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Newsletter

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Book Character Winners

Last Friday was 'Dress up as a Book Character Day' and a wonderful finale to our school Book Week. The children looked amazing (as always!) and there were some very creative costumes from favourite books, both old and new. During the week, children right throughout the school studied 'The Colour of Home' by Mary Hoffman – a very moving story about a little boy and his experiences as a refugee – and this provided the stimulus for our writing competition.

The children have also been involved in other competitions including the A-Z of children's authors, won by Y4 and Y5, and our 'Mastermind' competition (complete with the big, black chair and music!) The overall winner was Georgie from Y1.

We also had a visit from local author Helen Kemp on Friday who spoke to children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 about what inspired her to become a writer and where she got her ideas from. Helen was very impressed with the quality of questions from the children.



Georgie
Winner of Mastermind



Author Helen Kemp

This will be the final Newsletter of the term as we break up on Thursday 24th march. We hope you can join us for our Easter Service at St. John's Church at 2pm on Thursday 24th; please ensure the children have warm, waterproof coats and suitable footwear for the walk. We will be leaving school at 1.30pm if any parents/carers wish to join us. Any children not collected from church, will return to school for normal collection.



Many thanks for your tremendous support this term as always! We look forward to welcoming the children **back to school on Monday 11th April.**

Mothering Sunday

Thank you to the families who attended a lovely service on 6th March with Rev. Sheilagh. Special thanks to Lyla and Rhiannon who presented the prayers in lovely, clear voices.



All creatures great and small...

Year 1 shared some of their super learning from this term in their Class Assembly. The children have made super progress in writing and read out some of their wonderful poetry. They shared their PHSE work on how they were good friends to each other. Following an exciting visit from Jay's rainforest animals, they told us lots of interesting facts about them. They showed some lovely artwork including recreations of Rousseau's 'Tiger' and finished with a super animal dance. Many thanks to parents for helping them to make excellent progress with their reading.



Please note - the police are doing spot checks for parking and will be carrying out speed checks.



Staff from St Aidan's will be visiting school on Monday 21st March. The purpose of the visit is to enable Year 6 parents (who's children will be attending St Aidan's) to ask any questions that they may have regarding transition in September. Rebecca Taylor and another member of St. Aiden's staff will be in the playground from 8.30am.

Dates for Diaries

21.3.16	Easter Egg Competition
24.3.16	Easter Service at St. John's Church - 2pm all welcome
24.3.16	Break up for Easter Holidays
11.4.16	Return to school

More dates for diaries can be found on our website



As part of their PHSE curriculum, Y6 recently attended a 'Safety Carousel' designed to help children to identify unsafe situations, respond to them and thereby keep themselves safe.

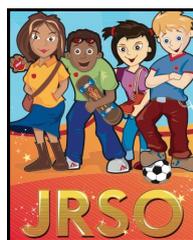
The children attended a variety of workshops including: beach and water safety, fire prevention and fire safety, electricity and road traffic awareness. The children were a credit to their parents and to school; not only did they behave impeccably but they contributed fully in all the workshops. Indeed, their enthusiastic participation was commented on by more than one workshop leader and they won the prize for most correct answers in the final quiz, winning all other 5 schools there. Well done Y6!



AFTER SCHOOL

Please note that will be **NO Bible Club** next Wednesday 23rd March.

Also our **Gymnastics Clubs** will not take place next week. Look out for the new afterschool club timetable on the website next term.



The latest from our Junior Road Safety Officers

Our Junior Road Safety Officers delivered another important assembly this month. The theme of the assembly was 'Wear a Cycle Helmet' and the

children demonstrated, with a hard-boiled egg, the dangers of not wearing a cycle helmet, whilst reinforcing the need to do so. The children also introduced the latest JRSO competition, which requires that the children design a cool cycle helmet that children will want to wear. The response has been terrific and we are looking forward to announcing the winners next Wednesday 23rd March.



Easter Egg Competition

Decorate a hard boiled egg and bring it to school on **Monday 21st March**. There will be a first and second prize chosen in each class with judging on Tuesday. **Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly written on their decorated egg.** Thank you