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NEWSLETTER – March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know of a staffing change that will be taking place, as the eagle eyed among you have noticed that we are currently advertising for a new SENDCO. Mrs Gwynn has made the decision to return to class teaching and has secured a post in another school from September 2024, but has very generously given us a great deal of notice, meaning that we have the time to ensure we recruit the perfect person to support the children at our school. We will be interviewing early in the Summer term and will keep you updated.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Mental Health Week

The week of 5th - 8th February was children's mental health week. The focus was on 'my voice matters'. During the week, the children took part in activities that supported them to listen to each other and feel heard. On the last day before half term, the children mixed classes to get to know each other and make new friends.



For your information, our Senior Mental Health Lead is Mrs Dreckmann and our Wellbeing Governor is Mrs K Rodger, both of whom can be contacted via the school office if you have any mental health or wellbeing questions or concerns.

Bookfest/Book Week

We were very lucky to have the author Simon Philip visit us on Tuesday 6th February. He talked to the children in Years 1 and 2 about being an author and shared his book 'Wanna See a Penguin'. Each child received a free signed copy of his book.

We are really looking forward to Book Week next week. There are lots of exciting things planned including a Book Fair after school on Monday 4th March and a book swap on Friday 8th. Children can bring any unwanted books to school on that day which they will be able to swap with their friends. Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and we are hoping that everyone will have fun dressing up as their favourite book character or wearing their pyjamas to school.



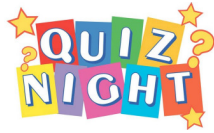
Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

We are once again supporting this worthwhile charity. Children may come to school dressed in non-school uniform and/or 'crazy hair', if they wish, and bring in a donation for Comic Relief.



PTA News

It is not too late to enter a team for the quiz night on Friday 22nd March. Entry forms are available from the school office. Please can these be returned as soon as possible as we need to notify the caterer of numbers. Thank you.



The PTA have organised a sponsored bunny bounce for the children on the morning of Wednesday 27th March. A sponsorship form will shortly be sent home in bookbags. Please could your child bring this form with them on the morning of the bounce. Can you also let the school office know if you do not wish your child to take part.



The PTA have also organised an Easter egg hunt on the morning of Wednesday 27th March. Each class will be given the opportunity to search the school grounds for Easter pictures and

will be given a small chocolate egg to bring home. A non-uniform day has been arranged for Friday 22nd March in which we ask if you could donate a couple of Cadbury's creme egg sized eggs (not Kinder Surprise please) for this activity. If any parent is able to help with the bunny bounce or the Easter egg hunt, please can you let either the PTA or the school office know. Thank you.

Linking Voices

The Linking Voices have been busy today sorting out all of the new playground equipment that has arrived. A big thank you goes to the PTA who have kindly donated the money for this new equipment, which will enable the children to enjoy their playtimes even more. More photos to follow on the website soon!



Class Photos

The photographer is coming on Thursday 25th April to take class photos. Please can you let the office know by 28th March if you do not wish your child to be included. Thank you.

Dropping Off/Collecting from School

Please can we remind parents/carers of the need to be extra careful when dropping off and collecting your child from school. We had a near miss this week where a child stepped out into the road and nearly got hit by a car. Whilst we try and encourage traffic not to come down Hawkins Close, unfortunately this is unavoidable especially as we have a number of cars with permission to use the disabled parking bays at the front of the school.

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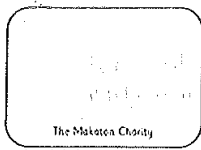
Please see the attached sheet showing the signs the children have been learning during February.



Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

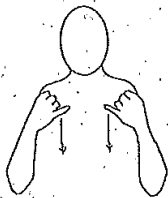
Event	Date	Time
Book Week	w/c 4 th March	
Buttercup Class visiting Willowhale Library	Monday 4 th March	10.05 am
Book Fair	Monday 4 th March	3.00 pm
World Book Day (children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas)	Thursday 7 th March	
Used 'book swap' - please bring in a used book to swap with a friend	Friday 8 th March	
Maths Week	w/c 11 th March	
Rehearsal for the 'Big Sing' at the Junior School	Thursday 14 th March	3.00 pm
Red Nose Day (non uniform and/or 'crazy hair')	Friday 15 th March	
Bluebell Class visiting Willowhale Library	Monday 18 th March	10.05 am
Oak Class visiting Willowhale Library	Monday 18 th March	11.00 am
Poppy Class visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 20 th March	10.05 am
'Big Sing' at the Arena	Thursday 21 st March	
Non-uniform day for donations towards the Easter egg hunt	Friday 22 nd March	
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 22 nd March	7.00 pm
Sycamore Class visiting Willowhale Library	Monday 25 th March	10.05 am
Willow Class visiting Willowhale Library	Monday 25 th March	11.00 am
PTA Sponsored bunny bounce and Easter Egg hunt	Wednesday 27 th March	am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 27 th March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	29 th March - 12 th April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	
Year 2 Visit to Marwell Zoo	Tuesday 23 rd April	
Class Photos (re-arranged date from 15 th May)	Thursday 25 th April	am
Creative Week	w/c 29 th April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 15 th May	2.30 pm
Walk to School Week	w/c 20 th May	
Reception Sports Morning	Monday 20 th May followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am
Year 2 Sports Morning	Wednesday 22 nd May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 23 rd May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Half Term	27 th - 31 st May	
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 10 th June	
Sports Week	w/c 17 th June	
New Reception Parents meeting for September 2024 intake	Monday 17 th June	7.00 pm
Reserve Reception Sports Morning	Monday 24 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am

Reserve Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 27 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Reserve Year 2 Sports Morning	Friday 28 th June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Transition Day	Wednesday 3 rd July	All day
Summer Fair	tbc	
School Reports to go home	Friday 5 th July	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 10 th July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 17 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 18 th July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 18 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 19 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 23 rd July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 23 rd July	

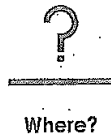


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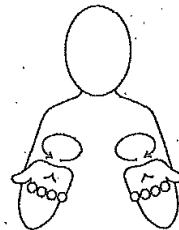
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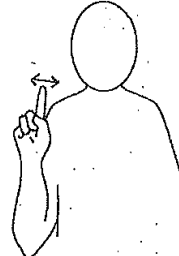
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