



Messages from the Office

Parents' Evening reminder

Please can we remind parents not to bring their children to school on Parents' Evening. With nearly 600 pupils in the school we do not have the space to accommodate children who are waiting whilst their parents meet their teacher. We have received feedback from parents that the hall was too busy last time, as children were sitting on the blue chairs, that were meant for adults so people couldn't get into the hall. In addition to this, we have had issues with unsupervised children in classrooms and corridors so would appreciate your co-operation with not bringing your children to school on Parents' Evening. We would encourage parents to help each other out with reciprocal arrangements for child care.

Jury Service

Miss Druce has been called for Jury Service so will not be in school for two weeks, from next Monday. Miss Swann and Mrs Dray will be ensuring it is learning as usual and hoping it doesn't snow!

STEM Week

This week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week at school. If you would like to take part at home, you could try out the experiment below. Mr Loughlin would love to see how your experiments go - if you are on Twitter, please send a tweet to @StamfordGreen, including a photo if you can. Children in Years 2 - 6 may use this experiment as their homework task to be handed in on 13.3.18. Your child(ren) should still write an entry in their homework book, making it clear they completed the STEM homework task.

You will need:

About two teaspoons of baker's yeast
One half-litre clear plastic bottle
Two teaspoons of sugar
Some warm water
One balloon

What you do:

1. Pour some warm water into the bottle – about 2 cm deep.
2. Add the yeast and give it a little swirl to help the yeast dissolve.
3. Add the sugar and give it another swirl.
4. Place the opening of the balloon over the top of the bottle.
5. Put the bottle–balloon contraption in a warm place for about half an hour – by a radiator would be good.
6. Watch what happens. What do you observe? Why do you think it is happening?

You could try:

See what happens if you change one or more of the variables. For example: use more yeast, use honey instead of sugar, leave the bottle in a cool place or use cold water instead of warm.

STEM Week – Newspapers!

All the children this week, will be taking part in an activity involving newspapers. Please could you send your child in with a newspaper and give it your child's class teacher by Thursday. Thank you for your help.

Childcare vouchers close to new entrants soon

The government has announced that the childcare voucher scheme will close to new entrants on 6 April 2018. Any working parent who currently uses registered childcare (or plans to use registered childcare in future) needs to sign up to their employer's childcare voucher scheme and receive a voucher by 5 April. If parents don't register on a scheme and receive a voucher by this date, then Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) will be your only option (if you are eligible).

If you don't need childcare vouchers immediately, you can simply register on your employer's scheme today and place an order for the minimum amount. As long as you receive a childcare voucher from your employer in every rolling 12-month period, you'll remain on the scheme.*

* Any parent who's already registered for childcare vouchers can carry on ordering them even after April 2018, providing they've received a voucher in the last rolling 12-month period. For example, if they last received a childcare voucher on 25 May 2017 they need to receive their next voucher on or before 25 May 2018 to remain eligible.

Coming up soon:

March		
w/b Monday 5.3.18	-	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Monday 5.3.18	9.00am – 10.00am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce
Tuesday 6.6.18	All morning	YR Zoolab Visit
Wednesday 7.3.18	All day	Astrodome visit at school for Y5 and YN
Thursday 8.3.18	9.30am – 10.20am	School Open morning for prospective Parents/Carers
Thursday 8.3.18	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 9.3.18	9.00am – 9.30am	2B's Class Assembly – Entry via the office
Monday 12.3.18	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 15.3.18	All morning	Y6 Visiting the Junior Citizen Event
Thursday 15.3.18	All morning	Y3 Visit to Sikh Gurdwara Temple
Friday 16.3.18	9.00am – 9.30am	2T's Class Assembly – Entry via the office



Year 1 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

This week in English we are continuing with traditional tales. We are planning a story and rewriting the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. We will also be writing the story of The Three Little Pigs from the wolf's point of view and attempting to add interesting and humorous vocabulary. We will also be reading the story My Mum by Anthony Browne.

In maths this week will be re-visiting number facts to 20. We will be practising our subtraction skills using a number line to count back. We will be learning to understand that subtraction cannot be completed in any order whereas addition can. In speedy maths we will be looking at subtracting at speed.

This week will be enjoying some science activities. We will be planning and making a range of experiments! Dropping an egg might be involved!

This week and next week is Parents' Evening please don't forget to make an appointment if you haven't already. The children's books will be out in the classroom for you to have a look at during the evening.

Have a great week,

The Year 1 Team



Year 2 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

This week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology) Week. The children will be taking part in a range of activities, experiments and planning tasks – it will be a very exciting week!

We would appreciate your help with a few aspects of STEM week to help things run smoothly:

Monday 5.3.18	Today your child will come home with a list of 'junk modelling' items that they have chosen to use in a task that they will do later in the week. Please send these items into school with your child on Thursday. Thanks in advance for your support with this!
Tuesday 6.3.18	Tomorrow we will be getting the children to make a thrilling zip wire experience for a lego man! We have lots of Lego bricks in school but not any Lego men! If your child has 1 or 2 we can borrow for testing zip wires tomorrow afternoon, please send them in with your child on Tuesday morning.
Friday 9.3.18	Y2 will be having their 'Ecology Day' at school. We will be spending the whole day outdoors (weather permitting!) learning about plants and doing some practical map work. Please can you ensure your child is wearing wellies or old trainers that day as well as set of spare bottoms in case they get wet/muddy. Their coat should be in school anyway but feel free to provide a hat and gloves if it's still chilly on the day!

Coming up soon in speedy maths (* indicates new learning):

w/b 5.3.18	*Count on in $\frac{1}{2}$ s to 10 Know 2x table and division facts Add and subtract 1-digit and 2-digit Count in 2s and 5s Add two 1-digit numbers
w/b 12.3.18	*Count on in $\frac{1}{2}$ s to 10 Know 2x table and division facts Add and subtract 1-digit and 2-digit Count in 2s and 5s Add two 1-digit numbers

2B are really looking forward to seeing their parents on Friday for their class assembly! Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Glaister, Miss Burgess and Mrs Temlett



Year 3 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

In English this week, the children's learning is based around the book 'Cliffhanger' by Jacqueline Wilson. We will be using the story to explore the description of characters and settings.

In maths, we are continuing to work on length. The children will be using rulers to measure and draw lines, working to an increasing degree of accuracy. Later in the week, they will be comparing different lengths and getting more confidence in working with measurements in metres and centimetres.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b 5.3.18	Know division facts relating to 3x table at speed. Mentally add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers.
w/b 12.3.18	Know pairs of numbers to 100 Know division facts relating to 3x table Mentally add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers. Know 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables.

This week is STEM week. The children will be conducting a range of experiments as well as looking at engineering activities in pairs and teams. We will also be taking time this week to practise for our KS2 show.

Y3 Golden Hinde Trip – Tuesday 5 June to Wednesday 6 June

If your child is taking part in this trip and you have only paid the deposit of £25 so far, please note that a further instalment of £30 will be due by Friday 16 March. If you have already paid £55, please note your next instalment will be due on Friday 13 April.

Y3 Visit to the Sikh Gurdwara Temple – Thursday 15 March

If you would like your child to take part in this trip you will need to log into Tucasi and go to the trip section, tick the consent box and pay the voluntary contribution of £5.24 as soon as possible, as the deadline has now passed.

Have a good week,

Mrs Smith and Mr Loughlin



Year 4 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

You should have received an email about our trip to the Gurjar Hindu Union Temple on Tuesday 20 March 2018. We would love a few helpers on this trip please. Numbers are limited, so if we are oversubscribed then we will pick names out of a hat. The temple visit should really bring our Hinduism topic to life.

As part of our STEM week we have lots of exciting activities planned. Please could your child bring in any suitable newspapers by Thursday 8 March. We will also be conducting a science investigation about materials.

In maths this week, the children will be measuring and converting between different units. We will be applying these skills to problem solving activities.

Coming up soon in speedy maths (* indicates new learning):

w/b 5.3.18	*Use tables facts to work out related x at speed. Know simple equivalent fractions Know pairs of numbers to 90.
w/b 12.3.18	* Know division facts for 7x table at speed. Convert cm to m and vice versa Continue simple number patterns Use tables facts to work out related x at speed. Know pairs of tens to 180

Metro Bank are going to be running a series of sessions for Year 4. The first one takes place on Monday, when members of the bank are coming into school to introduce children to the idea of looking after money.

We are starting our preparations for the Year 3, 4 and 5 show which will take place on Wednesday 21 March (4J) and Thursday 22 March (4S).

Y4 Residential Trip - High Ashurst - 13 to 15 June 2018

If your child is taking part in this trip and you are following the payment plan, please ensure you are up to date with your payments. A total of £140 should have been paid by 26 January. Please note a final balance will be due by 30 March. If you are not following the payment plan, please note that the **full amount** is due by 30 March 2018.

Y4 Visit to the Gurjar Hindu Temple – Tuesday 20 March

If you would like your child to take part in this trip you will need to log into Tucasi and go to the trip section, tick the consent box and pay the voluntary contribution of £9.38 by today, Monday 5 March.

Have a great week.

Miss Jenkins and Mrs Spooner

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Year 5 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

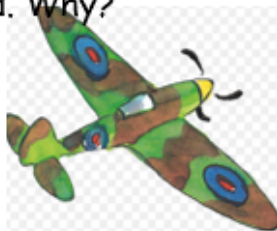
In English this week, we will be using STEM week for cross-curricular learning, for example we will be looking at how scientific methods were applied in order to eradicate cholera. We will be science detectives, asking questions to investigate the problem.

In maths, we will be undertaking a range of fun STEM week activities. These will include real-life examples that require lateral thinking. Why don't you have a go at some of the examples below? You can ask your children for the answers!

STEM Challenge

1) During the war it was decided to put armour on airplanes to protect them against being shot down. Armour is too heavy to put everywhere so they went to look at planes to see where the armour should go. They looked at where they tended to be riddled with bullets and ordered armour to be placed there.

When a leading scientist was told about this he was amazed and ordered the exact opposite to be done. Armour was therefore placed on all areas on which no damage could be found. Why?



2) Why are manholes circular?



3) The police know that someone in a building has a weapon. They know the weapon is over 1 metre long. They check the building and can't find the weapon. One of the people in the building has a strange case that measures one metre by one metre. They decide to check inside it. Why?



In speedy maths this week, we will be covering the following areas:

w.b: 5.3.18	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Know all tables to 12x12 including division facts at speed. Add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers at speed. Subtract p from £&p Continue simple number patterns Convert L to ml and vice versa
w.b: 12.3.18	Add and subtract pairs of 2-digit numbers at speed. Add and subtract p from £&p Convert m to km and vice versa

Y5 Astrodome Workshop – Wednesday 7 March

If you would like your child to take part in this workshop, you will need to log into Tucasi and go to the trip section and pay £3.00 as soon as possible, as the deadline has now passed.

Y5 Visit to the Buddhapadipa Temple – Wednesday 25 April

If you would like your child to take part in this trip you will need to log into Tucasi and go to the trip section, tick the consent box and pay the voluntary contribution of £5.89 by Monday 16 April.

We will be enjoying a range of fun activities in STEM week. This will include looking at visual illusions and how the body perceives things.

Best wishes,

Mr Vidal and Mrs Beunderman



Year 6 Weekly Information w/b 5.3.18

In English this week, we will be analysing the features and structure of a short story, then use this as a starting point to create our own short story. We will be revising how to use inverted commas accurately and consider how to use them with effect.

In maths, we will be revising how to order and round decimals. We will also be looking at prime and square numbers as well as revising how to calculate the four operations with fractions. In our themed learning, we will be learning about China's famous terracotta warriors and looking at the intricate designs on them. We will then design our own in preparation for creating our own sculpture out of clay.

As part of STEM week, the Year 6 children will be leading an activity in Whanau, where their group designs and makes an outfit including the appropriate accessories to go with it.

In science, we will be carrying out an investigation which involves shadows. If you have a torch at home that you wouldn't mind sending in, it would be greatly appreciated. We will need them on Tuesday until Thursday.

Y6 Junior Citizen Event – Thursday 15 March

If you would like your child to take part in this trip you will need to log into Tucasi and go to the trip section, tick the consent box and pay the voluntary contribution of £7.50 by today, Monday 5 March.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come along on the day to help. We will email you shortly further details.

Y6 PGL Windmill Hill – 18 June – 22 June 2018

If your child is taking part in this trip and you are following the payment plan, please ensure you are

up to date with your payments. A total of £367 should have been paid by 2 February. Please note that a final instalment will be due by 31 March. If you are not following the payment plan, please note that the **full amount** is due by 31 March 2018.

Have a lovely week.

Miss Bidwell, Mrs Peters and Mrs Jayasuriya