development plans remain on track, with efforts to balance workload and capacity.



Book Week Reminders

A few reminders for World Book Week next week:

<u>Character Dress up</u> - On <u>Thursday 7th March</u> children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We ask that they know the author of the story which their character is from.

<u>Book Swap</u> - Please bring in any unwanted, good condition books by the end of <u>Wednesday 6th March</u> for our Book Swap.

Lost Property

Once again, please may we remind all parents to check the lost property bin for any lost items. The lost property bin is located in they Key Stage 2 cloakroom which you can access every day at pick up via the door on the Key Stage 2 playground. Please also remember to clearly name your child's belongings so that lost items can be returned easily. Thank you very much.

The Big Walk and Wheel





Community News







SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Bring your little ones for a blooming good time crafting the colours and joys of spring! Make adorable 3D bunnies, Decorate vibrant flower crowns fit for a fairy king or queen, plant your own sunflower, and more spring-tastic surprises! Stories and garden trail with a small reward included. This is an all-weather activity so please dress accordingly. Entrance is via Tearoom, Museum Admission not included but annual pass holders go free.

No need to book – pay on the day (£3.50 per child).

