

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Gainsborough: Mason, Daisy, Isaacc and Adalynn

Medlycott: Evie, Jayden, Arietty and Archie

Venn: Olivia R, Isabelle, Kaiden and Lailah

Happy Half Term! I hope that you all have an enjoyable and relaxing week and that those who have been unwell have the opportunity to shake off the bugs which seem to be doing the rounds at school at the moment.

Some staffing news to share with you: Mrs Brown has secured a new position as School Business Manager at Birchfield Primary School in Yeovil. Many congratulations to her on this new role. We will be sad to see her leave Milborne Port at the end of April but wish her much happiness and success at Birchfield.

We have now submitted our application to join ACE Academy to the DFE. We will update you on this once we have more information to share.

After half term, we will be marking World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as a word on that day, so could dress in sports kits for '*athletic*' or '*sporty*' or in bright, garish colours for '*flamboyant*'. They may choose to have their word on display, but if they choose not to, this will give others the opportunity to guess what their word is. Teachers will be using this as a way of developing the children's vocabulary, introducing them to some new adjectives, I'm sure!

During half term, there are a number of activities taking place in Milborne Port Library which your child might enjoy. Tomorrow, Saturday 10th February, there is Lego Club from 9.30 am until 12 noon and on Tuesday 13th February, there are two 'Crafts in the Library' sessions running from 9.00am until 12.30pm and 2.00pm until 4.00pm. All of the library events are free to attend.

Finally, please can I ask that if you have a message about your child for his/her teacher or the Office that you pop into the Office in the morning rather than tell someone on the gate. Similarly, if you have a concern that you would like to discuss with a member of staff, please make an appointment through the Office. Unless a matter is extremely urgent, staff members may not be able to respond immediately due to teaching commitments or other school duties, but will endeavour to contact you as soon as they can. Please report any absences to the Office. Unfortunately, the County policy is that we are unable to record 'unwell' or 'feeling poorly' as reasons for absence and therefore Office staff will ask for further clarification about your child's symptoms. Thank you for your understanding.

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Dates for the diary

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Second hand book sale – run by the PTFA
Monday 11 th March and Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 15 th March	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	Easter Bop Disco – run by the PTFA
Wednesday 27 th March	Inspire Morning for Medlycott Class in the Hall
Thursday 28 th March	Decorate an Easter Egg competition – run by the PTFA End of term

Have a lovely holiday everyone.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd
Headteacher