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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I know the weather was mixed but I hope you managed to get outdoors for at least some of the time! The children have all returned to school well and have started their new learning experiences. You may well have noticed that the website has not been updated with the new learning for this term and home learning. This is because we have started to transition to the new ACE curriculum planning and this has started with an exciting Design and Technology and English experience, focusing on food. The children have all got new journals for working in and I have to say they have thoroughly enjoyed and excelled at their work this week. I know that they will look forward to sharing their work with you at parents evening next month.

Staffing News

I am thrilled to share with you that Miss Gibson is expecting her first baby in the Summer. Sadly, she has been unwell during the early stages of her pregnancy but is making good progress now. Thank you to everyone who has enquired about her health in the past weeks. I know she has been grateful for the care and kindness people have shown.

Mrs Watts and Mrs Singer will both be leaving us at Easter as they have decided to spend more time with their families, leading a more leisurely life! Both have worked at the school for many years, and I cannot begin to explain how much we will all miss them both!

Planting Day



The PTFA have kindly paid for some new planting to go onto the field to support OPAL play and this includes some very exciting willow shelters for the children to use on the field. Hannah Gichie has kindly designed the planting and will be carrying it out on Wednesday next week. If you are able to

help Hannah, please come armed with a spade and some wellies next Wednesday morning - the more help the merrier!

World Book Day

A reminder that it is World Book Day on 7th March. As I have said previously, there is no expectation that children dress up as book characters but if they choose to come to school on that day dressed as one that is fine (it will be a normal school uniform day for those choosing not to dress up). We would, however, like all children to take part in our World Book Day activity which is to create a book character from toilet roll and bring it to school on 7th March. I know how creative our children are, so I cannot wait to see what they produce!



Governors

We have some vacancies for Co-Opted/ Community school governors. An advert will be going out via ParentMail today should you know of anyone who might be interested in joining in the exciting developments at our school for our children. The advert will also

be on our school website. If you know anyone who might be interested they can find out more from myself or our Chair of Governors claire.wenglorz@acexcellence.co.uk

School logo



As you have probably noticed from the letterhead, our new logo has arrived! It combines our old logo beautifully and it will be used on signage, letters, the website and school uniform going forward.

PTFA

A reminder that on WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY, we have a Mufti Day for the PTFA's "SPRINGO" event (Spring bingo!) Please send in items for prizes for the bingo - easter eggs, easter sweets, spring plants etc. "Springo" will be held at school on Thursday 7th March.

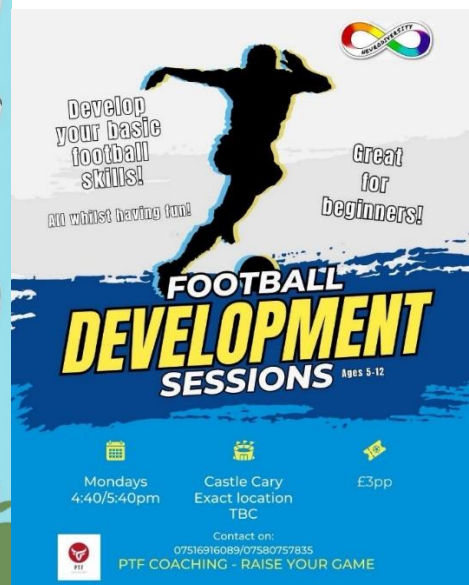
School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has sent their children back to school in the correct uniform. I will continue to discuss appropriate uniform with children and offer support where needed. The PTFA have second hand uniform which can be obtained if required. Please do ask at the office.

M and S School Uniform

We have been advised by M and S that they will no longer sell school uniform with a logo after October 2024. This means that RAM sports will be our sole supplier.

Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary

28.2.24 Year 5/6 hockey tournament at Kings Bruton

28.2.24 Mufti for Spring Bingo

28.2.24 Opera plus workshop Year 5/6

1.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC

7.3.24 World Book Day

7.3.24 PTFA Spring Bingo

8.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC

11.3.24 - 22.3.24 Assessment fortnight
15.3.24 Comic Relief
15.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
19.3.24 Opera plus workshop Year 5/6
19.3.24.24 Year 5/6 netball tournament at Ansford
20.3.24 Parents evening
21.3.24 Parents evening
22.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
25.3.24 Bikeability Year 6
26.3.24 Bikeability Year 6
26.3.24 Opera plus dress rehearsal at Ansford plus performance to parents at 5:30pm
28.3.24 Easter Bonnets
28.3.24 School closes



Starfish - Rosie Higgins
Sea Otter - Ellie Newth
Turtle - George Monk
Octopus - Scarlett Loxton
Dolphin - Lily Cole
Jellyfish - Charlotte Goodhew
Swordfish - Arthur Pocock
Head teacher's award - Taylor-James Treleaven-Johnson

Kind regards,

Sarah Martin