

Dear parents and carers,

We had an incredible time during World Book Day. The children and staff costumes were fantastic, but even more importantly we spent the day talking about reading books.

Whether you're interested in the research behind reading making a huge impact on children's development and their literacy progress, and the connection between reading levels and future life opportunities, or you just love books and stories, I think we can all agree that books are wonderful.

I hope your children were inspired this World Book Day. Please keep piquing their interest by taking them to the library; you can order books into Dorking library from any Surrey library for free using the website or app - any world is at our finger tips!

Thank you for all the effort that went into costumes - I know it's not a small task!

Finally, there is lots going on during Lent and I appreciate that many events are taking place. During this period we will try to reduce any non-essential emails so that you only receive things from us that are about school events, business or fundraising. We try to give as much notice as possible, while also giving the children the chance to organise some of the events, for example the fundraising Fridays, which takes a little longer to sort out. Thank you for your support.

This is an extended newsletter so please read on!

God bless

Sam Crome



## IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup>  
Science Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Howard

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Arundel

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>  
Easter liturgies - see page 2

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Norfolk

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
End of term 1.30pm

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Parents' Evenings

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## SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES - CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently fundraising to rejuvenate the outdoor area for our lovely Reception class. This includes new artificial grass, new equipment and resources, rendering and painting a wall, and other things like that. As you can imagine, it's a costly exercise! FOSJ are seeking support from local businesses; if you know any who might be willing to sponsor parts of the project, please get in touch - it will make a huge difference to our next generation of children!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thank you for being so organised with all the dates we have - it's such a busy time of year and we appreciate your support.

We've added some new dates for your diary, including **Parents' Evenings which are on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April** - the first week back after Easter.

### Fundraising Fridays

Every Friday of Lent, each of our St Joseph's houses chooses a charity to fundraise for and an activity to do. Next week, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, is Howard, who will be 'Going green' - and setting an eco challenge (details via email). Children are encouraged to wear a green accessory (with normal uniform) and bring in a small donation if possible.

### Easter Liturgies for parents to watch

Parents are welcome to watch the short Easter liturgy run by each class during the final week of term. Timings as follows:

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.45 Year 2  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Year 4  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 2.45 Year 1  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Year 3  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Year R  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 2.00 Years 5 and 6

# WORLD BOOK DAY!



Well done to our costume competition winners: Imogen (YR), Elena (Y1), Arlo (Y2), Aaron (Y3), Davide (Y4), Samara (Y5), Ula, Mia, Kaja (Y6) - they will receive a £5 voucher and a book!



## MEET OUR NEW DIGITAL LEADERS

We are excited to introduce our brand new team of Digital Leaders! These pupils have been chosen to help others use technology safely, kindly, and creatively around school.

They will be helping teachers in lessons, supporting their classmates with tablets and computers, and sharing great ideas about staying safe online. Our Digital Leaders are great role models and are ready to shine as tech helpers for everyone!



## NETBALL SUCCESS FOR YEAR 6!



A huge well done to our fantastic Year 6 Netball Team, who came second in the Dorking Schools Netball Tournament!

The team put in an amazing effort against very strong opposition, showing great determination, teamwork and skill in every match. They worked brilliantly together on the court and showed excellent sporting behaviour at all times.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school – their silver medal was very well deserved.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our whole-school attendance has climbed up to 96%, which is over 1% higher than national average! Today, we have 100% attendance at school. Incredible! Thank you for supporting the school with this. My target now is 97% average by the end of the year!

We still need to make some progress with lateness in the morning, but I appreciate the improvements here, too.



# WORLD BOOK DAY PART TWO!



A big thank you to Dorking Circular and Heath Books, who donated lots of wonderful new books to the school as part of our World Book Day celebrations - we are grateful!

## YEAR 5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Year 5 also represented the school in the Dorking Netball Tournament this week, placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall but being so close to a top finish. As usual, they demonstrated wonderful spirit and team work. Well done all!



## SCIENCE WEEK 9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Next week is Science Week! Children will spend one lesson doing an experiment that will engage their curiosity! This ranges from car making to water filtering! We are looking forward to sharing this with you next week.



## NETBALL BIBS - THANK YOU TO SEYMOURS!



A big thank you to Seymour's in Dorking for sponsoring our latest sport kit upgrades, with Ula and Annabelle here modelling our new Netball bibs!

We are really lucky to have local partners like Seymours who regularly donate to the school and help us with things we just don't have the money for otherwise. A real blessing!

As mentioned in another newsletter item, if you know of any generous businesses like Seymours, please let us know!

## SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Luckily, we have been able to secure Pixham again for this year's Sports Day. Details will follow, but expect it to be all morning with an early finish after lunch. Parents and family are warmly invited to spectate, but again this year we have been told to expect no parking facilities, so please consider this in advance. Thank you!



# WORLD BOOK DAY PART THREE!

