

February Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

As you will see from all the additions to the dates at the end of this newsletter there is a great deal planned over the next half term and beyond at school. This includes the next round of parents/carers meetings. Unfortunately these couldn't all take place in the same week so please do look carefully to see which week different year groups are having theirs.

In our last assembly before the half term we said a fond farewell to Miss Fabisz who now begins her maternity leave. We send her and her partner our very best wishes and look forward to meeting the new addition to the family in the near future. We welcome Miss Lockert and Mrs Jones to the school team in Miss Fabisz's absence, both have already been teaching in Ash class and are fitting in very well.

The school choir goes from strength to strength and many of you will be aware that we now have a booking to perform at the Burgess hall on April 3rd as part of a larger choir concert, very exciting. This is all on top of another very successful trip to the O2 as part of the Young Voices concert, see the picture taken at the concert. My thanks to all the staff who are involved in this wonderful enriching part of the school.

There's information below about Maths and Reading in school as well as further details about the playground project and 150 years of Holywell.

I hope that the information is useful and that you are all enjoying the half term week.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley



[Times Tables Rock Stars Re -Launch](#)

It's time to get our ROCK-on! To start the half term off with bang, we are re-launching Times Tables Rock Stars with a ROCK DAY! Throughout the day, we shall be logging on to TTRS to compete in virtual challenges, watch teacher's compete in our assembly and much more!

Your child can dress up as a rock star for the day (or as a Numbot/Robot in Ash Class or a Numberblock in Willow Class)

TTRS and Numbots are an essential part of continuing learning at home; we have seen these being used less at home recently. If you are unsure of your child's login details, please contact your child's class teacher. Multiplication facts and associated division facts (as well as number bonds through Numbots) play a vital part in a child's mathematical learning journey, so we should support the practise and retention of these as much as we can!

See you Friday 28th February, Rockstars!

Mr Turner



Reading at Holywell

You will have already had a letter from Mrs Okai this half term about World Book Day next week. Below is some more information about reading at Holywell and I have also attached separately to this newsletter ideas from PIXL about effective ways to support your children's reading at home.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ben and Carol Peilow for a very generous monetary donation, which has allowed us to enhance class reading areas with some modern non-fiction books. A massive thank you to Ben and Carol for their kindness!

Here is a small selection of some of the books purchased through their generosity:



School Playground Project

Whilst it probably appears that not a great deal is going on in terms of this project, there has been a lot happening behind the scenes. What's slowed things down is that we have had to apply for planning permission for the project as it represents a change of use to the land. This has also involved ecological and arboreal surveys taking place. We hope that the paperwork will soon be cleared and that we will be able to proceed again.

We've had some kind offers from parents and carers about possible help with excavations and use of equipment and hope to be back in touch soon about these.

We are also working closely with the parish council and we are very hopeful that they will also be able to support us with the project. We are also enormously grateful for the support of the HSA and their fundraising efforts. Despite all this we are still some way short of the £40 000 target we need to complete the project. At the moment we will be able to complete the preparatory work and get a preparation surface down but won't actually be able to afford the playing surface on top of this. You may have already seen the QR code which can be scanned to help support with donations, I've also included this here.

Thank you if you are able to help or if you know a local business that might lend their support.



150 Year Celebrations

As well as the planned changes to the playground there are other ideas and events to celebrate the school's 150 years that are planned or have already begun.

You will be aware of the competition to design the Yarn Bombers village projects which will be put in place in May. This closed on the last day of half term and we had lots of entries, we are looking forward to seeing these around the village in the very near future. We are very grateful for the way in which the Yarn Bombers support the school and I also attach here a photograph of those children who won their last competition which took place over Christmas.

A lot of our events are planned around the 150th day of the school year, which takes place in the same week as SATs week (Mid May). We are expecting a visit from the Bishop of Huntingdon that week for a special afternoon assembly and are also looking forward to a street style party on the playground.

Some of the school events this year should have a Victorian style theme to them, including the Sports Days and the HSA summer fair.

Work has already begun on a pupil written 150 year commemorative magazine, which should be published in the Summer. Old pictures of the school and interviews with former pupils are very much welcomed, please let me know if you are able to help with this.

There are some other ideas still developing and I hope to provide more news soon.



Community Notices

 Providing NHS services

We can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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Dates



New Dates In Bold

- **24th February - Second half of Spring Term begins**
- **25th February - Year 6 Quick Sticks Tournament**
- **27th February - A Team Football Tournament**
- **28th February - TT RockStars Re-Launch (See above)**
- **3rd March - HSA Pancake Flip**
- **4th March - Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament**
- **6th March - World Book Day (See previous letter from Mrs Okai)**
- **6th March - B Team Football Tournament**
- **12th March - Y6 First Aid training morning**
- **12th March - Y6 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **13th March - Y6 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **14th March Youth Dreams Project Football Tournament**
- **17th March - Healthy Eating Workshops**
- **18th March - Healthy Eating Workshops**

- **18th March Year 5//6 Netball Tournament**
- **19th March - Y5 First Aid training morning**
- **20th March - Dance Competition in school**
- **26th March - Y R,1, 3, 4, 5 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **27th March - Y R, 1, 3, 4, 5 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **28th March - Art and RE Day (More details to follow)**
- **31st March - Y2 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **1st April Year 6 Flag Football Practice**
- **1st April Year 5/6 Cross Country Competition**
- **2nd April - Y2 Parents/Carers evening (More details to follow)**
- **3rd April - Choir Concert, Burgess Hall**
- **4th April - Last Day of Spring Term**
- **22nd April - Training Day**
- **23rd April - Summer Term Begins**
- **5th May - Bank Holiday**
- **22nd May - Last Day of first half of Summer Term**
- **23rd May - Training Day**
- **26th - 30th May - Half Term**
- **2nd - June - Second Half of Summer Term begins**

- **15th June - Sports Day Carousel (Morning) and Picnic**
- **26th June - Sports Day Races (Afternoon)**
- **2nd July - Reserve date for - Sports Day Carousel (Morning) and Picnic**
- **3rd July - Reserve date for - Sports Day Races (Afternoon)**
- **22nd July - Summer Term ends**