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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update



You may be aware that we have a Ukrainian family in school who have family in Ukraine. The photograph shows them taking an anti-war stance outside of the Russian embassy in London last weekend. I'm sure that you are concerned for them. They ask for our prayers.

Like me, I am sure that you are also being affected by what is reported. This is most probably true of most of our children as well. The government have issued advice regarding talking to children about the conflict. See link

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

Mrs Fakes

Collective worship

The theme for worship this term is friendship. This week we have been thinking what makes a friend. We looked at some quotes,

Friends

are like the walls of a house.

Sometimes they hold you up,

Sometimes you lean on them,

But sometimes it is enough to know they're just standing by.

A true friend brings out the best in you.

We also looked at the friendship between countries and how other countries are supporting the Ukraine.



This term our hymn is What A Friend We Have In Jesus.

What a friend we have in Jesus.

All our sins and griefs to bear

And what a privilege to carry

Everything to God in Prayer

Mrs Fakes

Foundation Stage 1 Admissions

We offer 6 funded places, 5 mornings a week term time for FS1 children the term after they turn 3 years old. We are currently accepting applications for September 2022. If you would like to apply for a space for your child, please contact the office for an application form.

Choir Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for the Anvil Choir Concert at Pangbourne School on Thursday 10th March from 9:30-11:30am.

Red Nose Day

Come to school wearing something red on the 18th March in support of Red Nose day and the Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine. Sportswear is acceptable, a red football shirt for example, all we ask in return is for a small donation to the charities. Monies raised, will be shared between Red Nose and the Red Cross. We will also hold our postponed Hula hooping competition, which was missed due to school being closed on the last day of term due to Storm Eunice.

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Woodland School

The children were very excited to be back in the woods despite the gloomy damp weather. We had some new equipment to use including binoculars and magnifying glasses - perfect for birdwatching, bug-hunting and enthusiastic digging for worms! Fortunately the den was still in one piece and we made a shelter using a new tarpaulin. Special thanks to Mr Briscoe who is helping out over the next few weeks.



Mrs Hodsdon

Hedgehog class

This week we exercised our fine motor skills with our new loom - whilst finding out about Paddington's home



country Peru, we had noticed women weaving beautiful patterned cloth and we decided to try our hand at weaving. It was much trickier than we thought!

We have also been learning how exercise is important to keep our bodies healthy. We timed ourselves for a minute as we jumped, hopped, rode a bike, or hula-hooped to see what changes we could notice. Lottie noticed that her heart started beating much faster, and Elliot was aware that he was taking much bigger breaths.

We were very excited to wear our pyjamas to school on World Book Day, and we loved sharing our books with the older children in our house groups - especially helped by the hot chocolate!

Mrs Burton

Badger class



It has been a fun week back in Badger class. We started our new topic sharing the wonderful Memory Boxes that the children brought in. Thank you for supporting them to do this. They were so excited to tell their friends about their memories as well as listen to others. It was a great day and full of opportunities to develop their confidence as speakers and listeners. As part of our English learning this term, we are looking at the author Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed reading, "Room on the Broom" and wrote a character description about the witch. We worked collaboratively on a drama task where we had to create a group tableau of a Julia Donaldson book cover. It was fun to see what the different groups came up with. In Art we copied our favourite front cover in the style of the illustrator Axel Scheffler. Y1 Maths has been all about addition and subtraction this week. Y2 have explored multiplication as adding equal groups. All children went home with their new KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) this week so please help them to practise and learn these.

We had a super **world book day** with a real focus on enjoying books. The hot chocolate was appreciated and there was a buzz of excitement around reading for pleasure. Thank you to all those who donated to the book swap. Every child went home with a well-loved new book to read as well as their £1 book token.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Romans are still dominating Owl territory this week, but I think a river animal stampede may make them complete their final retreat next week.



In English, we have focused on grammar, revisiting capital letters, full stops, word classes and contractions. We have also started exploring clauses and phrases. In maths, Cubes have moved on to dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and the Spheres have been working on area and perimeter. The last focus for Romans was Hadrian's Wall and the children worked as a team being factual detectives. They learnt so many facts; ask them what they can remember and I am sure you will be amazed. With a wealth of information about Roman Britain bouncing around their heads, they are creating a fact book of their own to record all what they have learnt.

Our new topic will be 'Who's hiding behind the Willows?' Can you guess which author and novel we may be focusing on?

Just a reminder that reading books and records should be in school every day. Spellings books need to be in on a Monday. It would also be really appreciated if your child could have a glue stick for school.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

WOW! We were amazed to watch a video clip of Queen Victoria's funeral procession and gather information about the Victorian era from a primary source. This launched our 'Victorian Revolution' topic for this half term and we then looked at other sources of information. It was lovely to hear about aspects they remembered from Badger class! "I had to wear a dunce's cap" reported one Y5 child.... We are looking forward to learning all about the industrial revolution and the effect on Britain. Over in English, we have learnt more about adverbials of time and used them in a recount of half term. There were some very busy children from what they have written: museums, zoos, trampolining, meals out, time with friends, chilling at home. The Hexagons (Maths) are going over addition and subtraction of fraction, please can you practise at home to help them. Our Science topic links to uses of materials and we enjoyed eating jelly tots to explain irreversible reactions! World book day was a LOT of fun, as you can see from the photographs, and we



thoroughly enjoyed sharing books and stories together.



Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

Bag2School Collection

FOPS have booked another Bag2School collection for **Wednesday 9th March**. Bag2School collects the following in good condition for reuse:



- Men's, women's and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags & bags
- Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery & Belts
- Lingerie & Socks
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels & bedding

They don't accept:

- Duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material.

Your unwanted clothes = school PTA funding, so we would be very grateful for anything you can donate. Please bring your donations in any plastic bag to school at the start of the school day on **Wednesday 9th March**.

Dates for the diary

21/02/22 – 25/02/22 – Half Term Holiday

09/03/22 – Bag2School Collection

10/03/22 – Anvil Choir Rehearsal

18/03/22 – Red Nose Day & Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine – wear red

21/03/22 – World Poetry Day & Football / Netball Competition

30/03/22 – Anvil Choir Concert

01/04/22 – Numbers Day

07/04/22 – **End of Spring Term 2 at 1:15pm**

29/04/22 – School Photographer – Class Photos

26/05/22 – **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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