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Newsletter Friday 23th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Key Stage Two Investigation Day

On Tuesday 27th February (next Tuesday), children across Key Stage Two will take part in a range of exciting and innovative workshops led by The Happy Puzzle Company. These workshops are designed to encourage the childrens' skills in mathematical problem solving and reasoning, as well as to develop their resilience when challenged. This year, children will take part in the 'Mind Missions' programme. Mind Missions are hands-on maths, thinking and team building 'expeditions' devised by top educators.

After school on Tuesday, the Happy Puzzle Company will open their 'Puzzle Shop' in the school hall. The shop will feature a large selection of high quality games and challenges you can purchase to help develop your child's problem solving skills in a range of curriculum areas, not just Mathematics. We have negotiated significant discounts with the Happy Puzzle Company to keep the cost of these resources as low as possible. In addition, the Happy Puzzle Company have also provided a voucher for families to use alongside any purchases. Please see the leaflet attached which details more information about the shop and your voucher. We encourage all parents and carers to visit the shop to view the fantastic range of games and puzzles available.

World Book Week 26th February to 3rd March

Just a reminder of the events happening next week for KS1 and KS2 to celebrate World Book Week (EYFS have organised their own activities on a smaller scale):

Share a story 26th February

The children will have the opportunity to listen to a story read by members of school staff or the governing body . They will be able to choose which story they would like to listen to , the year groups will be mixed.

Book hunt 26th February and 3rd March

The books read in the share a story session will be hidden around school for the children to find and review during their library session throughout the week.

Author visit 28th February

Antony Wootten will be visiting school and carrying out workshops/reading and will read a story with each class. After school, in the main foyer he will be selling some of his books main so don't miss out! His books are aimed at KS2.

Dressing up and swap the teacher 1st March

On World Book Day the children are welcome to dress up as their favourite explorer (ideas for this are in the letter given out before half term). Pupils will go to a different classroom to hear a teacher read a story.

Book fair 5th March to 8th March

The book fair will be available after school in the hall. This is for all year groups including EYFS. Monday and Thursday 3.00pm until 3.30pm Tuesday and Wednesday 3.00pm to 5.30pm. World book vouchers will be sent home on Friday March 2nd with all children. These can be used at the Book Fair.

Class Assembly

Miss Newsome and Mrs Long will have their class assembly. Assembly will start at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Break Time Snacks

We have seen an increase in the number of unhealthy snacks being brought into school .Can we please ask parents to only send healthy snacks such as, fruit/veg or cereal bars for the morning break time. As you know break snacks such **chocolates/sweets are not permitted in the school.** We have two snack trolleys on the playground every morning with fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins and sugar free juice for the children to buy at low cost (any profit made from the fruit sales is used towards purchasing new playground equipment and toys).

Dinner money

We seem to have an increasing number of families with dinner money arrears. Can we ask that all dinner money arrears are paid up to date on Parent Pay and that all future meals are paid in advance of meals taken. Please note that as we approach the end of the financial year we cannot allow arrears to continue. Please remember to pay in advance for meals - £2.20 per day/ £11.00 per week. Thank you. Please contact the school office if you have any problems with meal arrears.

Yours truly

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