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Thank you so much to the parents who helped get sponsor money in for our NSPPC Big Dance fundraising event we did a few weeks ago. With your kindness and generosity as a school we raised an enormous

£2126.70

At a time when the charity is seeing most schools have a reduction in the amount of money they raise, what we have done is nothing shorty of incredible!

The NSPCC is a fantastic charity doing amazing work to look after children so the money you have raised could not be going to a better place.

As a thank you for raising so much money we have been given our very own Buddy the green speech bubble mascot. We will display this proudly as a sign of what our school community can achieve.

Upcoming Events

17-21 February 2020 Half Term 24 February 2020 8.45am Term Starts 4 March 2020 4-7pm Parents Evening 5 March 2020 4-6pm Parents Evening 6 March 2020 World Book Day – Dressing Up 9 March 2020 Year 1 – Marwell Zoo Trip 16 March 2020 9-10am Year R&1 Parents in to watch Writing 20 March 2020 Year R – Farm visiting school 12-1pm Mother's Day Lunch 24 March 2020 2.45pm Zebra Class Assembly 25 March 2020 2.45pm Kangaroo Class Assembly 31 March 2020 2.45pm Penguin Class Assembly 1 April 2020 2.45pm Tiger Class Assembly

World Book Day Dressing up Friday 6th March

This year for world book day we will be dressing up as a **traditional story character**. Any character from any traditional tale such as the Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood or a traditional tale from another country such as Anansi the Spider Man. The Junior school will be dressing up on the Thursday not Friday due to different timetabling.

As well as dressing up we would like children to make a story jar. To make the story jar just choose a story with your child, it does not have to be a traditional tale any story will do. Then decorate the inside of the jar with objects or pictures that give clues to the story book. So for example if you choose the Gruffalo the jar might have a mouse, a nut and a picture of a pie with some forest decoration. Please put your child's name on the bottom of the jars. Have fun making!

Staff Changes

We are very sad to say that Mrs Hankin who has been working in Year R will be leaving this week. Mrs Hankin has done a fantastic job in the time she has been with us and has had a really big impact in the role she has done for us. She will be very much missed by all of the staff and the children.

We are pleased to announce however that Mrs Doolin has been appointed to fill the role Mrs Hankin is leaving and she will be starting after half term in Penguin Class.

There will be another slight change in Year R staffing after half term. Mrs Lockyer has applied to start teacher training later this year, which is fantastic news as we know as a school what an amazing teacher she already is. To ensure that we fully support her for this training we are giving her extra responsibilities in Year 1. This will mean that she will no longer be covering Mrs Alexander Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Miss Wong will take on this role as part of her teacher training course she is currently half way through.

Stars of the Week

31st January Ava Johnson-Jones Jacob Audsley-Webber Ruby-May Medlicott Scarlet McEneaney Jacob Day Amelia Eddy **7th February** Elliot Barron Annabelle Wilkinson Wayne-Junior Moore Dominic Charlton Josh Fryer Jaxon Stocker

Science Week

This week the children have had a great time exploring a lot of different aspects of Science. All of the children had a great time in assembly looking at some homemade experiments such as mixing vinegar and baking powder and seeing it inflate a balloon. The Year 2's had an amazing demonstration from some staff and children from Oakmoor School who came in and made polystyrene cups disappear and turn into glue and make elephants toothpaste! The year R and Year 1 children spent the week asking questions and finding out answers. It would be great to continue that enthusiasm at home over half term!

Parents Evening 4th and 5th March

The Spring Terms Parents Evenings will be the second week after half term. We will put on activities for the children to do in the evening if you need to bring them along. Children are not allowed to stay with you during your conversation with the teacher.

If you have two children at school please leave a gap of at least 10 minutes between your appointments in case you over run.

We will open the booking system on 24th February at 4.30pm. Please note times do go very fast.

Phoning the school office about collecting children at the end of the day

Can we ask where possible if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the school day you let the class teachers know in the morning.

If the person collecting is someone, such as a grandparent, who you have already told us is able to collect you do not need to inform us of any changes.

We only need to know if someone new or someone you have not given permission to in the past is collecting.

The school office takes a high number of calls at the end of the day and we want to ensure staff are able to take emergency calls where parents need to tell us of a change at very short notice.