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Dear Parents/Carers,

What has happened in school this week?



World Book Day

The children and staff had a marvellous time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. A Year 6 pupil commented "World Book day has been

exciting – it was different that the normal book day."



The children really enjoyed dressing up in their pyjamas and listening to bedtime tales. Thanks to the volunteers who helped serve hot chocolate and biscuits during the bedtime tales. A pupil said that "It was so relaxing – you could snuggle down to listen to the bedtime tale"



Book Battles

During World Book Day children took part in Book Battles. The children had to explain to their class why their book should win the battle by summarising

their story and saying who and why they might like it. At the end of the battle the children chose which was their favourite book that they were going to read. Pupils commented "It was fascinating, listening to stories our readers love."

Shelfie competition

We have had an excellent number of entries for the Shelfie competition. The winners will be announced during celebration assembly next Friday 13th March.



The Sun Books for Schools

On Wednesday our box of free Books for Schools arrived containing over £600 worth of books that will be distributed around the school.

Year 1 visit from the Queen



Year 1 had a visit from the Queen on Thursday 5th March! We have been writing questions to ask her and today she answered them for us.

Did you know the Queen has been the Queen since 1953 and there are 140 Ceremonial jewels and objects held in the Tower of London!

Health update

As per Public Health England guidance please continue to encourage your child to wash their hands regularly with soap and water. We are ensuring this happens in school. For guidance please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Please also ensure your child's vaccinations are all up to date as protection against childhood illnesses. If you have any questions please contact your GP surgery or the School nurse.

We will continue to keep you updated with any new guidance from Public Health England. You can keep up to date with information regarding the CoronaVirus via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The Department for Education Coronavirus has also recently set up a helpline for any questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement? Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Mrs Langtree's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Natalie Langtree Acting Head teacher

Other News

Scholastic Book Fair – week commencing 9th March



from 2.45-3.45pm.

The Scholastic book fair will be visiting the school week commencing 9th March. Please do come along to the library after school from Monday to Thursday

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Reading training for Parent/carer volunteers



This training is of particular use for those parent and carer volunteers who currently or intend to support children with their reading in school. The

meeting will now be held on Friday 13th March in the

Owl room at 3.30pm. To reserve a place please

complete the online booking form via

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBf5DKgr1dk9suET2GV83QLvXFLsS8DvjiUjvhW-tlenAW4g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Dates for your Diary

Parent/Carer Online Safety sessions

WSCC are running FREE Parent/Carer Online Safety sessions at Maidenbower Infant School on 10th March and Oriel School on 23rd March. These sessions identify the risks children face online and offer invaluable tips and advice on how to keep them safe. To book a place, visit:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online.

LMA Afternoon Tea for Someone Special – 17th March



With Mother's Day round the corner we thought it would be nice to hold an event to recognise all the special people in our lives. Each ticket entitles the child to bring a special adult to afternoon tea. Tickets include refreshments and cakes for both the adult and child as well as a card for

their special someone. Please book via www.pta-events.co.uk/LondonMeed



Save the date!

EYFS Fabulous Finish – 2nd April

The Orchard will be hosting a Fabulous Finish for parents/carers on Thursday 2nd April in the large hall from 2pm. Further details will follow.



Spring Choir concert – 2nd April

We will be holding a Spring Choir concert on Thursday 2nd April 2020 in the large hall from 5-6pm.

Refreshments will be provided. Please advise how many seats you require via

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxM-MKzgDMWjH8j20xGVQAp4Bm389ecZPZNQmM_qwoUSXmkw/viewform?usp=sf_link

LMA Colour Run – 2nd May



Week of the 9 th March	Scholastic Book fair will be open in the school library from 2.45-3.45pm from Monday to Thursday only.
9 th March	Year 4 to Preston Manor and The Booth Museum.
9 th March	Burgess Hill Fire Service visiting Year 2
10 th March	Year 3 to Preston Manor and The Booth Museum.
10 th March	Author David Fuller visiting whole school assembly
13 th March	Sports Relief will be celebrated with various activities taking part during school all next week.
13 th March (Postponed date)	Reading training from 3.30pm in the Owl room for parents/carers who currently or intend to volunteer to hear children read in school.
Week of the 16 th March	Pupil Interviews conducted by our Governors.
17 th March	LMA Afternoon Tea for "Someone Special" from 3pm in the large hall
18 th March	Your Space parent/carer workshop 6-8pm

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	in the large hall
19 th March	Reading Workshop in the large hall 9am for parents/carers of children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2
24 th March	Reading Workshop in the large hall 2.30pm for parents/carers of children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2
27 th March	LMA Quiz night. Large Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start.
30 th March	Year 3 Drumming presentation to parents and carers taking place in the large hall from 2.15pm.
31 st March	Year 2 Marvellous middle – performance to parents at 2.30pm
31 st March	Year 5 Parents Meeting for Residential trip in the classes at 3.30pm.
2 nd April	The Orchard Fabulous Finish in the large hall from 2pm
2 nd April	Spring Choir concert in the large hall from 5-6pm.
3 rd April	Last day of the Spring term
20 th April	Children return to school
21 st April	Class and Year 6 leavers photos
22 nd April	Year 1 trip to Wakehurst Place – full details to follow
24 th April	Level 1 Bikeability for Year 6 – details will be sent in due course.
29 th April to 1 st May	Year 5 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor

Term Dates 2019-2020

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2020	Mon 6th Jan 2020	w/c 17th Feb 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020
	Inset Day:- Monday 24th February 2020		
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20th April 2020	w/c 25 th May 2020	Mon 20th July 2020
	Bank holiday: - Friday 8th May		
	Inset Days: - Monday 1st June 2020		
	Monday 20th July 2020		

Inset Days 2020-2021

Thursday 3rd Sept 2020, Friday 23rd Oct 2020, Friday 12th Feb 2021, Friday 28th May 2021 and Monday 7th June 2021. For the term dates for academic year 2020-2021 please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

