

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to this rather short half term. Although we may not have the usual length of time, as always, we are making sure that it's jam-packed full of exciting opportunities for the children. Last week children in Owl class enjoyed a science lesson delivered by Miss Greenwood, from Thurstable School. This gave them a taster of science lessons to come, and was an excellent opportunity for conversations and questions around secondary transition. Miss Greenwood is back in school next week to talk to children in Yr 4, 5 and 6 about life at secondary school.

We have an exciting day coming up on Monday as we are welcoming all of the governors into school for our first governor monitoring visit. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our governors to see the school in action, with time to pop into lessons, chat with staff and the children. They're also staying for lunch, macaroni cheese- delicious! I am grateful to the governors for giving us their time to make it happen.

Coming up later this term is parents evening. Please do ensure you make an appointment. Sign-up sheets will be available before and after school on Tues 12th/ Weds 13th March in the hall. Remember, if you have had a One Plan meeting with Mrs Lewis and your child's class teacher, you will not need an additional appointment.

Best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)



World Book Day 2024

What a wonderful day!

At Messing, we love reading and are passionate about sharing high quality books with the children. We don't need much of an excuse to get dressed up either. We are fortunate to have an excellent range of books for the children to read, and have worked on creating reading spaces across the school.

Let's not forget the reason World Book Day exists.

World Book Day is a charity in the UK and Ireland. More than 500,000 children in the UK don't own a book. For some, the book they buy with their World Book Day token is the first book of their very own. There are many children who do not have books to read at home. World Book Day is working to ensure that **every child** in the UK has a book they can call their own.

With your kind donations, we are proud to offer every child the opportunity to start their own book collection with books they selected from the free book fair.

Bikeability

Write up by Rosie and Jamie

It was an excellent experience. First, we did our bike checks by doing the ABCDE.

A= air (checking air pressure in the tyres)

B= brakes (squeeze the brakes and check they're working)

C= chain (look to see if there's rust on the chain)

D= direction (wheel between the legs and check the steering)

E= end of handle bars (should not spin around)

We learnt skills such as how to safely pass a car and how to safely enter and exit a junction. We also learnt to look behind before setting off and making any movement.

It was too difficult to pick a favourite part as we enjoyed it all!





Mothering Sunday

We hope that you are all able to have an enjoyable day with your families on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Huge thanks to the PTFA for organising gifts for all of the children to take home. They are beautiful and we hope you will be able to enjoy them at home, or better still, plant them in a pot or in the garden in the biodegradable pots. A big well done to Ms Gooday who also spent several therapeutic hours putting packs together which some of the children helped to deliver to classes.

Messing Mathemagicians



A very big well done to our latest magnificent Mathemagicians!

Ruby-Mai - Awarded for being able to recognise numbers up to 10.

Billy - For fantastic reasoning skills when explaining your ideas about comparing numbers.

Arlo - For showing ongoing perseverance with his maths work, resulting in progress and greater confidence. Well done!

Neve - Awarded for your perseverance which has led to great improvement in your understanding and progress in maths.

Spring Term Diary Dates

W/b Mon 11th Mar- British Science week & Governor monitoring visit day

Tues 12th/ Weds 13th Mar- parent's evening sign-ups

Thurs 14th Mar- Training for playtime ambassadors at lunch

Fri 15th Mar- Red Nose Day (nose and spoon race at lunch time, 50p to take part) & Stay and play/ share and learn (parents invited into classes from 2.30pm)

W/b Mon 18th Mar- Messing Maths week

Tues 19th/ Thurs 21st Mar- Parents evening

Thurs 21st Mar- Yr 3/4 group football tournament

Tues 26th Mar- Spring Recital led by Kingfisher class (to be held at All Saints, parents invited 9:45am)

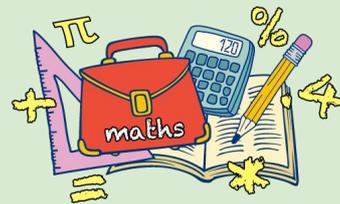
Weds 27th Mar- Kingfishers Egyptian Museum (parents invited at 2:30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar- PTFA Non-uniform in exchange for a bottle

Messing Maths Week Returns

Following the success of last year, Mr Pearce has fully embraced planning and organising our second 'Messing Maths Week' for the week beginning 18th March.

The children will be taking part in a range of mathematical experiences which will be different in style and content to their usual lessons. We will especially be looking at maths in the world around us including shape and patterns.



Parents are invited to join for two sessions:

Monday 18th (2.40pm, hall) – We will be sharing the new documentation on the progression of how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (the four rules of number). This will be a fantastic opportunity to see the variety of methods the children learn as they move up through the school. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions which are maths related.

Friday 22nd (2.45pm) – We will be holding a coding trail involving maths' skills for all year groups from 1 – 6. We hope that you will be able to join your child/ren as this is a great opportunity for the children to share their ideas and answers with you. The school gates will open early for those parents who are able to join us. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be joining us to enable us to organise the logistics.

Please remember, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress in any area of the curriculum, speak to your child's class teacher.

Twitter/ X Reminder

You can keep up to date with school life by checking our Twitter/ X page @MessingPrimary
There are lots of photos and updates.

