



Parents Newsletter

Spring Term – February 2020

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**Head of School
February 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very busy half term with lots of exciting activities for our pupils. Please visit the website for more pictures of these events.

Visits

We started the term with the KS4 residential visit to Grafham Water. This is always popular with many pupils opting for the full overnight package and others going for the day. Pupils took part in a range of activities including: Motor Boats, Crate Stacking, Indoor Archery and Rock Climbing, Mountain Bikes, High Ropes. See our website for more details.



Workshops

We had our Chinese New Year dance workshop, which was well received. Some of our pupils gave a performance in assembly.





Artsmark

Last week on Wednesday we had a visit from the Bamboozle Theatre Company, who brought a huge puppet in, which some of you who bring your children into school may have seen. The puppet was a character from Where the Wild Things Are. Pupils loved interacting with the puppet and members of the company who were with it.

Other pupils had the chance to attend workshops at Samuel Pepys School.

We hope to have more opportunities to work with the company in the future. This event and others like it are all helping the school to achieve the Artsmark.



Advisory Group

We had another meeting of our school advisory group with representatives from staff and parents. At the meeting we discussed the plan for the capital build project due to start in the summer, the curriculum, finance and local authority consultations. All parents and carers will have the opportunity to become more involved at our parents' forums on 26th February – 1.30pm and 7.00 pm. Please let the office know by email or phone if you are planning to attend one of these meetings, so I have some idea of numbers.

Sports Workshops

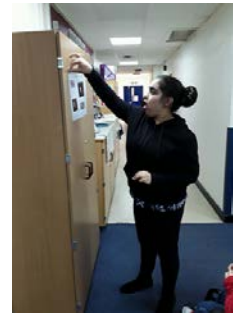
Over half term the school will be running sports workshops for identified pupils and their parents/carers. This is part of our Sports Premium project to increase parental involvement. Over the next 12 months we will try to involve as many of you as possible.





Love is in the AIR in Post 16

In Post 16 this term, classes 16ML and 16SB have been very busy making items to sell that have a valentine's theme. The horticulture group made butterfly sweet bags, butterfly lollipops and pink peppermint heart creams and the retail group made sweet jars decorated with hearts and ribbons as well as scented candles. They were all involved in different aspects of the enterprise activity designing posters, making and selling the items.



Capital Build

Cambridge County Council have now submitted planning permission for our Capital Build. We have plans in reception if you would like to have a look.

Finally, I know many of you have missed the WOW factor so we are planning to put on a performance for parents on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March. This will be linked to our Makaton week with each class performing a song, poem or news item. We will let you have more details nearer the time.

Reminder – Friday 14th February is a training day and school will not be open for pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Julia McIntosh
Head of School





Coronavirus Advice

See below for latest advice from the government. I am not aware of any staff or pupil travel planned over the half term to any of the affected areas but it is ESSENTIAL that if you do have any such plans that you follow the advice. Whilst we may not, in the end, be able to prevent the spread of the virus in the UK, we have very vulnerable pupils in this school and need your help to ensure that any risk of bringing it into the school community is minimised.

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

If some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice.

