

Newsletter March 2022



World Book Day – WOW!

Thank you so much for the amount of effort and time you all put in to making your World Book Day dioramas, they were fantastic! The children had a great assembly, the hall was full of excitement, guessing all the stories they could recognise, clapping each other for their efforts and receiving prizes!

Read, Steady, Read – Sponsored Read Event

Another great success this term and another HUGE thank you to all who took part in our sponsored read event! You raised £922.15 which Usborne books then topped up by 60%, meaning we had a staggering £1475.44 to spend on books. These books arrived just in time for World Book day, making the day even more exciting for the children.



Children's Mental Health Charity – Place2be Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 'Dress to Express' day. We raised £150.70 for this charity!

Changes to How we Teach Reading at Mareham Le Fen in Reception and Year 1.

We have recently purchased a new reading scheme called **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** to bring our reading approaches/schemes in line with the new guidance about how to teach children to read. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is a systematic synthetic phonics (**SSP**) programme.

There are two types of reading books that your child will bring home:

- **A reading practice book –Collins Big Cat.** This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- **A sharing book.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Support for Parents – Little Wandle

These three videos (link below) show you how to pronounce the sounds. Notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. Use the downloadable information to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

Further Support can be found via this link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on the above link will also help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos which demonstrate how they are taught phonics and reading at school.

Once we have this new scheme up and running, after Easter, we will send out further information.

Comic Relief Friday 18th March

We will be recognising this charity on this date by asking children to 'Wear something Red' with their school uniform. Red socks, red tights, red t-shirt, red bows/grips, red trousers or red skirt etc. The rest of the clothing needs to be school uniform please. If your child has PE on this day, they still need to wear their school PE kit and can wear a red item with it. We are not requesting donations as we appreciate we have already held several fundraising days this school year. If parents wish to send in a donation, we will forward it to Comic Relief.

Class M and S Parents (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

End of topic assembly on Wednesday 30th March 2pm in the school hall. Parents only please. Invites will be coming home soon.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

This celebration is during half term so we will hold our own day of celebration on Friday 27th. We are planning a day of activities for the children with a tea party lunch, provided by the school. The Farm Kitchen menus have been blocked out for this day and children do not need to bring a pack up. Nearer the time we will send a form out electronically on Parentmail asking for donations of crisps, cakes and biscuits. School will provide sandwiches and drinks and children can wear red, white and blue. Further details will follow.

Diary Dates

2022

March

18th: Comic Relief – wear something red with your school uniform

21st: World Poetry Day

21st and 23rd: Parents Evening appointments have been released on Parentmail. Please book in.

22nd: PTFA meeting 7.30pm

29th: Class F trip am only

30th: Classes M & S – End of topic assembly for parents 2pm. Invites to follow.

30th: PTFA Quiz in Mareham Le Fen Pub, 7.30pm start

31st: Last day of term

April

20th: Return to school

May

9th – 13th May: SATS for Year 6. Please do not book any appointments during this week.

17th: Class photos

27th: Jubilee party in school

27th: Last day of term

June

6th: Return to school

July

22nd: last day of term

September 2022

6th: Tuesday – return to school

Term dates 2021/2022

Please remember our term dates have altered slightly since we first issued them to parents. At Easter we now return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

Term 2	Monday to Friday	1 November 2021 17 December 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Monday 27, Tuesday 28 December 2021 & Monday 3 January 2022		
Term 3	Tuesday to Friday	4 January 2022 11 February 2022
Term 4	Monday to Thursday	21 February 2022 31 March 2022
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Friday 15 April & Monday 18 April 2022		
Term 5	Wednesday to Friday	20 April 2022 27 May 2022
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Monday 2 May 2022, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June 2022		
Term 6	Monday to Friday	6 June 2022 22 July 2022

Term dates for 2022/2023 are on the school website

A paper copy is available from the office if you wish