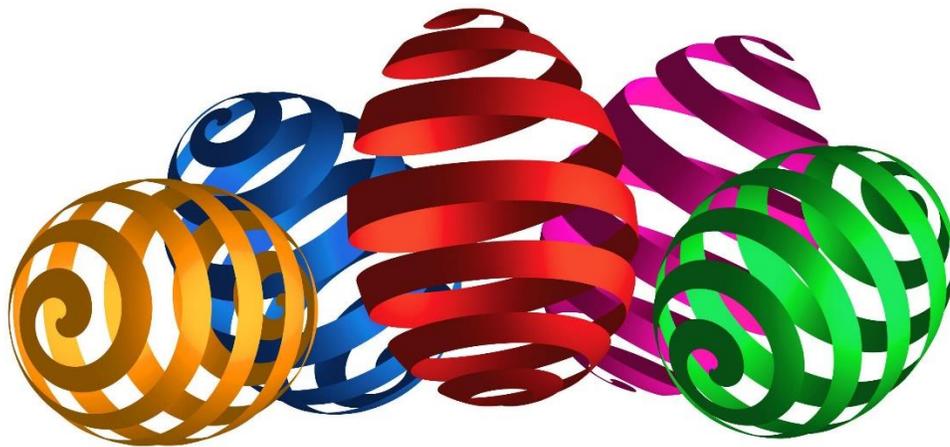


HAPPY EASTER



Newsletter



March 2018

Recently at Lake Farm...

Apparently Spring is here – although to look at the weather I don't think you would know it! How grey and miserable it is. I do hope that the predicted weather and return of 'the Beast from the East' does not happen.

In school we are definitely ready for the holidays and this term has been packed with wonderful learning. Yesterday, year 1 put on an eggcellent show with eggciting performances and eggceptional singing. It really was an eggstravaganza of the amazing work they have done this term: Superheroes, World Geography and Dinosaurs. I was so impressed by the standard and volume at which the children spoke, and the confidence they had. It was a testament to the hard work and commitment that all of the year 1 team have shown so far this year, and I am looking forward to seeing what they accomplish in their last term.

Year 2 had a fabulous trip to Uxbridge to see the film Peter Rabbit as celebration to finish their learning on Beatrix Potter. The children all travelled to Uxbridge by bus, which was an interesting experience for some, but I am so proud to have received positive comments from members of the public about the children's behaviour and manners, especially on public transport. The children were all enthralled by the film and found it incredibly funny – I have had about 70 recommendations that I **HAVE** to go and see it over the holidays! Well done Year 2 on representing the school so well.

A final plea for parents to take part in our Cricket Festival on the 27th April. We are hoping to host a staff vs parents match as the finale to our cricketing day which the children will all watch. If you are able to be a part of the parent's team, please let the main office know to put your name down. The match will be umpired by the Academy Board Director Mr. Muralee Nair, a keen cricketing fan. I cannot promise blue skies and sunshine, but I can promise fun and refreshments, so please – even if you do not want to play, come and support the event. The children will be taking part in their own mini festival during the day and the final prize giving will take place at 3pm on the KS1 playground.

Can I please remind all parents that as the days improve children still need to bring coats to school, and please help us by naming these so that we can return them if they are left in the lunch hall etc. We can only return lost property to its rightful owner if it has a name in it. As the weather will hopefully get hotter, this extends to sun hats and jumpers which are often left lying around. If you are buying new uniform and summer uniform over the break, please make sure you label it before it comes into school.

Wishing all our friends and families a very happy and peaceful break, and looking forward to seeing you all again on the 16th April.

Handwritten signature of Kate Day.

Attendance and Punctuality



A reminder to all families that holidays in term time will not be authorized. I have had many requests over the past few weeks for this in the run up to the holidays and for afterwards. Year 2 have their SATs in a few weeks, so every day in school is vital. Reception are being assessed for their progress towards their Good Levels of Development. With attendance below 95% effectively every child in that class is missing over 1 hour of education a week. 80% is every child having a day off! Please support us in educating your child by ensuring they are here.

Ladybird	94.9%	Badger	98.3%
Butterfly	95.3%	Otter	97.6%
Grasshopper	93.3%	Fox	84.7%
Squirrel	96.2%	3MS	95%
Rabbit	94%	3NP	94.6%
Mole	96.2%	3KW	97.7%
Whole School to date: W/E 09.03.18		94.4%	

Shelfie Challenge

A final reminder that the Shelfie Challenge finished on the 16th April, and children should be reading, reading, reading over the holidays to be able to put as many books as they can on their shelves of sponsorship. Please send the children back into school with their completed challenges, shelves and sponsorship money the first week back. Please send it in via the classes so that class teachers can tick off who has participated and who needs certificates. I already have a large pile on my desk for Professors who have read at least 12 books. Remember, all of the money raised will go to buying new home reader books for the school, and there are prizes for the highest sponsorship each class and year group.



Dates for the Diary...

16.4.18	Term Starts End of Shelfie Challenge
26.4.18	Asthma Nurse Coffee Morning
27.4.18	Cricket Festival including staff v parents cricket match
17.5.18	Year 3 trip to Verulamium
24.5.18	Asthma Nurse Coffee Morning
28.5. to 1.6.18	Half Term
19.6.19	LFPA Summer Fair
6.7.18	Lark in the Park – Federation Fundraising Day
20.7.18	Last Day of the Year

House Points:

Well done to Seymour House for winning this term's house point challenge. Please see the table below for the results so far this term and year:

	Spring Term	Total so far
Edison	672	1408
Fleming	570	1182
Orwell	619	1220
Seymour	712	1398

Toys in School

I have been asked by several teachers to remind parents that toys from home are really not suited to being in school and we do not allow them. There seems to have been a growing trend for toys being brought in, for playing with on the playground and some for show and tell. However, we cannot ensure that toys are kept safe and away from harm, and so it is easier to have the rule NO TOYS. Our show and tell sessions in classes in KS1 are really for things the children are proud that they have achieved – swimming certificates, gradings, pictures of overcoming fears and even things they have made. Toys are proving to be distractions in class and are stopping learning. Please help us keep them safe by not allowing them into school in the first place. Thank you for your help with this.



However, should children wish to bring sports equipment to play with friends on the playground, this is allowed as it encourages team work and friendships. Should your child wish to bring in anything from the following list, they can do so as long as it is clearly labelled with their name and class. These can only be used on the playgrounds at break and lunch time, and are the sole responsibility of your child:

Footballs – NOT LEATHER

- Tennis balls
- Rackets
- Cricket sets
- Soft Frisbees
- Bean Bags
- Skipping Ropes
- Hula hoops

BYE BYE



Mr Barradell

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Barradell who leaves us today. Mr Barradell has been with the school for 2 years and led year 1 superbly in his time with us. His lessons are always enjoyable to be a part of and Squirrel class will miss him greatly. However, the world is calling and Mr Barradell and his family are taking the window of opportunity they have to travel to Australia and the New World before relocating to Oxfordshire. We all wish the whole family well, and hope that he will send us lots of postcards and email us photos from his travels.

