

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS1 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Henry, Nevaeh, Theo and Morag

Medlycott: Arlo, Arthur, Herbie and Pippa

Venn: Sophie, Illia, Marcos and Taio

I am writing this week's newsletter late on Thursday afternoon, after a very successful World Book Day. The children all looked fabulous dressed as words; thank you very much indeed for your support with this. In assembly, we all got to see each other's words and we sang a World Book Day song. During the day, each class visited the Library for a story time with Millie Furby (PTFA Chair) and hot chocolate. The PTFA also ran a second-hand book sale and Mrs Furby writes: "Thank you for all the fabulous book donations. We raised £72 which will go towards funding a new PSHE curriculum for the children." From next week, Mrs Furby will be in the Library after school on Thursday afternoons. Children will be able to come in and borrow/return books which they can read for pleasure. We hope that lots of families will take advantage of this.

Next week, we have Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday. Please come to the Hall 10 minutes before your appointment time so that you have the opportunity to look at your child's work. A Year 5 or 6 pupil will then take you to your child's classroom for your 10-minute appointment.

On Monday, Mr Atkinson (Lewis' Dad from Medlycott) will be leading our whole school assembly with his colleagues from Tesla, Bournemouth. During the day, the children will be able to explore two Tesla cars and ask questions. This activity is weather dependent, so may be postponed in the event of inclement weather.

On Friday 15th March, it is Red Nose Day. Children should wear normal school uniform on this day but may wear red noses to school if they wish (suggested donation £1.00) and there will be another 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition (20p a go) as this proved popular last term! The School Council think that £200 is a realistic fundraising target for the school to aim for....!

We are still looking for some volunteers to help assemble outdoor equipment for The Beeches on Friday afternoons. If you feel this is something you might be able to help with, please speak to the School Office who will be delighted to hear from you!

Thinking ahead, after Easter I would like to have a focus on the world of work in assemblies. If any of you would be able to come in to school for 10-15 minutes at 8.55 am on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning and talk to the whole school about your job, please speak to the School Office. I know that

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this has proved popular in the past, and it would be really good to have a wide range of jobs represented next half term.

Dates for the diary

Monday 11 th March	Tesla, Bournemouth are visiting for whole school assembly and follow-up sessions (weather dependent)
Monday 11 th March and Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 15 th March	KS2 Celebration Assembly Red Nose Day Cake Sale - Medlycott
Wednesday 20 th March	Inspire Morning for Crackmore Class in the Hall Medlycott trip to Gore Farm, Trent
Friday 22 nd March	Whole School Celebration Assembly Easter Service in St John's Church at 2.00pm Easter Bop Disco – run by the PTFA
Monday 25 th March	KS2 football tournament at Wincanton Racecourse (PM)
Wednesday 27 th March	Inspire Morning for Medlycott Class in the Hall Newtown class visit to Wincanton Racecourse
Thursday 28 th March	Decorate an Easter Egg competition – run by the PTFA End of term

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Jonathan Rodd
Headteacher