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Date: 10th March 2023

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

It was fantastic to see the children making the most of a rare snow day on Wednesday with all classes taking morning lessons outside (as well as the odd snowball fight and snowman making!) - all followed by hot chocolate. What wonderful memories they will have!

I was so pleased with the parent response to our recent parent voice questionnaire, the results of which were published in a recent newsletter. A few ticked 'don't know' so I thought I would use the newsletter to share what we do for each area.

## Communication regarding curriculum, progress and attainment

As a school we have three curriculum meetings per year where we set out the curriculum and the year group learning expectations. Once a term there is an 'Open house' opportunity to see books and the class room. Across the year parents are also invited into workshops and a 'performance'. Each term parents receive either a parents evening invite or a 'progress update card'. We share progress, attainment, attendance and things you can do to support at home.

We send out bi weekly newsletters about all the things the children are doing with an updated yearly calendar that was shared in September. Our website site is up to date and we send a bi weekly email update. There are class pages on our website which give you time tables and key information. All workshop slides are added here and our curriculum overviews and skills can also be found in the curriculum areas. We also share little celebrations on social media including face book, twitter and Instagram. We send texts and emails for messages where plans may change at the last moment. Teachers are available at the start and end of the day and meetings can be booked via the office for longer conversations. Please do let us know if there are any other ways we could improve our communication.



**New date for Roving Bookshop—29th March 2023. World Book Day vouchers will still be accepted.**

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Dance



## Nursery



This week, Apple Tree have been learning about flowers and how to help things grow. We used loose parts to make our own rainbow flowers, thinking carefully about how they should look. Outside, we have been making (and testing!) kazoos, playing our instruments loud and quietly to fit in with our Phase 1 Phonics lessons.



On Wednesday, we had HUGE fun in the snow outside – what an amazing experience! The children loved going on a snowy welly walk before coming back to enjoy some very tasty hot chocolate as a getting warm treat.

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## Reception



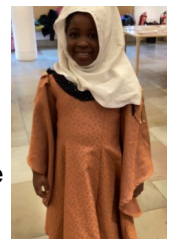
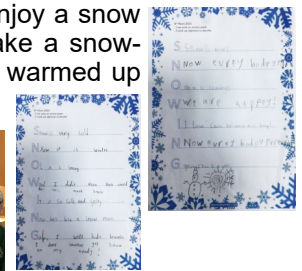
Wow! What an exciting week Ash Tree and Oak Tree class have had. We have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and at the start of the week we received a letter from Jack, asking for our help to creep back up the beanstalk. We did and found the Giants castle at the top! The children loved drawing and writing about the characters in the story and designing their own castles and magic houses.

Then we had the excitement of snow! We wrapped up warm and went out to explore, building snowmen, making snow angels, decorating the snow using paint, brushes and pipettes and of course threw lots of snowballs at our teachers. We ended our cold snowy morning with a warm hot chocolate which was delicious!



## Year 1/2

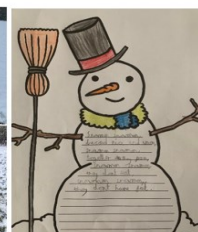
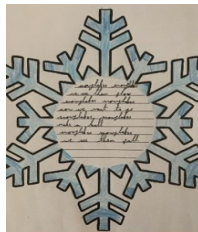
We've had such a wonderful couple of weeks in Beech Class! We all loved going on our trip to Oxford Castle, where we learned about why the castle was built the way it was, and how it was used as a prison for hundreds of years. The trip has provided a brilliant foundation for our writing. We were also lucky enough to enjoy a snow day at school, where we worked together to make a snowman, made snow angels, built snow castles and warmed up with hot chocolate afterwards.



Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Oxford Castle last week. We had a tour of the castle, climbing 101 steps and enjoyed a workshop smelling smells from a castle and dressing up!

What an exciting day we had in the snow on Wednesday; listening to the crunchy snow under our feet and building snowmen... it was a bit chilly!

## Year 3:



This week in the Maple Tree Class we have taken advantage of the unusual but fun snow that has arrived. The children used this as an opportunity to experiment with the snow by comparing snowflakes, building igloos, and creating snowball games. This learning then inspired poetry within our English lesson where the children wrote acrostic and repetition poems. In Maths, we are beginning to learn to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number starting with the help of place value charts and pictorial support before moving into abstract calculations. For science, we have started learning about Rocks and Soils which feeds well into our topic of What Lies Beneath. The children looked at different types of rocks and how we can categorise them into groups based on their appearance.



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FRIENDS OF BADBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Pocket Money Gift Event

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2023

With Mother's Day approaching, this event will have gifts suitable for the special women in the children's lives e.g. Mum, Carer, Grandparent, Aunt, Sister, Friend etc.

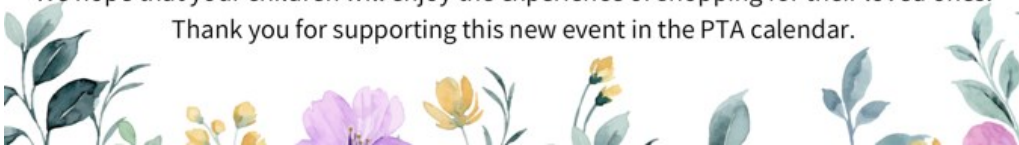
### *How it works...*

Children bring a shopping list to school with the names of the people they'd like to buy for, and £1 per gift (maximum £5).

During the morning, each class will visit the pop-up shop to choose and purchase their gifts.

Each gift will be packaged, labelled and taken back to the classroom, ready for the children to take home at the end of the day.

We hope that your children will enjoy the experience of shopping for their loved ones.  
Thank you for supporting this new event in the PTA calendar.



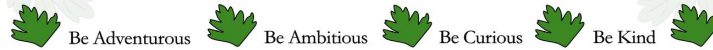
### **Comic Relief (Red nose day) Friday 17th March**

Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign created by Comic Relief to end child poverty throughout the world. The organisation funds programs which help keep children safe and healthy while providing them with support and education. To support Comic Relief this year we are holding a non-uniform day on 17th March. Children can wear clothes from home for a small donation—please pay on ParentPay using this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10115>

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## Announcing KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Spring show 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Earth...



The children have been working really hard on their performance and will be putting on two shows for parents/carers to come and watch. The first at 9:10am and the second at 2:00pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Due to space, there will be a limit of **2 tickets per family** and a maximum of 90 audience members at each performance. Tickets will be available from midday on Monday 13th March via the My Child at School app.

## 'Reading makes you brainy!'



The Phonic Fairy.



We know that reading makes a big difference to children's outcomes.  
To read with a child is the BEST gift you can give.

Here at Badbury, we are very fortunate to have Neil Griffiths working with us. Neil was a Primary School headteacher for 13 years before taking on the role of director of a National Literacy Support Project for the Basic Skills Agency. The children have met him before and love hearing him share stories. Neil is going to run a reading at home workshop for all parents/carers on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm**. Come and be inspired!

We understand that we all lead busy lives, but with 5 minutes reading a day, you can make a real difference. Please come and see teachers with your questions.

Some useful websites/apps to support with phonics.

- This website will help with pronunciation. There are also online lessons available, please note: these will not include the school caption actions or phonic fairy magic. <https://www.lettersandsounds.org.uk/index.php?page=overview>
- This website has lots of phonics games. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Reading Eggs- learning to read app. <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>
- Teach your monster to read- learning to read app. <https://www.teachyourmonster.org/teachyourmonstertoread>






Some useful websites to access reading books.

- Epic Reading <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>
- Oxford Owl <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
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# School Diary

## March 2023

1st—Beech tree class to Oxford Castle  
2nd—World Book day. Dress up as a favourite character from a book or favourite word  
17th—Comic Relief. Non uniform for a donation  
28th—Ash & Oak tree classes to Roves Farm  
**29th—Roving Bookshop in school**  
**\*change of date\***  
30th—KS1 Spring Show 9.10 and 2pm  
30th—Open house from 2.30pm  
31st—last day of term 4.  
**Easter holidays**—no school for children—  
from 3rd to 14th April

## April 2023

17th—Children return to school for first day of term 5  
24th—Parents curriculum meetings for all year groups at 5pm  
28th : Table Top sale—fundraising for the Gambia project

## May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday (no school)  
2nd—Parent Workshop 3pm “Parenting in the digital world”  
4th—Reading at Home workshop 2.15pm  
8th—Additional bank holiday for King’s coronation (no school)  
29th May to 2nd June—half term holiday

## June 2023

w/c 12/6: Phonics screening check (Y1/Y2)  
14/6: Meeting for new to Reception parents 6.30pm  
20th : Class photos  
21st: Meeting for new Nursery parents

### Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

📅 Friday 7th July 2023

### Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

📅 Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2023

📅 Monday 30th October 2023

📅 Wednesday 3rd January 2024