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Date: 2nd February 2024

Newsletter

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the halfway point of the academic year. Thirty-nine weeks of learning sounds a lot, but it is amazing how quickly the time passes and it cannot be emphasised enough just how important regular attendance at school is for your child.

Welcome to the last (and bumper edition!) newsletter of this short term which contains a wealth of news and information about past and coming events. I hope you will take time to read through the various articles, particularly **page 3** regarding the School safe environment zone and changes to parking and traffic management after the Easter holidays, together with the relevant attachments.



We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for the parent/teacher consultation evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school and how you can support at home. We would recommend that children do not attend where possible.

Mrs Christmas, our Special Education Needs Co-Ordinator, will also be available on 6th February from 3.40-5.20 or 7th February from 1.30-4.50. Please speak to the office if you would like to book a slot to meet with her.

I wish you all an enjoyable February break, after which we can all return refreshed and ready for the second half of 2023-24.

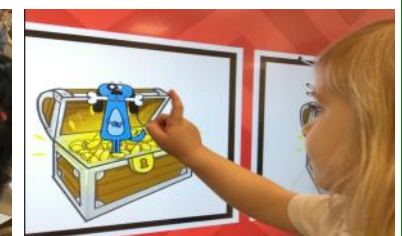
Mrs Dance
Headteacher

ENJOY YOUR
HALF TERM
BREAK!

Nursery

Apple Tree are continuing to learn all about traditional tales and stories. We enjoyed retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs using playdough and using our scissor skills to make hair for Goldilocks from beautiful flowers.

We all visited the immersive room to visit the Three Bears cottage - you'll never believe what we found inside! For maths, we have been practising positional language with Concept Cat, finding objects inside, next to, in front and behind. Outside we collaborated on an artwork using paint and pipettes, exploring how the liquid moved and how we could make different colours.



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Reception : The children have loved learning about space and being curious about what is in the solar system. We have a space centre to report on missions to the moon and help astronauts floating in space! Our story this week has been 'How to Catch a Star' and the children had fantastic ideas of how they would catch a star and explored using different materials to build towers, ladders, skyscrapers and trampolines to get them closer to the stars.



Instead of going for a welly walk, we pretended to be astronauts going on a mission to the moon, so put on our space suits, space boots and went on a 'moon walk' for the afternoon.

In maths, Ash tree and Oak tree have been trying really hard to challenge themselves and be ambitious, working out all the different ways to make 7 - we even wrote number sentences whilst we were playing bowling.



KS1 The last few weeks have been busy for Year 1, we have looked at being explorers and experienced how it feels to discover things and why explorers are important. We have also looked at how technology can be used safely to enhance our learning during 'Internet Safety Week'. We have been a very curious and adventurous bunch this term!



In Year 2 we have been learning about fractions this week. The children have enjoyed being outside identifying a half, a quarter and a third and then finding fractions of quantities.



We have also been taking part in our first visits to the Badbury Park Library. The children loved every minute. They learnt how a library works, enjoyed a story and had a look at all of the wonderful books on the shelves. Each class will be visiting the library every term and will be able to borrow up to 30 books at a time to enjoy in class.

KS2 In Year 3, we have been enjoying our forest school sessions and have enjoyed linking this to our Stone Age topic. Some of us had a trip to the library where we learnt about the library system and were able to loan a whole class set of books! In maths, we have moved on to fractions and have been comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions. In English, we have been looking at newspaper reports and are looking forward to writing our own next week!



Year 4 have had an amazing fortnight. They have been very busy using the outdoors in their curriculum. In RE the children created 'I Am' sayings on the playground to reflect how they see themselves, much in the way Jesus saw himself. Some wrote, "*I am the football player,*" others, "*I am the carer,*" and "*I am the life. I show kindness and life—find me.*" Mrs T and Mrs Christmas were lost for words. Wow! Throughout English, Year 4 have used outdoor learning to build storytelling props to support their innovated stories based on the folk tale How Rabbit Stole the Fire. Finally, we had the best



journey to and from swimming this week as we were provided with STFC's team coach and sang our hearts out to Disney songs and Sweet Caroline.

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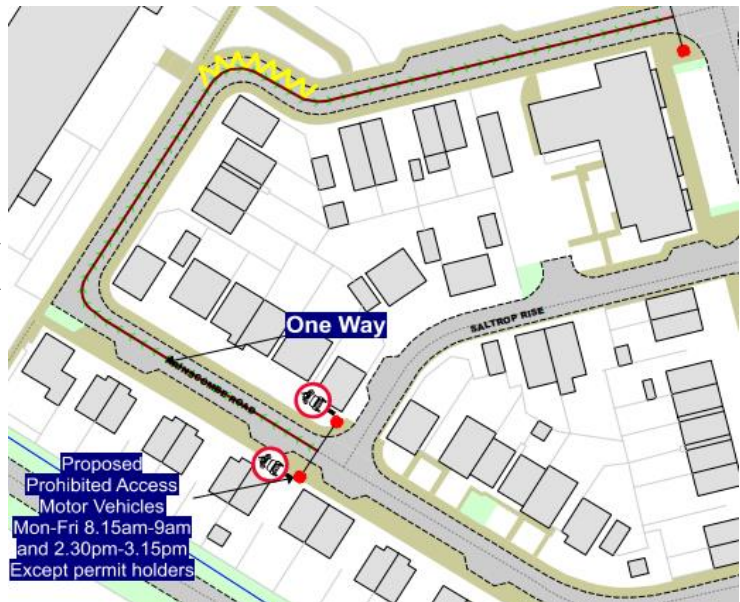
School safe environment zone (SSEZ)

In one of our first newsletters of the year (15th September), we advised that we had started working in partnership with the Swindon Borough Council Traffic Management and Road Safety team and Ward Councillors to address safety concerns outside the school gates on Rainscombe Road.

As a result of this work, the Council are proposing to introduce a school street initiative and parking restrictions on a section of Rainscombe Road. Information on the proposed scheme can be seen by visiting the Councils School Safe Environment Zone web page schemes for inclusion onto the year 4 program. <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic-management/1147/school-safe-environment-zones-ssez>.

More information regarding the School Street scheme is included in the leaflet which we are attaching with this newsletter and also by visiting the following school streets initiative web link ; <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic-management/1156/school-streets-initiative>.

SBC will introduce an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) just after Easter which will be in place for 18 months. A consultation with parents, staff and residents will start once it is introduced on the street and run for 6 months during which time feedback will be collated by SBC. The ETRO will be reviewed after the first 6 months in light of the feedback and decision will be made by SBC as to whether to create a permanent traffic regulation order.



What does this mean for parents?

- Pupils, parents and local residents will experience a safer environment for walking and cycling to school
- Rainscombe road will be closed to all vehicles (apart from residents and blue badge holders) from 08.15am-09.00am and 2.30pm-3.15pm
- The area will be patrolled by SBC and school staff who will check permits
- Anyone who drives into the School Street during the restricted times, who does not have a permit will be in contravention of the Traffic Regulation Order and may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by the Police.
- Parking will no longer be available at the front of the school during drop off and pick up times unless you are a blue badge holder. If you still need to drive to school, we ask that you park a short distance away and walk the rest of your journey

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The many faces of Neil Griffiths - Storyteller

Author visit—8th February

We are very excited to be welcoming Neil Griffiths to our school again on 8th February.

During the afternoon, Neil will be leading story sessions with the children in the hall. The children can't wait to take part in the stories!

Parent and carers reading workshop- 8th Feb at 2:30pm.

At 2:30pm, we welcome all parents/carers to come along to Neil's reading workshop. It is a fantastic session to support us all with ideas of how to engage our children in reading at home. Neil will have you giggling the whole way through! Last year, we had 30 parents who attended, and it is my mission for even more to come along this year. Please spread the word far and wide...there will also be cake!

We know that reading is the greatest gift we can give our children, it unlocks the world around them. Please come and see how to inspire your children through reading at home.

After school, Neil will be in the hall selling his books should you like to buy one.

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BOOKS
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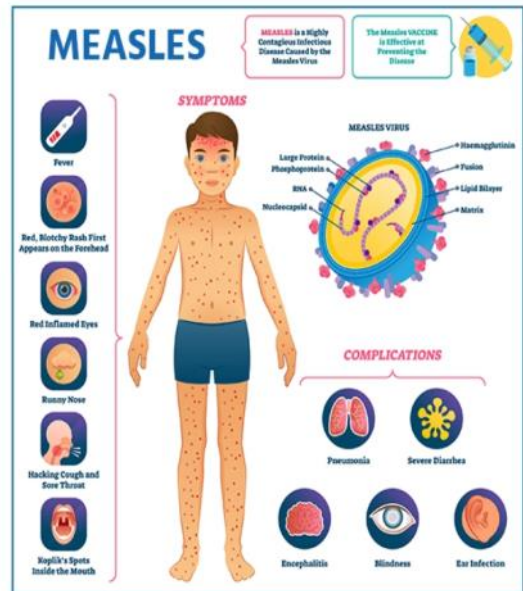
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Guidance on measles outbreaks

Cases of measles are rising across England, especially among young children. Measles is an infection that spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools and there is no specific medical treatment; for some people the infection can cause serious complications.

What are the symptoms of measles? Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Symptoms include a runny nose; cough; conjunctivitis (sore, itchy, watery, red and sticky eyes); and a high temperature. Small white spots may also appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips. Around day 3 of the illness, a rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreading over the body. The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS. Children are offered the vaccine by their GP at 12 months of age and then a second booster dose is offered to children when they turn 3-years-and-4-months-old. Uptake of the MMR vaccine has been declining nationally and in Swindon but it is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



BADBURY PARK
COMMUNITY
HUB

Badbury Park Community Hub:

Badbury Park community hub is situated on Homington Avenue in the heart of Badbury Park. It has a fantastic library and two rooms with a shared kitchen available to hire. It can cater for a wide range of activities and community events such as cultural and faith gatherings, fetes and craft fayres, wellbeing and health support, toddler and young people's activities, dance and performance arts, training, seminars and conferences.

Here is a taste of what's happening in the community hub :

- The **Library** is operational: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10.30-16.00 and Saturdays 9.30-13.30. 'Storytime' on a Thursday from 11.00-12.00.
- **Tots Play** (baby & toddler play sessions) have sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.30-13.00
- **JHS Dance** on Tuesdays 15.15-17.15 (Dance class for children)

To find out more about the facilities, please click [here](#) , Or to make a booking, please contact us online [here](#)

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Friends of Badbury Park Primary School



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated unwanted Christmas gifts. We will be using them at events throughout the year to raise funds for the school and pupils.

Doughnut Day: Next Friday, 9th February. Have a treat to kick off the half term holiday! See poster for further details.



Table Top Sale: Saturday 24th February in the school hall. Declutter your home and earn some cash at the same time. See poster for further information.

Gift Event: Friday 8th March. A chance for children to choose a gift for the special females in their lives. More details to follow after half term.

Volunteering: Please do contact friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com if you may be able to help out at any of our events. All of the committee members are volunteers and we would be very grateful.



Thank you, thank you!

Hi, this is Neil from the Gambia! How can I thank you enough for your wonderful fundraising which has bought brand-new sets of swings for our four schools! The children are so happy, as normally they queue up for five swings each, and then have to get off and join the queue again! Now they can have lots of swings! A huge, thank you from all the children in Gunjur! Love, Neil



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FESTIVAL OF TOMORROW



TOGETHER, WE SHAPE THE FUTURE...



9 - 18 FEBRUARY 2024

FESTIVAL PLANNER & GUIDE

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WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER THIS FEBRUARY?

Taste a cloud, race a hydrogen fuel-cell car, delve into the science of health, meet a giant robot snail, take in a comedy night or enjoy an explosive family show. Whatever your age and interests, there's loads to discover at the biggest ever Festival of Tomorrow.

We bring artists, entertainers, and creative organisations together with engineers, scientists and researchers from leading institutions - and most importantly, you! Get up close with the science, ideas and innovations that will help shape our future with our exciting programme of interactive events and experiences for all the family.

Under 18s go free to all finale events (under 16s must be accompanied).



FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND THE LATEST UPDATES, CHECK OUT THE FESTIVAL WEBSITE!

For the full details of these events and our full programme visit www.festivaloftomorrow.com or scan the QR code.



DON'T MISS OUR FESTIVAL FINALE EVENT AT THE DEANERY CE ACADEMY!

Join us on the 16th and 17th February for an action packed 2 days. Our 4 FREE interactive discovery zones are packed with amazing demos, intriguing exhibits, hands-on activities, challenges and free workshops. Pilot a drone, programme a robot vehicle, make some space-inspired art, explore the universe with a planetarium show or try out the latest e-sports gaming gear. And if that's not enough excitement our inspiring talks and spectacular family shows are sure to get you fired up.

KICKING OFF ON FRIDAY 9 FEB 2024! NEON DANCE: LAST AND FIRST MEN

Swindon Dance, Regent Circus, SN1 1QF | 7:30pm - 8:35pm
 Pre-book | Adults: £5 (under 18s free)

A live contemporary dance performance set to the rich visuals of the late Jóhann Jóhannsson's science fiction film Last and First Men.



2024 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS PLANNER

11 - 18 FEB

AUGMENTED REALITY SPACE TRAIL

9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Pre-book | Family friendly

11 - 15 FEB

MECHANICAL BLOOM

9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Pre-book | Family friendly

12 - 18 FEB

LUMA INSTALLATION

9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Pre-book | Family friendly

17 - 18 FEB

SUPER SONIC SCIENCE SHOW

9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 Pre-book | Family friendly

MONDAY 12 FEB	TUESDAY 13 FEB
ZOO LAB ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	AMAZING AIR 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly
WEDNESDAY 14 FEB	THURSDAY 15 FEB
THE GLOBE FACTORY 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	COMEDY NIGHT 7:30pm - 9:30pm Pre-book Family friendly
FRIDAY 16 FEB	SATURDAY 17 FEB
EXPLODING CUSTARD 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	ENERGY LIVE! 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly
DRINKS FOR GOOD 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	AMAZING ANIMALS 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly
HUNT THE HOGS 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	DK KEYS CIRCUS 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly
THE ART OF SCIENCE 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	INTERSTELLAR TOURS 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly
THE HEALTHY TINY SCIENTIST 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly	CREATIVITY AND CURIOSITY: ILLUMINATING COSMOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-book Family friendly



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EXTENDED CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENTS
REMINDER TO PARENTS

Do not ignore your HMRC reminder for renewing!

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to renew your codes for the 30 hour funding and the new entitlements!


When to apply
You can apply from when your child is:

- 1 year and 36 weeks for 15 hours free childcare
- 2 years and 36 weeks for 30 hours free childcare

If you already receive Tax Free Childcare your reconfirmation date for the new entitlements will be the same as your Tax Free Childcare date!

Late renewal will mean delayed funding!

If applying for the new entitlements and Tax Free Childcare, make your application for the new entitlements first as this will help with your reconfirmation date!



GET INTO TEACHING
APPLY NOW FOR SEPT 2024

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Get all the information you need to start your new career in teaching

TO BOOK:



WHEN:
Monday 5th February
6:00-7:00PM

Want to become a primary school teacher?

JOIN OUR ONLINE INFORMATION EVENT



Ofsted Outstanding **The Big Adventure Club** **Afterschool childcare**

Have an adventure with us!

Two sessions are available in our afterschool club on a daily basis.

Session one - 4pm finish for only £5 per child.

Session two - 6pm finish for only £15 with a reduction for siblings.

Arts and crafts, consoles, games, outdoor play.

Located in your school with no contracts and the flexibility to book on a weekly basis.

Register at www.thebigclub.co.uk

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Ofsted Outstanding **The Big Adventure Club** **Holiday Club**

Have an adventure with us!

Two sessions are available in our new Holiday Club situated in Badbury Park.

Session one - A 3pm finish for only £15 per child. Take advantage of our opening offer price.

Session two - 6pm finish for only £28 with a reduction for siblings to £24.

Arts and crafts, consoles, games, outdoor play, construction, sports, bouncy castle and tuck shop. Located in your school with no contracts and the flexibility to book only the days that you require.

Register and reserve your place at www.thebigclub.co.uk

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School Diary

January 2024

4th: Children return to school
8th: Curriculum meetings for all year groups except Nursery—5pm
12th: "Donation station" - donate any new unwanted Christmas gifts to PTA
23rd: Parent Support drop in from 9am

February 2024

2nd: Number day
6th & 7th: Parent/Teacher consultation evenings
6/7/8th Online Safety week
8th: Author visit with Parent/Carer workshop at 2.30pm
9th: Doughnut Day from 3pm
12th-16th—half term holiday (school closed)
19th: Children return to school for term 4
24th Table top sale in the hall - 1pm-3.30pm

March 2024

4th: Author study week
7th: World Book Day
8th: FOBPPS Gift event
13th: Roving Book shop in school
17th: Comic Relief day
22nd: Reports out to parents
28th: "Open house" parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)
28th: Last day of Term 4
29th—12th April : Easter Holidays (school closed)

April 2024

15th: Children return to school for term 5
22nd: Curriculum meetings for Reception—Year 4

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- ✦ Monday 3rd June 2024
- ✦ Monday 8th July 2024