



NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates



Tuesday 12th March	-	Nursery & Reception Trip
Wednesday 13th March	-	6.30pm Parents Meeting, Maths Make Sense
Thursday 14th March	-	Yr 3 & 4 Sports, Lee Valley
Friday 15th March	-	Comic Relief 2013
Monday 18th March	-	Year 4 Strings, Orchestra & Solos Concert—AM
Tuesday 19th March	-	Nursery & Reception Trip
Wednesday 20th March	-	Year 3 Recorder Concert—AM
Friday 22nd March	-	Easter Disco (Tickets will be on sale on Monday).
Wednesday 27th March	-	Year 3 & 4 Performance—PM
Thursday 28th March	-	2.00pm Children depart for Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	-	School starts at normal time 8.30am. Please arrive promptly.

LIFT OFF PHASE—READING MEETING

Thank you to all parents who attended the Lift Off Reading meeting on 5th March. There was a great turn out and it was lovely to see so many of you there. The powerpoint presentation we used can be accessed through the school website in the 'parents' section. Many of you said you would like support with Maths - don't forget the meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm. Writing was also something parents said they would like support with so we will hold a meeting on Writing in the Summer Term. Watch this space....

MOTHERS DAY

The Nursery children invited their mothers and grandmothers in for a tea party today. They enjoyed eating scones, biscuits and cucumber sandwiches made by the children.



Scholastic Book Order

Going home with this newsletter is the book club leaflet. **Your World Book Day Voucher can be used against your order.** All orders and money to be returned to the School Office by Weds 20th March. No orders will be accepted after this time.



Soar Phase

Macbeth Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the Soar Phase parents for contributing to the year 5 & 6 Macbeth coffee morning, and supporting them with your relevant skills. As this makes a magnificent team. This is going to be wicked.
From Yr 5 & 6 Team

School Photo's

Don't forget all proof photographs must be returned no later than Tuesday 12th March with correct money in clear envelope and proof picture. **If you miss this date you will need to send the order direct to Van Cols and a surcharge of £3.50 will be added.**

Dinner Money

Payable every Monday
£10 per week

School Uniform
Sold every Tuesday
Morning
8.30am - 9.00am

Parent

Conference

Friday 26th April
More information to follow.

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WEDNESDAY 13TH March at 6.30pm in the School Hall when teaching and learning of Maths at Keys Meadow. Part of the meeting will be led by Maths Make Sense Consultant and trainer, Mandy Benton.

You are also invited to see Maths teaching and learning in action the following morning (Thursday 14th March) at 9.00am when you can observe your child's class maths lesson. We look forward to seeing you at either of these events.

Wick Court Farm

Last week 28 children from years 3 & 4 enjoyed spending a whole week at Wick Court Farm in Gloucester. The children got stuck into all the jobs of daily farm life including feeding the animals, collecting eggs and mucking out! On the final day the skies cleared for a beautiful walk round the countryside, where almost everyone got stuck in the mud.

"I liked tasting different foods, playing with the piglets and feeding the sheep, horses and pigs." by Sophie Jo

"I love Wick Court Farm, I heard a rooster every morning and wish I could go there again." by Isha

"My favourite part was when we met the tiny piglets." by Aidan

"I like to feed the animals but most of all the cows. By Kerim

Comic Relief 2013

Comic Relief is an opportunity to raise money to help change lives of people living in the UK and Africa.

Do Something funny for money

To show our support, we intend to video the whole school doing a new dance craze called the 'Harlem Shake' on Monday 11th March. We hope to send the video to Comic Relief in support of this good cause. On Friday 15th March, the children can come to school wearing a red nose for a small donation of 50p each or £1 for families. Any other donations would be greatly appreciated.

LETS SHOW OUR SUPPORT!

Football

On Wednesday the boys Football team played their last league fixtures of the season. We won our first game 5-0 after a brilliant team performance and some amazing goals. Unfortunately we lost our second game 2-0 and therefore, have our fingers crossed that we will make the finals.

Ergis's Joke of the week

Why did the cannibal go to the wedding?

He wanted to toast the guests!

Lost property

There are 2 bags of lost property from last half term. Please see Mrs Chapman to look through and see if any of the items belong to your child(ren). Everything left and not claimed by Monday night will be disposed of.

Attendance & Punctuality

Remains at a good level overall (despite the sickness bug that's sweeping the country and an outbreak of chicken pox!) Our attendance rate last week was 96.05%

Congratulations to Skylarks and Owls who both achieved a perfect 100% and are our best attenders of the week.

What are the signs of chickenpox?

Blisters appear on the face and scalp, spreading to the trunk and abdomen and eventually to the limbs. After 3-4 days they dry with a granular scab and are usually followed by further crops. There may be symptoms for 1 to 2 days before the appearance of the rash, such a headache, sore throat and feeling off-colour.

How long is it infectious?

The incubation period is between 9 and 19 days. The virus is present at the back of the nose and throat in the first few days and in the fluid of the blisters before they dry up. The infectious period is from one to two days before the rash appears until the blisters are scabbed over. (Normally 5-7 days)

Key Points

Pregnant women should contact their GP as soon as possible if they have been in contact with chickenpox and have no definite history of having had the disease.

Have a good weekend everyone. And Happy Mothers Day from all at Keys Meadow.