



Dear Parents,

News from Classrooms

Class 1: This week Class 1 have been reading and acting out the story 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. They then created speech bubbles of what the characters might say. They have also been making puppets to use in the puppet theatre.

Class 2: This week they have been continuing to explore the world of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and have been practising their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. In science, they have been researching the scientist Louis Pasteur and learned about mould and germs!

Class 3: This week Class 3 have been learning about the Victorian period. In science, they have been creating electrical circuits and in English Year 4 and 5 have been creating a Penguin Adventure story for penguin awareness day! Year 5/6 have been creating some amazing stories based on the animation 'Wing It'

Maths next week:

Class 1: Counting in groups (2s, 5s and 10s)

Class 2: Mental addition and subtraction

Class 3: Written multiplication

Class 3 (AL): Shape

Viking Challenge Purchases

I am pleased to inform you that our recent purchases from Viking Challenge funds have arrived and are currently being set up: 15 iPad minis & charging trolley and 7 new laptops. We have phased out the old computers in Classes 2 and 3 to make way for this updated technology.

Year 2 SAT's Meeting

There will be a SAT's meeting for parents of Y2 children on Friday 3rd March at 9.30am. Please keep the date free as parents find it really helpful.

P&G Parent Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the punctuation and grammar workshop. We are hoping to add the information from the evening to the website for anyone to access. Thank you to Mrs Longden who organised this and put together the very detailed and useful information shared. If you require hard copies of the handouts or large print please let us know.

Mad Science

There will be a Mad Science assembly on Wednesday, 25th January at 2.45pm, to give parents and children more information about their forthcoming after school club, which begins on Thursday 23rd February. All welcome.

Dance Show

Reminder that Cheryl Lobo will be holding extra dance sessions on Wednesdays, 3.15-4.15pm, until half term, for those children whose parents have confirmed they wish to take part in the dance show. Those children must attend all extra sessions. Thank you.

Tickets, which are now available, must be purchased directly from the theatre, either by calling the box office on 01664 851111 or through the following website link: <https://meltontheatre.cloudvenue.co.uk/meltonspotlight> The tickets cost £6 per adult and £4 per child, with a £1 per ticket admin charge added by the theatre.

School Bus

We would like to establish a parent contact for each bus stop, as we have in previous years, which will help us communicate with one another if the bus is running late. Alex North has kindly volunteered to act as the Barkestone contact. If you live in Plungar and use the school bus service each day and would be willing to act as a point of contact, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support this week when the bus arrived late without informing us; this is something we have followed up with the company.

Drumba

Reminder that if you wish to book a place for **you** and your child/ren for the Drumba session next Thursday 26th January, 3.20-4.20pm, please contact the school office. This opportunity has been made possible thanks to Viking Challenge funds. If it is well-received, then we'll look in to running regular sessions for you (with or without your child whichever you wish!!)

Kingswood Diary Date

There will be a final briefing for the Kingswood trip on Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm for parents and children; please keep the date free.

Message from Miss Jones & Mrs Copeland

Dear Families,

We would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday mornings from 8.30-8.50am to have some fun reading time with your child. This will take place in Class 2, with the aim of encouraging children to read for pleasure and is open to all across the school. Please feel free to bring any literature, including books, comics and magazines etc., from home or select something from our library collection in school. We will trial this up until half term when we will gather your views for evaluation purposes. It would be great to see you soon!



Letters going home this week:

Kingswood payment letter

Class 1 parents evening details

Yours sincerely, Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Head teacher