

Parent email update 10: Spring 2 8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we have launched a new initiative across the school – a celebration of a ‘Book of the Month’ with linked creative challenges. February was our first trial month and ‘The Big Book of Birds’ became our focus. I would like to express my awe and admiration at the talent and creativity across the school – the Gallery showed outstanding contributions and highlighted powerful home/school links. I am extremely grateful that this new initiative has sparked interest and enjoyment within families.

To celebrate...

Book of the Month Gallery event on 29th February

After our launch of our February focus book ‘The Big Book of Birds, we displayed our children’s creative challenges within the Gallery; a huge thank you to everyone who attended our first Open Gallery event. Gallery Monitors handed out certificates and all children and parents enjoyed guessing the staff bird competition – please see our school website for the correct artists!

A special mention to Megan in Year 3 who went ‘over and above’ in her outcomes, nearly needing her own Gallery display area! Also, Olivia in Year 6 for her high standard of presentation and creativity - both were celebrated and presented in WOW Assembly with a small token of our appreciation.

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March

This day was another incredible example of the creativity and imagination within our parents and children – it was so inspirational to meet as a whole school on Thursday morning and celebrate the majority in costume (staff included!). Thank you, as always, for making lifetime memories with your child/children.

PCSO Visit to Year 5 & 6 on Thursday 29th February

We welcomed our local PCSO to talk to Upper school about responsibilities within the use of Social Media. It was an extremely informative talk and reminded everyone of the recommended Parental Guidance and age limit of 13 years for WhatsApp, Snapchat and TikTok. If any parents have any further questions, please contact the school Office.

To update...

Parent Appointments w/b Monday 11th March

We will be holding our second formal opportunity to meet your child’s / children’s Class teacher – please check that you have received an appointment date and time. Please remember that school clubs have been cancelled within this week (with the exception of YTFC) and Mrs Walker will be within the Hall for a Parental survey / Refreshments.

Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March

We will participate again in this national event – children may attend in non-uniform for a voluntary donation for Comic Relief.

Book of the Month for March

We are extremely excited to share our new Book of the Month – ‘**An Alphabet of Stories**’ by **Oliver Jeffers**. Our new Creative Challenges have been uploaded to our school Website (Curriculum tab / Reading - Book of the Month) – we will send separate PDF documents next week.

Whole school Theatre performance on Thursday 21st March

We are delighted to share the exciting news that we have secured a visiting Theatre Company on Thursday 21st March; we will all enjoy the production of ‘**Oliver**’. This visit has been funded by a kind past donation by the **Brewers’ Arms** in the village.

School Disco on Monday 25th March

We are excited to share the news that our Fundraising team have organised a school Disco for both Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6; tickets are priced at £2 and will include a snack and drink. We ask that tickets are pre-purchased before the event to aid catering requirements – look out for the separate letter soon!

Dates in the diary

W/b Mon 11th Mar	Parent Appointments – no clubs this week (apart from YTFC)
Wed 13th Mar	Year 6 visit to St Peter & St Paul’s (RE curriculum focus with Rev Tracey)
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day – children may choose to dress up/attend in non-uniform for a voluntary donation
Mon 18th Mar	Year 3 & 4 Production of ‘Fee Fi Fo Fum’
Tues 19th Mar	Year 3 & 4 Production of ‘Fee Fi Fo Fum’ Last session for YTFC
Wed 20th Mar	Year 5 WOW Day at Stanchester – opportunity to experience life at a secondary school (Nb. No PE now needed!)
Thurs 21st Mar	Visiting Theatre production of ‘Oliver’
Mon 25th Mar	School Disco – Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6
Wed 27th Mar	Break up for Easter
Thurs 28th Mar	INSET
Fri 29th Mar – Fri 12th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 15th April	School returns for Summer Term