

Headteacher's Headline 15th January 2009 – No 6



Science Week 2nd – 6th February 2009 (Please note change from dates previously published.)

Mrs Henry has organised a special week focussing on Science. During the week all the children will be involved in science workshops funded by the PTA. There will be a variety of other activities including, we hope, a visit to Pizza Express for Year 2.

For parents we are holding a Science Curriculum evening on Tuesday 3rd February 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. We have invited Ron Bibby, the County consultant for Science and for Gifted and Talented Children, to lead the evening focussing on Science in the Curriculum.

Ron is part of the national team writing the new national curriculum and will talk about the best way for children to learn and the skills they need. It promises to be a very informative and practical evening and I would encourage parents to attend. Please return the reply slip to give us an idea of numbers.

Class Assemblies

In the spring term we hold class assemblies when parents are invited to come and see their child's class lead assembly. The dates for each class are listed below. We aim to start at about 9.00 am and be finished by 9.30 am. They are not 'productions' but an opportunity for the children to share an aspect of what they are learning in class. We would ask that any siblings attending are very quiet and if they cause a disturbance are removed.

Wednesday 25th February	Caterpillars
Friday 6 th March	Dragonflies
Thursday 12 th March	Honeybees
Friday 20 th March	Grasshoppers
Friday 27 th March	Ladybirds
Thursday 2 nd April	Butterflies

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Science Curriculum Evening Tuesday 3rd February 2009 7.30 pm

I/we will/will not be attending the Science Curriculum evening on Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30 pm.

Name: (Please print)

Child's Class:

Diary Dates:

SPRING TERM 2009	
Thursday 29 th January	2.15 pm Parents' Forum 8.00 pm PTA meeting in hall
Friday 30 th January	9.00 am PTA Coffee morning in hall
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th February	Science Week
Tuesday 3 rd February	7.30 pm Science Week Curriculum evening
Wednesday 4 th February	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom
Wednesday 25 th February	9.00 am Caterpillars assembly
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Friday 6 th March	Dragonflies assembly
Monday 9 th March	School Closed - INSET training
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th March	African Workshop for Year 1
Thursday 12 th March	Honeybees assembly
Friday 20 th March	Grasshoppers assembly
Friday 27 th March	Ladybirds assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	Butterflies assembly
Friday 3 rd April	Term ends at 1.30 pm
SUMMER TERM 2009	
Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Saturday 16 th May	PTA May Ball
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	School Closed - INSET training

Annual Reports and Parents' Evening

The annual progress report for children in Key Stage 1, that is Years 1 and 2, will be sent home in the last week of the spring term.

The end of Foundation Stage report for children in Reception will be written in June and sent home them.

In common with some other schools, we write reports for Key Stage 1 children in the spring term so that teachers and parents know what progress has been made and what the next steps are while there are still opportunities to work together to achieve these goals. Reports written at the end of the summer term run the risk of being a summary and actions being lost over the summer holidays.

The next parents' evenings for all year groups are planned for the second week of the summer term. Please bring your child's Key Stage 1 report with you as the basis for this consultation.

Parents' Forum

The next meeting is Thursday 29th January at 2.15 pm. All parents are welcome and we can accommodate pre-schoolers, so please come and join us. It is an opportunity to help the school move forward by making suggestions and giving a parent's perspective on school matters. It is chaired by the headteacher and a representative of the governors is usually in attendance.