

# February Newsletter



The children have started the new term strongly with lots of amazing learning opportunities to launch their new topics. We hope everyone has had a chance to read our Ofsted report and you will know that our area for development is some aspects of the curriculum. This work has started with some great progress towards us continuing to develop the richness of our own bespoke curriculum.

## **STAFF NEWS**

We are delighted to welcome to the RWPA family Mrs Russell's new baby Fearnie. Continuing on the baby theme Mrs Clark will be leaving us the week after half term to start her maternity leave. We had previously informed you that the class would be covered by Mrs Clarke, however this arrangement has had to change and Mr Brown will now cover teaching in Buttercup. Mr Brown has worked with the class previously and will be part of the planning sessions and a handover programme during the next two weeks.

Mrs Evans will be working to support two of our other Ebor schools for the next six weeks. During this time Mr David will become a full time member of the leadership team and his teaching commitment will be covered by Mr Acaster. Mr David will be on hand to provide support for the class as required.

## **SERVICE BUDDIES UPDATE**

Our Service Buddies have been enjoying showing new children to school and have now been allocated to different areas of school to start to widen the number of children they can support. Posters with their photos will be up in classrooms this week. The posters will encourage children to look out for their buddies on the playground or tell their teacher that they would like to speak to their buddy. We will also be arranging some time for the children to meet in buddy groups during the next half term, to share experiences and ask questions of their buddies. In the meantime, please ask your children who their buddy is and contact Mrs Willson if you think your child would benefit from speaking to their service buddy about changes to deployments or upcoming moves.

## **ADVENTURE TRAIL REMINDER**

Please remember this is out of bounds before and after school. Thank you.

## WELLBEING IN MIND

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey before Christmas. The data has been analysed alongside that gathered from staff and pupils. The team are coming into school on Wednesday to meet the children and beginning to formulate our plan on a page to help provide another layer of support for our children's wellbeing.

## A CHANCE TO LOOK AT YOUR CHILDREN'S WORK

On Tuesday 27th Feb between 3.30 and 4.30pm we will be opening our doors to provide the opportunity for you to look at your children's work before our parent and teacher appointment evenings.

## FLOWERS CLASSES

Please enter through the Old Reception entrance (near Jake's Tree House). The children's work will be in their classrooms

### YEAR 3 AND 4

Please enter through the back Brown Hall doors. The children's work will be on tables in their class groups.

### YEAR 5 AND 6

Please enter through the Year 3 and 4 doors. The children's work will be in the white hall on tables in their class groups.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for this academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday 8th February	Trees classes open doors session 3.30-4.15pm The children will be released at the end of the day as normal. The teachers will then prepare the classrooms and then open the doors at 3.30pm. You and your child are welcome to come and look around the classroom at all the amazing learning that has been taking place. Please can all parents leave by 4.15 to allow staff to set up for the next day. Thank you
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 19th February	School opens
Tuesday 27th February	Parents of KS2 to look at their child's books in the white and brown halls. Parents of KS1 to look at books in classrooms.

Wednesday 28th February	Dance Festival
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY- theme to follow
Friday 8th March	National Girls Football Day
Week commencing 11th March	Parent teacher appointments
Friday 15th March	COMIC RELIEF Easter Discos
Monday 18th March	Year 5 to see High School Musical at Huntington
Wednesday 20th March	Music competition Final
Thursday 21st March	Netball competition
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 8th April	School opens for summer term
Friday 12th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Friday 19th April	Key Stage 2 Opera
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATS tests
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	

Monday 3rd June	School opens
Monday 10th June	Class photos
Wednesday 12th June	6-7pm New Reception Parents meeting
Friday 14th June	Sports Day Summer fair
Friday 21st June	Back up Sports Day
Monday 24th June	New classes announced SPORTS WEEK
Friday 28th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Week commencing 1st July	SPORTS WEEK
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 Trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 16th July	Reports to parents Year 6 performance
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance Graduation
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays at noon

We have also added these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Best wishes  
Donna Bedford

Headteacher