



# Newsletter – No. 21    23rd February 2024

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope that you were all able to enjoy the break and spend time with family and friends.

In a few weeks (11th –17th March) we will be taking part in 'The Big Plastic Count'. During the week we will be collecting all of the plastic that we use in school to see how much there is and how much we are able to recycle. We will also be asking families to take part at home. Now is a good time to start seeing what you have at home that is plastic, notice where it comes from and how we can reduce the amount that we use individually. We will be writing to you with more information in a couple of weeks.

Next week Mrs. Mathews will be spending some time in all of the classes looking at how the children are progressing with their writing. From all the writing that the children bring to show me, on a daily basis, I am sure that she will see lots of progress. The purpose of this is to see what we are doing really well and also identify areas that we can make changes to improve what we do. I had the pleasure of teaching Squirrel Class this week and their descriptions of a dragon were excellent. Mrs. Bryan had inspired them by hiding a huge golden and orange egg in the sensory garden. From her 'research' they discovered that it is the egg of a 'weather dragon'. Despite the children knowing that dragons are mythical creatures, they have fully bought into the experience and watch every day to see if the egg has cracked a little more and if the baby dragon is about to hatch! They were so inspired to write that it was a joy to see. Well done Squirrel class, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Mullins.

I hope you have a good, if soggy, weekend!

Rebecca Mole  
Headteacher



## Star of Week

**Rabbits: Bailey** for working **so** hard to improve his phonics — amazing blending!!!

**Squirrels: Finn** for designing and describing a fantastic weather dragon.

**Badgers: Alex** for a fantastic week—you have made us all smile and have tried your best in all of your learning!

## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits: Neveh** for being courageous and resilient this week!

**Squirrels: Gian** for always being ready to learn and being respectful to adults and other children.

**Badgers: Maddie** for being such a brilliant mascot at the England v Wales rugby match. You were amazing!

### Forest School star of the week:

**Rabbits:** **Ruben** for sharing interesting animal facts with everyone in group discussion.

**Squirrels:** **Seren** for discovering new signs of spring and protecting the flowers by making a barrier.

**Badgers:** **Valentyn** for showing a keen interest in how plants can grow from cuttings as well as seeds.



### Sports Day—Wednesday 26th June

Sports day will be held this year on Wednesday 26th June. Rabbit class will have sports day in the morning. Parents and carers are invited to come and watch from 10:00. After this, parents/carers may bring a light snack and drink to share with their child in the playground. We will ask that all parents/carers leave the playground before 12midday to allow for all the children to have their lunch.

Squirrels and Badgers will have a joint sports day event from 1:15 with a picnic after school. Rabbit parents/carers are also welcome to return to enjoy the picnic after school. This is a fabulous opportunity for parents/carers and children to come together as a whole school community, so we hope that as many Rabbit parents and carers as possible will be able to join us!

This plan is a little different to last year as we felt that due to a lack of space and limited timings, we were unable to conclude with those all-important races that both the children and parents/carers enjoy so much! We hope that by holding separate EYFS and KS1 events parents/carers are able to move around more freely and really enjoy watching their children taking part.

### World Book Day — Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and would love for the children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they love (no superheroes, football kits or princesses please!) It would be great if they could bring the book with them to share with their class and the school.

We also have an exciting visitor coming to see us! A published author will be spending the day with the children talking about their journey to becoming an author and sharing their books with the children. You will also have the opportunity to purchase the books after school too. More details regarding this will be sent out shortly.

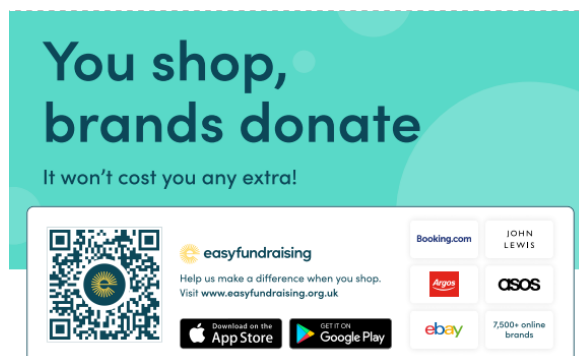


## Message From The Friends

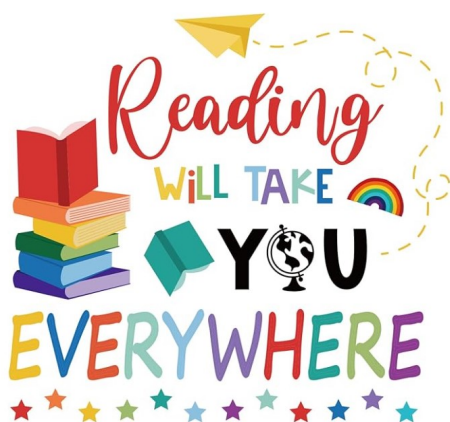
Great to see everyone back from half term and excited for the School Disco tonight. We can't wait to see your best dance moves!

Time flies when you're having fun, and we can't believe we're already in the second half of the school year. With Spring teasing us (along with some wintery rain), we're looking forward to some lovely events in the next half term and beyond, which we've outlined below.

As we're dreaming of those long summer days, some of you may be thinking about booking a holiday. If you are, please don't forget to sign up for **easyfundraising** first. Booking through Tui, Booking.com, Virgin Atlantic, Thomas Cook, as well as many more will give an automatic donation to the Friends without any cost to you! So far this year we have raised **£157 through easyfundraising** with just a small handful of parents signed up. Imagine what it could be if we were able to increase the number signed up. Click here to find out more: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfo/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfo/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)



## Friends - Free Book Swap Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March



We will be holding a **Free a book swap** to mark World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> after school at 3pm. Note that this is the day after World Book Day, as we don't want to clash with the author's visit, as they will also be selling some of their own books.

This is a fantastic opportunity to donate books you no longer read and pick up a few free books. We're happy to take children's books as well as adult books, so don't forget to choose something for yourself too on the day!

Please drop off any unwanted books, from this Monday in the container outside the office, labelled "Book Swap". The more books we donate, the greater the variety available for swapping!

### Dates for your diary:

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March - Free Book Swap  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Spring Bake Sale  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Hunt  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – Gardening afternoon  
Thurs 23 May - Sponsored Bounce & Picnic  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair

## **Dates**

6th March Little City visiting Reception Class (am)

7th March World Book Day— Author Visit—Elaine Slade

13th March Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay and Play Reception (2.30pm—3pm)

14th March Year 1 Assembly (After drop off for approximately 20 mins—all parents and carers welcome)

19th March Parent Consultations (3.30pm—7pm)

21st March Parent Consultations (3.30pm –7pm)

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

27th March Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party (1.30pm—3pm)

27th March Reception Grandparents Stay and Play session 2.30pm—3pm) details to follow soon

28th March Last day of term—school closes at 1pm

## **Easter Holidays**

15th April start of the Summer Term—all children return to school

**6th May—May Day Bank Holiday—school closed**

**27th May—31st May Half term**

**3rd June—Inset Day school closed for training**

4th June all children return to school

26th June Sports Day followed by family picnic after school

23rd July Last day of term - school closes at 1pm

