

7th February 2020

Dear Parents

What a lovely week we have had in school. The children are producing some really outstanding work at the moment. Those that have put extra effort and enthusiasm into their learning sometimes make their way to my office and I have had a steady stream this week. What a pleasure!

Thank you for your support during the school closure on Tuesday. I know that last minute child care must have caused many of you considerable stress. I hope that you were able to take advantage of the weather and spend some quality time with your children.

General dates

February 13th	Last day
February 14th	INSET day
February 17th—21st	Half Term
February 24th	Year 6 Bikeability starts
February 25th	Pancake race 2.30pm
Friday 28th	FNC *
March 2nd—6th	World Book Week
March 10th	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.20pm
March 11th	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.20pm
March 18th	KS2 House Matches *
March 19th	Year 1 & 2 trip
March 23rd	Year 5 & 6 trip
April 3rd	Last Day
April 20th	Return to school

Library

We are very excited that our new library system is nearly up and running! With the new system, children will be able to scan books in and out, keeping a personal record of the books they have read and allowing us to keep track of where books are. We do, however, need parent helpers to scan all the books onto the system. If you are available to help on Thursday 27th February from 1:00 Please let the school office know.



Year 1 & 2 staffing

As of the week beginning 24th February, Mrs Harder will be returning from maternity leave. She will be teaching in year 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Rolland will be teaching full time in year 2.

Calling all Scientists!

We are planning to take part in British Science Week (6th - 15th March 2020) again this year and are looking for visitors in the scientific field to come in and talk to some of our classes to inspire our budding Scientists. If you, or someone you know works in the field of Science and would be able to come in to school, we would be very grateful if you could let us know.

Billingshurst Library

Billingshurst Library will be holding a special Dinosaurs Roar story time for children on Monday 17th February from 10.30am-11.30am with read some stories, crafts and a treasure hunt around the library. This is a free half term event for more information please call 01403 783145

Stanley's Blog

This week I have had so many visitors - I have read some home-made books, learnt how to take away, met some new children and been taken for a walk around the field (I did pick up some spare balls that were lying around, no-one seemed to want them). I have started some more training. I am learning not to pull on my lead and to stay in my bed until I am asked to get out, I'm not very good at these things—yet! This week I chewed Mrs Winter's glove and a piece of Lego from year 1. I don't count the door stop because that was just left lying around.



Did you know.....

Our attendance figures have risen from 94% this time last year to 97% last week. This may sound very slight but it takes us from below national average to well above. And this is in a season of sickness! Thank you for all your efforts.



INSET days for this Academic Year

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2019/20

Christmas Holidays December 23rd – 3rd January

Half Term February 17th – 21st

Easter Holidays April 6th – 17th

Half Term May 25th – 29th

End of Term Friday 17th July



Forest School Dates

On your child's Forest School day they can come to school in their Forest School clothing for the whole day, please ensure they are wearing long sleeved tops and trousers – even if the weather is warmer. They will also need suitable footwear, e.g. wellies and a rain coat. If you are able to help on Forest School dates, please see the school office.

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 12th	Year 6
Thursday 27th	Year 5 *
Wednesday 26th	Young Explorers
Wednesday 4th March	Year 1
Wednesday 11th	Year 2
Wednesday 18th	Year 3
Tuesday 24th	Year 4
Wednesday 25th	Year 5
Wednesday 1st April	Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Young Explorers	Ella for Confidence and Aleksander for Enthusiasm
Oak Class	Ned for Diligence and Motivation and Sonny for Confidence
Willow Class	Alice for Commitment and Annie for Enthusiasm
Rowan Class	Tillie for Courage and Confidence
Sycamore Class	Tate for Motivation and Roxie for Independence
Mulberry Class	Lacy for Concentration and Ryan for Focus
Chestnut Class	Angus for Enquiry and Ed for Collaboration



The winning house this week is...

Brewhurst