



WEEKLY NEWS 23.2.18

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break

Foundation Stage children have been learning all about planting and growing. They read the story of Jack and the bean stalk, explored the various shapes and sizes of different seeds and then planted their own beans. They will look after them, watch them grow and keep a bean diary over the rest of the term.



In **Years 1.2** the children are really enjoying their new topic "We are Zoologists". They have watched film clips of London Zoo in 1938 and 1952 and thought about how and why we keep animals



in zoos. In Art, they have been looking carefully at photos of animal fur, skin and markings and then used coloured pencils to create their own artwork. This has been a great start to a very exciting topic and they are all looking forward to learning more!



This term, **Years 3.4** are continuing their Roman Topic by exploring the impact Romans had in Britain. We have started off by looking at stories around Boudicca and the Iceni tribe. The children have produced some fabulous, informative posters using their own internet based research.



In **Years 5.6**, the children have become paleontologists! As part of their new Science topic, 'Evolution and Inheritance', the children have been learning about fossils and have taken part in a demonstration to find out how they are formed. They have written some fantastic explanations on this. They have also had the chance to investigate some fossils - their favourite was the shark tooth! The children have been very intrigued asking lots of scientific questions. As part of their English work, the children have started to read a new myth – 'Maui Catching the Sun' - which they have thoroughly enjoyed learning about. They have produced some fantastic story boards with great illustrations, showing a brilliant understanding!



Parking outside of school

Firstly I want to thank you to you all for your support as we endeavour to improve parking outside of school. I know we are all keen to ensure that all children are safe as they arrive and leave school.

As an update, I would like to let you know that I have been discussing this matter with the local police and also a local councillor and we are making small steps of progress. You may have noticed that we have had police present outside of school and I am hoping their continued presence will lead to better practice in the long term. I will also endeavour to be outside of school as often as possible.

As part of this, please can I reiterate to you all that parents should not wait for their children in the car park with their dogs. Apart from dogs not being allowed on site (and the carpark is part of our site), this is very dangerous as some staff will be leaving around this time and they would be devastated (as would parents!) if there was an accident.

Staffing

I would like to update you regarding Fine Class. We do not anticipate that Miss Hill will be returning this term. We all miss her and the children were delighted to see her when she briefly visited last term. Going forwards, I do want the children to continue to have consistency. Therefore Mrs Lambert will be leading the class in her role as an HLTA until the end of this term. Mrs Lambert knows Y3.4 very well and this will mean all the children can quickly settle to learning within known routines rather than getting to grips with someone new to the school. She also brings a great deal of additional knowledge and I know she is very much looking forward to taking up the role.

KS1 Disco will be held on 7th March after school. Tickets will be on sale next week.



**On sale at the same time will be raffle tickets for an
Easter raffle**



DATES TO REMEMBER!

01/03/2018 World Book Day

**01/03/2018 Reading Breakfast- KS2
Further details to follow**

**01/03/2018 PTA- Parents' Social
Further details to follow**

**02/03/2018 Reading Breakfast- EYFS/KS1
Further details to follow**

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