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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a very busy week in school last week. On Wednesday, Alice in Wonderland was brought to life. West End productions worked with each class to create a dance for different sections of the story. At the end of the day the whole school came together to perform the whole story, a class at a time. It really was a wonderful treat – the children were inspired and if the smiles were anything to go by – they had a great time too.

Thursday was World Book day. Once again, the costumes were outstanding. Thank you to everyone who helped out with costumes. The day was filled with literary opportunities and ended with lots of parents coming in to read with us. Inspiring the children to read is an absolute must – as reading underpins life-long learning. So, your support for this event is very much appreciated as we try to promote reading whenever we are able.



The week concluded with a whole school Mother's day celebration for all of the special ladies in our lives. Thank you to Mary Magdalene church for hosting our event. Being able to use the church meant that we were able to come together as a whole school – which is always lovely. If you were able to come, thank you for making the time. We hope that you enjoyed the event. A big thank you to the Friends of Fleet for their very kind donation of daffodils, which allowed every child to bring flowers home for mum!

Year 2 Otters Class Assembly

Our pupils in Otters class are very excited to have their class assembly next Wednesday 20th March. They will be delighting us all as they share their recent learning. They are very much looking forward to seeing parents, carers and friends in school to share in their brilliance. Please come along if you are able!

Parents Evenings – Monday 25th March – Tuesday 26th March

Parents evening booking is now open. Please do make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher in order that they can update you of their progress and next steps. We are committed to enhancing our working relationships with you, in order that we can work together in support of the children. School Governors will be in school on both evenings. As we have just recently completed parental questionnaires, we will be providing suggestion slips to you instead so that you can share with us any ideas you have to enhance the service we provide. Governors and senior leadership will consider all responses as we begin our strategic planning processes for the next academic year. Thank you.

Attendance and Late arrival.

Attendance in school has dropped over this term due to high levels of illness across the school. As a result, the school falls within the bottom 25% of all schools nationally, for attendance. This is a significant drop from the levels seen in the Autumn term. Full attendance to school is the ideal for every child, as this offers the greatest opportunity to access the learning opportunities on offer. As you know, attendance is an area monitored by the Local Authority and is a primary focus for Ofsted. To meet Ofsted's expectations, in regard to attendance, we need your full support. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time and avoids all unnecessary absences. Children with less than 90% are considered as persistent absentees. The school are required to engage with parents where attendance falls below 90% in order to work with you to identify and overcome barriers to attendance.

Things to look forward to

Red Nose Day – This Friday

School council are leading fundraising for comic relief this Friday. Everyone is invited to wear something funny in exchange for a donation to comic relief. We have added a payment item to your parent pay account. Please log on ahead of Friday to make your donation.

Friends of School PTA news

The PTA will be presenting a **Bingo night on Wednesday 26th March.**

Details of the event are being sent out with this letter.



The PTA have decided to trial a platform for organising events and selling tickets for the future PTA events. They hope that you will find the process more straightforward and in addition it will also help the school office by reducing the admin work involved in receipting monies and issuing tickets/class lists. It will also prevent the loss of any money/forms sent, as well as reducing the workload to the PTA as they will have less handling of cash and visits to the bank.

The PTA would like all parents to trial using this system to book tickets for the Bingo event. However, should you have any issues with this, please reach out to a member of the PTA team (Tim Newell - Chair, Donna Ingram – Vice Chair, Lyndsay Retzback – Secretary or Amy Goose – Treasurer) in person at school drop off or pick up or through the Friends of Fleet Wood Lane School Facebook page and they will be happy to assist.

Please note that you will be sent an e-ticket for events, but you will not need to send the ticket with your child to the bingo event as the booking platform will provide us with a list of children booked into the event which will suffice.

Please follow the below link for access to the platform to purchase tickets.

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoffleetwoodlane

Thank you for your continued support from the PTA team.

Headlice

Please can you continue to check your child's hair for headlice please. We rely entirely on parental support to limit the impact of nits in school. It is essential that we spot them early and if seen that treatment is applied as soon as possible to stop the spread – thank you.

Thread worms

We have been made aware of an instance of thread worm. This is easily treated with over the counter medicines.



Easter Celebration

We will be concluding the term with an Easter Church service. This will be held at 2pm on Thursday 28th March at Mary Magdalene Parish Church. Robins will be leading the event as they take us through the Easter story.

We return after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Height and weight checks for Reception Class and Owls – Tuesday 16th April 2024.

As always, if you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please get in touch with the office so that we can assist.

Yours faithfully,

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Head Teacher