



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are evading any potential 'January blues' through keeping positively busy with learning and events. As many of you will already be aware, we had a fantastic time last week at Young Voices with the children in our KS2 Choir. Children in Robins meanwhile are immersed in all things to do with dinosaurs and fossils! We know that it can sometimes be challenging to find out from children how their day in school has been. There are a number of reasons for this and you are not alone- many children share only the negatives, or indeed nothing at all. You could try switching up your questions to find out the funniest part of their day, or something that they hard to work hard on to succeed.

I have tried to include lots of dates for the remainder of the Spring term and into the Summer. This includes some PTFA dates in green, but there will be more to come. The PTFA are working on a newsletter to share upcoming events with you. Please remember that if you have any excellent ideas then you can share these with parents, or through the school office. We are always looking for ways to raise funds that support additional curriculum enhancements, including the pantomime, subsidised transport costs and workshop experiences. There is another easy way you can support, which is by signing up to [Easy Fundraising](#). This does not cost you anything, but is a super source of passive income for the PTFA if you do any online shopping.

Excitingly the floor in the Wellbeing Cabin has been repaired. We are looking for a donation of vinyl or lino flooring to smarten up the space and make it easier for us keep clean. The space is not vast and likely an off-cut would be enough. If you know of any companies who may be able to help, then please contact Mrs Chalkley in the school office.

This week I sent out an email to all families living in the village, as well as other connections we have to local residents, to help support us with staff car parking during our upcoming building works. More information will come out next week, but work is due to begin in the February half term. We are working hard to ensure we keep the parent car park as free as possible to minimise disruption and congestion in the village.

Finally a note about illness a we have had an increasing number of children unwell this week. Among the usual winter coughs and sneezes we have also had some sickness and cases of bacterial tonsillitis. We are reminding all children about their personal hygiene through handwashing and trying to keep all classrooms well ventilated.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Spring Term Diary Dates

You can find dates for the year ahead on the [school planner](#).

W/B Monday 9th Feb- Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 10th Feb- Safer Internet Day

Thurs 12th Feb- Year 4 MTC talk for parents 3.20pm

Fri 13th Feb- PTFA VALENTINES Bake Sale/ No swimming for Kingfishers/ Final day of half term

Mon 23rd Feb- Return to school

Tues 24th Feb- Animal experience in Robins

Thurs 26th/ Fri 27th Feb- Yr 5/6 Bikeability

Mon 2nd Mar- Rec and Year 5 Road Safety Awareness talk

Thurs 5th Mar- World Book Day (parade and book swap)

Fri 6th Mar- PTFA Science event after school (tbc)

Mon 9th Mar- British Science Week

Tues 10th Mar- Bags-2-Schools Collection

Tues 10th/ Weds 11th Mar- Parents eve sign-ups

Fri 13th Mar- Share and Learn/ Stay and Play

Tues 17th/ Thurs 19th Mar- Parents evening

Fri 20th Mar- Odd socks day for Down Syndrome

Fri 27th Mar- End of half term

Mon 13th Apr- Return to school

Mon 4th May- Bank Holiday

W/B Mon 11th May- KS2 SATs week

Fri 22nd May- End of Half term

Mon 1st June- Non-pupil day

W/B Mon 1st June- Yr 4 MTC

W/B Mon 8th June- Yr 1 Phonics Screening

Mon 15th June- Whole School photographs

Update to works on the school site

As many of you are aware, we were successful in a bid we put together and received a large amount of funding from the government to improve our school site. This was in the previous academic year with a focus on site security and safety, including new fencing, gates, cameras, electrical rewiring and a new entrance way into the school.

There has been a long period of time behind the scenes planning for the 2 projects we were successful with, but excitingly, very soon the contractors will begin the work.

There will be a letter coming out to you containing information as the works will cause some disruption to the school site. This will include parking, a temporary school office and the way the school grounds are accessed by parents and visitors.

Although there will be a period of time where usual proceedings are disrupted, we are very excited for the works to begin as the long term benefits will be fantastic for our school.





Young Voices at the O2

A special thank you to all of the staff for their time and enthusiasm, particularly Mrs Lewis. It was another incredible year at Young Voices.

Written up by Pippa (Music Ambassador)

Before the fantastic experience, everyone filled themselves up with toast so they wouldn't get hungry on the journey to the legendary O2. After that, everyone got onto the humongous coach and found their seats and got ready for the long journey ahead.

When we got there we all walked in a long line (in pairs) to try to find somewhere to eat our lunch, everyone had to bring a lunch and a dinner because we were there hours to come. After we had finished our lunch we all went into the O2 arena. There were thousands of children already there for rehearsals. At the rehearsals we practised all of the fabulous songs with our conductor (David Lawrence) and the amazing Urban Striders practiced their stunning dances as well!

During the rehearsals we did something special this year, because it was Young Voices 30th anniversary, so we did a live stream that went all over the world!!! After the rehearsals, that lasted two hours, we all sat down to eat our dinner - which we were all starving for!

Half an hour later the parents started to come in. Everyone tried to spot their parents, but not all of them succeeded. Then it all started! Everyone was singing and dancing, it was a remarkable experience. When we sang the Wicked medley we had a special guest- Elphaba from the actual movie was there to sing with us - it was such a great experience.

There were approximately 8,000 children there at the time. It was incredible to see that many children all singing together. Once it had finished at 9.30pm we all walked back to the coach and most of us slept all the way back to school to meet our parents.

