

Friday 16th March 2018

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Reception
finding out,
what's inside
a chickens
egg?

Dear parents,

Despite the inclement weather, the pupils in the primary provision have had an exciting fortnight. World Book Day was postponed but this did not curb the enthusiasm of children or staff who enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and engaged in book themed activities in their classes. Parents dropped into literacy lessons this week and watched their children being taught in RWI and writing lessons. We have had lots of positive feedback from parents about the drop-ins and would like to see even more of you join us for our next drop-ins on the 30th of April when the focus will be maths.



Reception

This week the children in reception have been discovering where chickens live and learning about their eggs. They explored ways of making nests, using different resources in the classroom and an egg was cracked for the children to find out what was inside.

Alicia and Luna felt the egg and said, " Ugh its really sticky and squishy and the shell is really hard!"



Year 1

The year one topic this half term is 'Plants and Growing'. In literacy lessons they are reading 'The Enormous Potato' and have been learning how to write instructions. This week they have planted carrots, with the help of their parents at the drop-ins, and written instructions on how to do this. The children were excited to do this and are looking forward to watching their carrots grow over the coming weeks. The quality of the writing they produced was fantastic and staff are looking forward to sharing this on parents evening.

We are pleased to announce that some of the children in year 1 have the opportunity to learn the Cello. Our Cello teacher came to the classes this week to show the children the instrument and play for them. Some children then had the opportunity to be involved in taster sessions with the Cello teacher.



Year 2

Instructions were the focus for the year 2 children in literacy last week. To support their work in geography they made rain gauges in class and then wrote instructions on how to make and use them. The children have used these this week to measure the rainfall this week.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SATs meeting on Thursday. If there are parents who were unable to attend, there will be a SATs drop-in as part of parents evening during which you will be able to ask any questions you have regarding the SATs in year 2. We look forward to seeing lots of you on the 28th March.

Year 4

In literacy lessons this week children have been learning about performance poetry and have had opportunities to practice and recite 'Gran Can You Rap?' by Ian Ousby as a class and also to write their own poetry to perform based on his. The children have enjoyed performing the poem in front of their peers and have shared their own examples with each other and the children in other year groups. They were amazing!

The year 4 children have also begun their roles as play leaders this week. It was fantastic to see them supporting their peers and the younger children during games at lunchtimes and the launch week has been a great success.

School Policies All our policies are easily accessible on the school website for parents to read. If you have any queries around our policies please contact a member of the Primary staff so we can continue to work effectively in partnership with parents

Children who were previously in local authority care

Parents and guardians may wish to inform us if their child was previously in local authority care in England and Wales and left care either through either adoption, a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangement order. This will allow us to access further funding to support your child.

It is for parents and guardians to decide if they wish to self-declare their children's status to schools. If so, supporting evidence (for example a photocopy of the adoption order) would be required but it is acceptable to conceal sensitive information (for example the name of the birth parents) should you wish. We are aware that this is particularly sensitive data and will be dealt with confidentially.

Please contact Miss Warburton if you would like to declare this, or to discuss the matter further, in confidence.

Parking

We have had complaints from local residents that parents are parking on the grass verges outside resident's homes and these have been ruined because of this. Other residents have had their driveways obstructed by parents and are unable to leave their

homes. There are also parents doing three point turns in Hay Green Lane where small children are crossing. For the safety of all our children, please ensure you park safely and considerately. For safety reasons the school car park is for staff and visitors only.

Upcoming dates

Sports Relief Friday 23rd March

EYFS & Primary Parents' Consultation Evening 28th March 4:00 - 7:00pm

There will also be a SATs drop in session for parents who are unable to attend the meeting on Thursday 15th march