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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs Bradbury

We have much to celebrate this week! Last Friday I received a wonderful phone call - from our netball team! With great excitement they told me that they had won their matches against other schools in the Wantage partnership competition and were on their way back to school to tell me all about it! Thank you so much to Sam Beynon, Jenny Preece and Ali Haxworth who give up their time every Friday to coach the children at netball club. The children were a credit to our school, demonstrating true team spirit and working cooperatively together. Well done! Also our football team went to play a match against Buckland school and Mrs Marsh tells me they defended and tackled well!

As part of our science week activities, we were really fortunate this week to have Mrs Aldridge in, to present an assembly all about her and her teams project in The Black Sea. We all found out so much and were fascinated by how well preserved the ships were from antiquity. One pupil when leaving the hall exclaimed "I want that job when I grow up!" Thank you Mrs Aldridge for encouraging our young scientists!

I met with some members of our PTA today. As you know they have been working really hard to raise money for books and a possible library make over, so any support you can give to them this year will be most appreciated. Last year they raised a super amount which enriched the curriculum for the children. Thank you for supporting events and please note that there are still tickets available for the quiz night next Friday 23rd. PTA members will be in the playground selling tickets after school.

With such a busy time coming up don't forget to look at our school website/calendar for dates.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Whole School News

**School closes for the Easter break on
Thursday 29th March at 1.05pm**

Reminder

**All children need to have a pair of wellies in
school so they can go out on the field at break
times.**

Breakfast Club - Term 5

You are now able to book sessions for next
term.

School Clubs - Term 5 & 6

Club permission slips for the summer term are
now available in the school office and will be
emailed to parents shortly. Please note all clubs
need to be applied for and are not rolling over
from this term. The deadline for returned
permission slips is next **Thursday, 22nd March.**

Dress Up - Princess Dresses

If you have any unwanted princess dresses, we
would be really grateful if you could donate
them to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Class news & other bits

White Horse

As part of Science week the children have been learning about magnetism using magnetic wands and paper clips to track the trail of Peter Rabbit. They have also explored the texture of shaving foam and pasta tubes in water. We have set up a 'rabbit run' in the classroom to encourage the children to think about how we care for our furry friends. Reception's homework this week is asking them to design a poster for Science Week. The theme is exploration and discovery.

Ridgeway

This week in Ridgeway we are exploring the story of the owl who was afraid of the dark, and have had a go at retelling the start of the story using all of the key vocabulary. In Maths we have divided counters and numicon into 2 equal groups to show what we know about fractions and halving shapes and numbers. For science week we created bridges as part of our experiments and had to make sure we kept things fair, such as the time we had to make them.

Year 1 Homework is "Bingol"

Year 2 Homework is "Canopy Chaos"

Dragon

Information writing, and in particular the design and content of leaflets, is our focus for the next few weeks in English. We are reading an interesting expedition diary about a trip into the outback from Darwin, Australia and we will be using this as the basis to produce our own leaflets about the ecology of Australia.

At the end of last week, we designed, created and evaluated a mother's day gift. This was great fun as we made five trays in total of Australian Crunch which we decorated and presented as gifts to our mums and also a piece for ourselves so we could complete the evaluation!

In maths, we have revisited fractions, equivalence and fractions of quantities. As part of British Science week, the written homework for this week will be to design a poster about scientific 'exploration and discovery'.

The maths homework this week is: Year 3: Balloon Pop; Year 4: Bingo.

Wayland

Our arithmetic focus this week has been percentages and what their fraction equivalents are. We are also starting to explore algebra and how to find patterns in sequences of numbers. For our writing this week, we have been enjoying the chance to plan and write our own choice of text based on a wonderful short film called "The Present". It is science week, this week, so after a great assembly on Monday, Waylands decided to have a go at the citizen science project

on www.zooniverse.org training their computers to identify rubbish and plastic on the beaches around the world. The children have taken details to continue at home with parent's permission. **Part of the homework, this week, is to design a poster for British Science Week based on exploration and discovery. I have set the challenge of finding out about scientists who really pushed our understanding of the world.**

Whole School News

Permission Slips

Please check book bags for letters which have been sent home. We are currently collecting permission slips for a number of activities with approaching deadlines.

Wayland Class - PGL Devon Residential

Please note the final balance needs to be paid by 5th April 2018.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 21st March - 3.30pm to 6pm (Years 1 to 6)

Invitations to book have been sent out. Any problems please contact the school office.

We are a nut free school.

Please do not send your child to school with any food products containing nuts.

Dates for your diary

All upcoming events are on the calendar on our school website.