
Term 4 – 16th March 2020

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Coronavirus has brought unprecedented challenges across the world and I have no doubt that the uncertainty it brings will unfortunately continue for some time to come. As I write this, we are continuing as normal but this could change at any time! I would like to reassure everyone that we are taking on board all advice as it becomes available and will keep you updated as soon as we are able. In the meantime, please can I remind you that should your child(ren) have a raised temperature or a new cough, that you keep them off school for 7 days and that you also continue to remind children about the importance of good hygiene habits. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher**

Science Week

Last week was national Science Week, the theme this year being 'Our Diverse Planet'. The children engaged in a range of science activities through the week both in their class and in other classes. It was a fantastic opportunity to really develop children's knowledge and skills in science and I know the children thoroughly enjoyed all that they learnt. Thank you to Mr Ives for supporting with the planning and organising of this week.

Water Bottles in School Bags

Please can I ask you to check that the water bottle your child brings into school is leak proof. A number of teachers have mentioned that school reading books are accidentally getting ruined because a water bottle has leaked in a school bag. The reading books are expensive to replace so if this could be avoided we would be very grateful. Thank you for your support.

Sporting News

Curling

On Thursday, Elena, Peter, Archie and Millie represented the school at a Year 3/4 curling competition at Highworth School. They played a series of matches against 5 other schools. They had to carefully throw the curling stone so that it reached the centre of the target.

Upcoming Events

20 th Mar	KS1 Easter Egg Bingo
27 th Mar	Easter Service 9:30am
27 th Mar	KS2 Easter Egg Bingo
31 st Mar	End of Term 4
1 st Apr	Staff Training Day
16 th Apr	Start of Term 5
6 th May	Walk in Wednesday
8 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th May	KS2 SATS week
18 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
22 nd May	End of Term 5
8 th Jun	Start of Term 6
10 th June	Walk in Wednesday
9 th Jun	PESE meeting (Year 5 Parents only)
11 th Jun	New Year R Parents Evening
19 th Jun	Tea on the Field (pm)
29 th Jun	Year 6 Transition week
1 st July	Walk in Wednesday
6 th Jul	Wellbeing and Sports Week
10 th Jul	Sports Day and Summer Fair
14/15 Jul	Year 6 Production
17 th Jul	Leavers Disco
23 rd July	End of Term 6

The children represented the school brilliantly and came joint third in their group. Well done! Miss Elliott

Netball

The Mersham netball team played their first match against Smeeth school last Tuesday. We had a mixture of experienced players and new players and they all played really well together. Well done to George, Phoebe, Connor, Isla, Bailey and Ellie-Mae - due to your fantastic efforts, the final score was 4-1 to Mersham! Well done. Mrs Maher

Swimming – Years 5 and 6 only

If you have yet to contribute towards swimming lessons, please can I urge that you make those contributions as soon as possible. Whilst I am well aware that some parents are unhappy about the way that swimming is organised, the school just does not have the finances to cover these costs and the wider school will suffer as a result. Swimming is a statutory requirement within the National Curriculum however we will be exploring options for future years, where children can already meet the swimming standard required.

Class Assemblies – Term 4

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

19th March Falcon Class
26th March Robin Class

Term Dates 2020-21

Please note the correction to term 1

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October
Staff Development Day - Tuesday 1st September

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Thursday 17th December
Staff Development Day – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 11th February
Staff Development Days – Monday 4th January and
Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May
Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

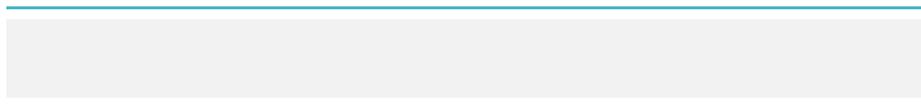
Tuesday 8th June – Wednesday 21st July
Staff Development Day – Monday 7th June

Family Shows at Revelation www.revelationashford.co.uk

Coming up at Revelation are some fantastic shows that your students and their families may be interested in.

ROALD DAHL AND THE IMAGINATION SEEKERS

Saturday 14th March – Tickets £7 adv / £26 family



Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers is a theatrical and interactive experience, especially made for all the family to enjoy. Presented by Get Lost and Found who have been specially commissioned by Puffin Books to create a new interactive Children's Theatre show based on the works of Roald Dahl. This production is the only interactive show licensed by the Roald Dahl literary estate to tour. It's a thrilling story delivered through performance, games and creative play that explores Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG and The Twits along the way.

FAMILY FILM FUN

Saturday 4 April - ALICE IN WONDERLAND – Doors 12.30pm, Film 1pm

PADDINGTON – Doors 2.30pm, Film 3pm

Join Love Ashford as they bring the best in family-favourite films to Revelation. Tickets are 50p, available on the door only.

Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sales for 2020.

The first sale of the year is on Saturday 1st February at Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT), 10-1. Plenty of clean, fully serviced bikes in most sizes available.

The dates so far are:

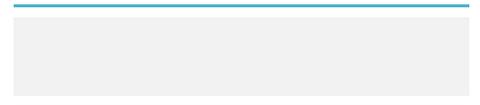
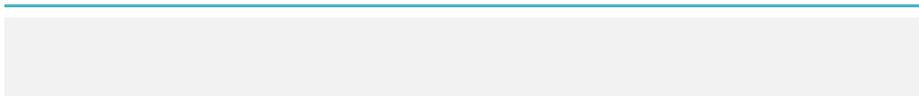
- Saturday 29th March
- More dates to follow....

Remember you can donate a bike and get 20% discount.

PTA News & Updates



Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs on Friday. There are lots to be won (and eaten) over the next few weeks!



Easter Egg Bingo!!!

Come & join us for this Family Fun Game, all children will win at least 1 Easter Egg!

KS1: Friday 20th March 3.30pm-4.45pm

KS2: Friday 27th March 3.30pm-4.45pm

Tickets are £1 per book of Bingo Cards

Please bring money on the day.

Refreshments will be available to buy.

All proceeds will go towards fundraising for School

