



Spring Newsletter 4 27/01/2017

Dear Parents,

In class this week

Holly Class

In Maths, Holly class have been learning about number patterns including fives and twos. In Literacy, the children have been looking at animal stories ready for the big bird-watch at the weekend. They have been sorting materials in Science.

Oak Class

In Maths, Oak class have been converting millimetres to centimetres, centimetres to metres, metres into kilometres and grams into kilograms. They have also been weighing and measuring objects and foods. In Literacy, the children have been writing legends for a 'Big Write', based on the story of Beowulf and the fantastic mythical creatures they designed for their homework. In Science, Oak class have been designing sunglasses and hats to protect them from the light of the sun.

Next week - Oak class will be making scrapbook pages. Please send in any scraps of fabric, buttons, and scrapbooking materials you may have at home and are happy for us to use. Thank you.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been taking part in their own 'CSI Waltham' Crime Scene Investigation this week, to launch their new report-writing topic in Literacy. Following on from this, they will be writing newspaper reports. In Maths they have been using co-ordinates to make and reflect shapes. They had fun using their skills with co-ordinates to draw cartoons and play battleships. In History, Sycamore have been studying the beginning of the Stone Age and how ice melted to form the world. In RE, they have been learning about the Muslim version of the Creation story.

Dinner Money / Swimming

There are still a number of dinner money and swimming payments outstanding. Please send these into school in a named envelope on **MONDAY** please so they can be processed before the end of the month. Hot dinners cost £2.20 per day, £61.60 for this half term. The voluntary contribution we are seeking for swimming this half term is £15 per child.

We would like to avoid sending reminder letters and overdue invoices out to parents if possible, and the admin time associated with this, so your co-operation would be much appreciated. I am very disappointed to have to put this reminder in again.

Hose Cross Country

Children in Oak and Sycamore classes will be taking part in the Belvoir Cross Country tournament at Hose Village Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th February. Letters are being sent out this week. If any adults are able to help accompany the children, please let the office know. Thank you. Children will be practising in school next week so please ensure they have their trainers with them every day.

Mad Science

We have had some enquiries about whether the Mad Science club, starting after half-term, is open to all ages. Although designed for Year 1 upwards, Reception class children may also take part if parents think their child would benefit from the sessions and have the attention span to participate. The club will run on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm, starting on Tuesday 21st February until Tuesday 28th March (no club on Tuesday 14th March). Please see website for further details or to register:

<http://eastmidlands.madscience.org/afterschoolprogrammes>

Office Staff

We will be welcoming a new member of staff to the office next week. Mrs Laura Marsh will be joining us to work part-time in the office, alongside Mrs Quine and Mrs Parnell (Bursar).

Leicester Cathedral Choir

Children aged seven to ten are warmly invited to attend Leicester Cathedral Choir's Open Afternoon on Sunday, 5 February, starting at 1.00pm. They will have the opportunity to meet current Choristers and their parents, and take part in a rehearsal with the Choristers and Songmen before singing Evensong at 3.00pm, followed by refreshments. For more information or to book your place, please contact the Director of Music, Chris Ouvry-Johns on 0116 261 5374/07982 444087 or chris.ouvry-johns@leccofe.org. Prior booking is not necessary, but it's useful to have an idea of numbers in advance, so do let us know if you intend to come.

Save the date – Sunday 12th February

Bishop Martyn is coming to Waltham on Sunday 12th February at 10.30am for Messy Church and to bless the improvements made to St Mary Magdalene Church. All are welcome to come along, join in the fun and meet the Bishop – please bring a plate of food if you're staying for the 'Bring and Share' lunch afterwards.

Reminder - Warm Clothing

Please remember to send your child into school with suitable clothing for going out to play – warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Thank you.



Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.