



NEWSLETTER NO 12 - Monday 11th March 2019

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Spring 2019	Thursday 3 January	Friday 15 February	Half Term	Monday 25 February	Friday 5 April
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 April	Friday 24 May		Tuesday 4 June	Wednesday 24 July
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October		Monday 4 November	Thursday 19 December
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February		Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April

Inset Days: 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 6 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support and attendance at the Learning Discussions last week, it was great to see everyone and so many smiling faces as we shared in your children's success and discussed next steps. We find this time hugely valuable in supporting your child's learning and know you will join me in thanking the staff for their efforts during what is a very full on week.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

We do plan to celebrate Red Nose Day with our usual £1 mufti day, however the School Council have been discussing a twist with Mr Seymour... As Comic relief does a huge amount of work in this country, especially working with young people around education, employment and fulfilling their potential, we wanted to take this opportunity for the children to think about some of their future aspirations. On the mufti day, if the children would like to, they can dress up as the job they would like to do when they are older - this can be as imaginative as they like and, if the job involves more everyday clothes, perhaps they would like to think about a prop or accessory too? Ultimately we want to raise lots of money for Comic relief but if we can learn something from it too, even better!

Simply Out Of School - After School Care

Please can we remind everyone about the after school care provision looking to start after the Easter Holiday and that anyone who is interested please return the form previously provided as soon as possible. Thank you.

Great Fire of London Workshop

The children enjoyed a Great Fire of London Workshop where they learnt all about trades during the 17th century in the morning. In the afternoon they became archaeologists, digging for clues about the trades they had learned about that would have burned in the fire. These are a few things the children had to say about the day:

*Mistress Ruth was great
It was the best day of my life
I loved dressing up
The day went so quickly
I want to be archaeologist when I grow up
It was totally awesome being an apprentice*

Miss Weeks and Mr Seymour would like to thank the parent helpers for their valuable assistance throughout the day.

Spring Sing - Date for the Diary

This term the children have been learning a selection of songs with Miss Bowden and she is delighted with the result. So much so we are organising a fundraising opportunity to produce the songs on CD and would like to tour the village with some open air performances; proceeds will be going towards our playground equipment and climbing frame replacement project. This village tour will be a finale to our Spring term involving all children and will take place on Thursday 4th April between 9 and 10am. More details of places and times will follow but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible in the meantime.

Antibiotic Competition

The antibiotics competition was first announced during an assembly, led by Ms Lee. We immediately wanted to enter. We put in so much practice and finally got it perfect. All our hard work, put into our song and dance, was all worth it because after a month, the results were announced... WE WON! We were really happy and stood up in front of the whole school to be told we were going to an official presentation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. There was another winner from our school - Donnie (Year 3) who won the Lower KS2 Antibiotic poster competition. On the day of the presentation, we followed a lady through many corridors, towards a little room. When we arrived at the room there was a lot of food and five named goodie bags! There was a speech of thanks from the female Dr (who was a microbiologist) and they took photos of all the winners holding our bags. These generous gift-bags contained: a book, a virus toy, a t-shirt and the named bag itself. We were asked by the organisers to return for filming of our dance/song. Therefore, on Tuesday 26th February, we met Thomas, who filmed us. It took three practices! Finally, we go it. We watched it - were slightly embarrassed. The whole experience was really inspiring and it taught us more about working as a team and antibiotic awareness itself. Thank you to Ms Lee and Mr Tomson for your support and to those who helped us at the hospital.

By Naomi & Charlotte (Yr 6)

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

15 March	Red Nose Day, £1 mufti day
22 March	PTFA Race Night, 7.30pm – school hall
29 March	PTFA Mother's Day Tea Party & Gift Room, 3.30-4.30pm – school hall
1-3 April	Bikeability Training, Year 5
4 April	Spring Sing Song, 9.00-10.00am
4 April	EYFS Open Classroom, 2.00-3.00pm
8-22 April	Easter Holidays
23 April	Inset Day
24 April	Children Return