

Dear Parents and carers,

Apologies that the newsletter has come to you a few days later than planned.

I hope, as usual, that you find the information useful and would welcome any feedback you have regarding the types of information you would find most useful in these fortnightly updates of the school.

We're approaching the end of the first half of Spring Term, which feels like it has gone by in an absolute flash! I hope you all have a restful week away from school and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 26th February.

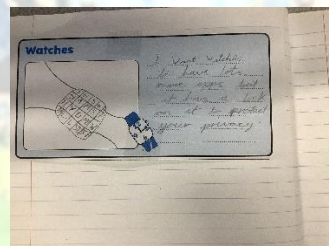
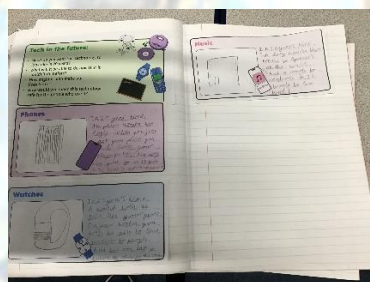
Online Safety – Safer Internet Day 2024

Last week we joined with thousands of other schools and organisations from across the world to promote safer use of the internet. Celebrations and learning last Tuesday was based on the theme "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online".

This began with an introduction assembly from myself where we discussed all the exciting and amazing things that we can do online such as playing games, chatting with our friends, learning new things and watching our favourite videos. We then went on to discuss what has changed online and how things look very different now to what they did a few years ago. This then led to discussion around how we can feeling different emotions when things change and who are trusted adults are to talk to about things we encounter online.

This theme was then continued in the classroom throughout the day where children took part in different activities across the school linked to this theme of change and how they can keep themselves as safe as possible with good online habits and behaviours.

Here are some examples of what the children what the children learnt:



Parent/Carer Evenings

This term the school will be holding Parent/Carer Evenings on the following days:

- Nursery Parents Evening – Tuesday 12th March (3:50-7pm)
- Nursery Parents Evening – Wednesday 13th March (3:50-6pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 12th March (3.30pm – 7pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 13th March (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Details on how to book your parents evening slots will be sent out shortly.

On arrival to your appointment, you will need to sign in on a register located in the main school hall where you will also have an opportunity to look through your children's learning whilst you wait for your appointment.

If your child is in Nursery, please go straight across the Nursery building to sign in.

Early Years Maths Café

On Thursday 29th February at 9am, Miss Sarah Cort will be leading a Maths café for Nursery and Reception parent/carers. This will focus on the practical approaches we use in school to support your child's Maths learning. We will also share activities and ideas about ways in which you can support your child further at home. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee whilst we share this information with you.

Our Reception children will then be brought into the hall so that you can join in with some Maths activities together. Our Nursery parents and carers will be able to visit their children in Nursery to join in with some Maths based activities too.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you have any further questions, please speak to a member of the Nursery or Reception team.

Book Week

During the week beginning 4th March it is 'World Book Week' and we will be celebrating this with a variety of activities to promote a love of reading. There are some things that you might like to have a look at and enjoy too. There are many ways that you can share a story with your children this World Book Week and we will be taking part in activities to bring books alive.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. This year we will be celebrating the joy of reading by encouraging children to come to school in home-made hats. As we did last year, this should be a hat designed with the theme of a book that your child loves. The staff will also be taking part in this. Below are some suggestions for themes you could use.





From Tuesday 5th March to Monday 11th March, we will also have our Travelling Book Fair visit. This will take place for the whole of Book Week and will be an opportunity for you to buy books for your children and raise money for the school in one easy step. It will run in Badger Class all week straight after school and you will receive a book token to use on Tuesday 5th March.

***Reminder* ESA Paint and Sip Evening (adults only)**
SPACES AVAILABLE

Come and create a masterpiece painting, guided by a professional artist, Christine Haseldine, whilst enjoying drinks from our bar!

For only £27 you will be provided with all the materials and instructions, 2 complimentary glasses of prosecco and you can take home your very own painting.

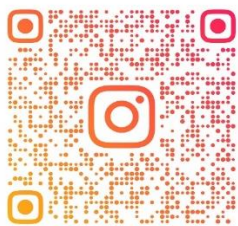
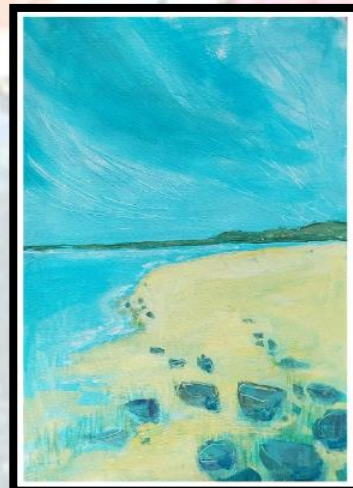
Tickets to this event can be purchased through [school gateway](#) and by selecting payment option 'ESA paint and sip evening'

Please add the names of the people attending if you are booking for more than one person (you can book for multiple people via this payment option)

Our Paint and Sip night is on Friday 22nd March and as there are only 30 spaces, we advise early booking for this fabulous event! (adults only)

Deadline to book is 15th March to allow plenty of time for organising materials and to ensure that enough stock is in place for the ESA bar!

Further information about the event can be found on [this poster](#) and you can take a look at Christsine's art work and previous Sip & Paint events by scanning the QR code below.

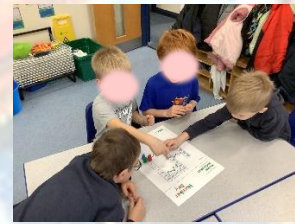


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NSPCC Number Day



Thank you so much to everyone who took part in number day on Friday 5th February. The children looked brilliant in their number outfits and had a fantastic day taking part in many number activities including a number hunt, higher or lower card games and answering maths questions to become a maths millionaire. We managed to raise £70 for the NSPCC whose resources help support children with any worries they may have. The [Just Giving page](#) is still open for donations.



Reading Round Up

Mrs Worth has decided to create regular "reading round up" updates for parent/carers and staff so that everyone can see how fundraising money is being spent as well as what our progress is towards one of our biggest school targets at the moment which is to implement and embed our new Little Wandle Early Reading Scheme in turn improving reading and phonics outcomes across the whole school.

Please [click here](#) to read Mrs Worth's first "Reading Round Up" edition.

Peterborough United February Holiday Camp

Peterborough United Fottobal Club are pleased to announce that their February holiday camp bookings are still available for children in Years 1 to 6.

To find out more and book your child's space, please [click here](#).

Supporting your Anxious Child course- Cambridgeshire Skills

A great new course to help Parents, carers and family members to understand the causes of anxiety in children and ultimately how to support children with anxiety is now available through Cmabridgehsire Skills.

Please [click here](#) for more information about this new online course.

St Ives Library

A range of different activities are being held at St Ives Library across February half term.

Please take a look at each link below for further information.

[Caring for our planet](#)

[Digital Art](#)

[Half term activities](#)

[Storytime](#) – on Tuesday's during term time

Important dates for your diaries

- Wednesday 14th February – Squirrel Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
- Thursday 15th February – Rabbit Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am)
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February – Half Term
- Thursday 29th February 2023 – Nursery and Reception Maths Café at 9am in the school hall.
- Week commencing 4th March 2023 – World Book Week
 - 5th March = Travelling book fair arrives for a week
 - 7th March = World Book Day (dress up theme – reading hats)
- Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March – Parent/Carer evenings
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day (more information to follow after half term)
- Week commencing 18th March – Science Week (more information to follow)
- Monday 18th March – ESA film night 3:15 – 5pm
- Tuesday 19th March – Reception Stay and Learn Maths session at 2:30pm
- Friday 22nd March – ESA Sip & Paint event
- Tuesday 26th March – Y1 Production (2:15pm)

- Wednesday 27th March – Y1 Production (9:15am)
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April – Easter Break
- Monday 15th April – Start of Summer Term

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

