



WEEKLY FOCUS

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Learning is not easy but it is worth it

Dear Parents

Weekly Theme

Our weekly theme this week is Lent. The word Lent comes from an older English word meaning 'springtime'. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, the Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Many Christians think of the forty days of Lent as an opportunity to change their daily lives and become as close to God as possible. Some people give something up for Lent to remind them that Jesus didn't eat or drink for 40 days. Will you give up anything? eg: chocolate or sweets.



Come and do maths



Parents are invited to come into the classroom on 7 March at 2.15pm to do maths activities. This is in line with international maths day.

Playground games for active play



We have purchased some new games for the children to play at lunchtime and break. They include skipping ropes, hula swing, stilts, bowling, and cheerleading pom poms! We used some money from our recent fundraising.

Book of the week

This week's book of the week is *River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson and recommended by Miss Ingram. *Journey to the River Sea* is set in England and Brazil in the early 20th century. It follows orphan Maia as she travels to the remote Amazon to live with her distant relatives, the Carters.

Maia longs for a real family. She is really excited about meeting them but let's just say that they are not what she expects. She has adventures in the Amazon and makes lots of friends.

Cold Weather

Please make sure your children are all wrapped up warm in this bitterly cold weather. They should have at the very least a coat!



Bikes and Scooters

Please **DO NOT** allow your child to ride their bike or scooter in the playground before or after school.

Please wait until you are outside the gate. It's only a matter of time before someone has a nasty accident.

Rock Challenge

HUGE

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children that took part in the Rock Challenge event at The

**YOU GUYS
ROCK!**

Southampton Guildhall before last week. Their portrayal of the story of Jason and the Argonauts was brilliant. The performance was truly stunning and as it came to an end you could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium-everyone was truly amazed by this fabulous, dramatic piece.

Thank you so much to all the staff and friends & family of staff who have worked so hard to rehearse, paint, sew costumes, order costumes, sort tickets etc. Mrs Billinge has worked tirelessly for months at home at weekends and in the evenings to make some amazing costumes. We are SO lucky to have a staff team that all pull together for the benefit of your children. It simply could not happen without all their help. Thanks also to Mr Dickenson for doing the lighting-it looked amazing. Thank you also to the numerous parents that helped with costumes. Special thanks must go to Miss Dunbar for creating this fabulous piece of dance. She has an amazing vision & knows how to make her ideas become a reality in such a professional way. We now look forward to the final in April. Go Calmore!

World Book Day



Don't forget that **tomorrow** is World Book Day and children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

School Book Fair coming next week!

Coming home today is a book fair flyer and £1.00 book token to use on any of the books at the book fair.

We will be hosting a children's Book Fair from Travelling Books and our school receives an excellent commission rate on all sales. You will find the Book Fair open in school in the school hall on:

Mon 5 March for years 3 & 5 3.00-3.30pm.

Tues 6 March for years 4 & 6 3.00-3.30pm

Wed 7 March 2.15-2.45pm

Please come along and support us by buying a book.

Every book you buy helps our school buy new books. You



can even buy online before the fair and collect when you come in on the day! Just visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk for more details!

Break time Snacks

Please can we remind you that only fruit, vegetables or healthy cereal bars are allowed for break snacks.



Picnic lunches from April 16 2018

We will again be offering Picnic meals after Easter, As well as the meat, vegetarian and jacket potato option. Menu to follow nearer the time, the cost of a school meal will remain at £2.15 per child.

Last time's solution: An Egg

This week's teaser: I have lot of memories, but I own nothing. What am I?

Lisa Marshall – Headteacher

Assembly news

The following children were awarded

Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Emilia & Risa**

Year 4: **Buster & Liam**

Year 5: **Kelsey & Grace**

B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Isobel & Maisy**

Year 4: **Jayden & Nathan**

Year 5: **Lille & Nero**

Maths Stars

Year 3: **Tyler & Emily**

Year 4: **Logan & Ethan**

Year 5: **Eleanor & Aimee**

Year 6: **Connor & Reece**

Well Done!

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude. Congratulations!

IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

LAST WEEKS CLASS

ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:

Blade Class @ 100 %

Well done and keep up the good attendance!

Our Learning

Year 3 We had great fun dressing up and learning all about the Stone Age on Monday this week, for our topic launch! The children looked great, so thank you for spending time making their costumes!

In English this week, we have been drafting and editing our letter of advice to Year 4, to advise them on whether or not it is a good idea to go through our portals. We have particularly been looking at using conjunctions in our writing, to extend our sentences and to give clear reasons why or why not they should enter the portal. Next week we are going to publish our letters, thinking about our presentation skills.

For Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division and how we can use our known facts to help us solve harder problems! To continue to help at home, it would be great if you could practise times tables with your children, as we still have children who are not confident with them. This will then support their learning in class this week, as well as the next few weeks when we move onto fractions.

Year 4 This week we have been doing some art inspired by Lewis Carroll's 'The Jabberwocky'. We have been combining different media such as watercolours, chalk and graphite to create a zig-zag book telling the story of 'The Jabberwocky'. In maths we have been looking at decimal numbers and their place value and will be using this information to work on some money problems this week. In Topic our focus has been on PHSE and we have been thinking about what ingredients we need to create an ideal friend. Looking forward you could help your child by showing them different money coins and discussing their value. Perhaps accompany your child to the shop and let them buy something sweet and let them experience working out what money they need and how much change they will get in return.

Year 5 This week, in literacy, we have been learning how to use effective descriptive devices to describe a scene on a boat, based on our novel 'A Story Like The Wind.' Next week, we will be learning how to use effective dialogue in our stories, before planning and writing them. In maths this week, we have been developing our written strategies for multiplication, including using a grid method and short multiplication. Next week, we will be developing our written strategies for division. On Monday, we had an exciting start to our new Science topic – 'Irreversibility' by making some biscuits. The results were very successful and enjoyed by all the children! Our science topic will continue next week as we learn more about changes of state and reversible and irreversible changes.

You can help your child with their learning this week by:

- Doing some simple baking – lots of great maths skills can be developed when you weigh out ingredients
- Asking them to show you what written methods they have been learning to multiply a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number, e.g. 352 x 4
- Sharing a favourite book from your childhood with them to help celebrate World Book Day on Thursday

Year 6 Last week was a strange one - Rock Challenge was a huge part of it for so many of us and it was a great day. We now can't wait until the final. In English we have started to write a balanced report that discusses whether or not we think sending young people to detention centres or prisons is actually a good idea. It has also provoked conversation about whether introducing yet more guns into society in America would help reduce the terrible shootings that seem to be all too common there. You can help by discussing these and similar issues that occur in the news around the world. Being able to consider both sides of an argument is such an important thing to do. In maths we've continued our work on geometry and have been creating nets of shapes and calculating the volume of cuboids. Next week we are once again going to look at fractions. In topic we've begun a new unit - Life Cycles. We shall be looking at various examples including that of humans and hope to be able to conduct a real life study into the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. If any of you have any frog spawn you could offer us we would be very grateful.

Prompts & Reminders

Rock challenge rehearsals

Start again next week. **NONE ON MONDAY 5th. Thursday 8 March** for Jason, Argonauts, Water, Birds, Warriors (just Kera and Grace) Kings, Guards and BS.

Rock Challenge Portsmouth final tickets

We are waiting for the tickets to arrive from Ticketmaster. As soon as they are ready for collection we will let you know. For those of you that sent in post-dated cheques, they will be paid into the bank on Friday 2 March.

Help with lights and painting!

If you have an hour or so to spare and are free to pop into school to help with a little bit of painting or attaching lights to some shields for Rock Challenge, then please pop into the office and let us know.

Tile Barn 2nd payment of £35 is now over due on the instalment plan. Post-dated cheques will be paid into the bank on Friday 2 March. If this is a problem for you please pop into the office and let us know by tomorrow.

Year 4 Southampton Walls visit

A letter came home yesterday for the year 4 trip on Monday 12 March. Please complete the slip and return with payment of £5.50 asap, to enable your child to go.

Dinner money

If your child is having a school meal, please make sure that you send in their dinner money in a named purse/wallet/envelope/money bag. **Please do not send in loose money with them.**

Mums and Grans in for lunch!

To promote our school meal service, we are inviting Mums and Grans into school to eat a school lunch with their child/grandchild next week. (Not Friday) If your child orders and eats a hot meal that week, you are welcome to come in and join them and eat too! The cost of an adult meal is £2.58. We need orders in advance the week **BEFORE** please, by **Friday 2 March**.

Food orders will not be accepted after this date.

This allows the kitchen time to order any extra food! **Please note you and your child/grandchild must have a hot meal and not bring sandwiches to eat.**

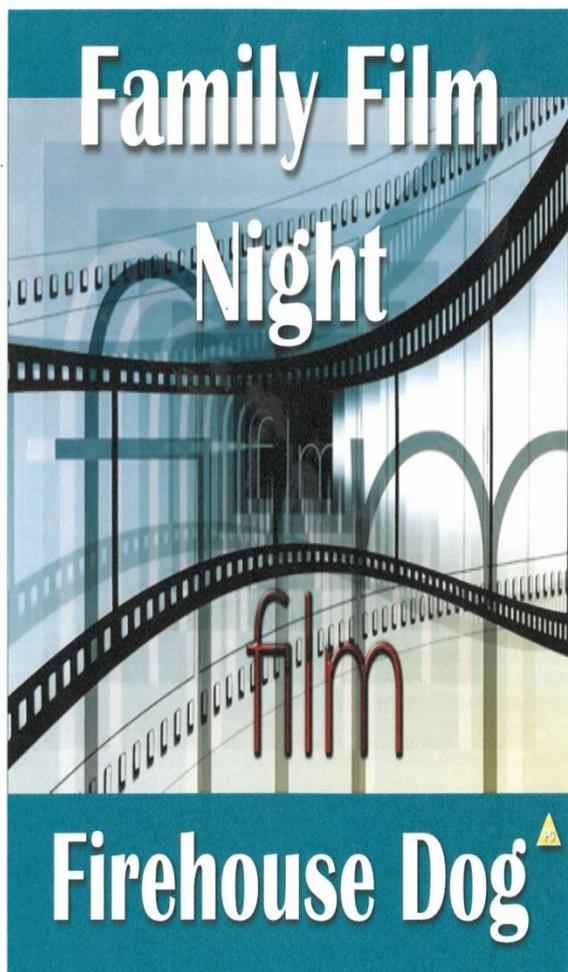
Easter Raffle



Tickets will be coming home this week. Please complete the stubs and return with the money asap. If you do not want to buy them please return the books to school so that we can sell them to someone else.

And Finally The disco is cancelled tomorrow!

You are invited to...



Sunday, March 4th @ 4.00pm

Costs £1 per person

Includes popcorn and a hot dog

Rufus Room, Calmore Community Centre

Sorry but NO unaccompanied children

Event organised by **The Watering Hole**

www.thewateringhole.org.uk

Dates for your Diary



World Book Day tomorrow
Book Fayre in school
Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge
Mums in for lunch
Come and do Maths-all yrs 2.15pm
Non-uniform day CJSA
Sport Relief run a mile
Easter Raffle & Cake Sale
Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am
Easter holiday

New term starts
Rock Challenge Final
Class photos and Yr 6 individuals
SATS Yr 6
Royal Wedding picnic
Sports Day 9.30am
HALF TERM
Tile Barn
Dad's in for lunch
Governor's Awards evening
Year 6 Southampton Uni visit
Yr 6 leaver's show 6pm
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Last day of term
Yr 6 leaver's assembly 11am
Inset Day

New School year starts for children

Thurs 1 March
Mon 5-Wed 7 Mar
Sat 3 March
Mon 5- 8 March
Wed 7 March
Fri 16 March
Fri 23 March
Tues 27 March
Thurs 29 March
30 Mar -15 April

Mon 16 April
Wed 25 April
Fri 4 May
Week 14-18 May
Fri 18 May
Thurs 24 May
28 May-1 June
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun
Mon 11-14 June
Wed 13 June
Thurs 14 June
Tues 10 July
Wed 11 July
Fri 20 July
Fri 20 July
Mon 23 July
Wed 5 Sept