

Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022

It's great to be back for the second half of the Spring Term, with so many things to look forward to in the coming months. I thoroughly enjoyed the Upper Key Stage 2 Poetry Slam earlier in the week and it was fabulous to see everyone in their fantastic costumes yesterday for World Book day. We are also very much looking forward to celebrating Careers Week next week and hearing from some very interesting visitors. It has also been lovely to see all of the children together in the hall at the same time this week, which is something that we haven't been able to do for such a long time. Having Worship as a whole school and being able to sing together has been wonderful.

Poetry Slam

This week, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in Two Village's first Poetry Slam. Last half term, all of the children in both classes were lucky enough to take part in the first ever Spoken Word Power Project and work with Martha Pailing, a spoken word and performance artist who has performed across the UK. In small groups, they worked with Martha to write and perform their own performance poems on the subject 'Speaking my Truth.' She then helped them to rehearse and perfect their performances in preparation for the Poetry Slam. The children took part in the Poetry Slam on Monday, which Martha helped to judge and they all did amazingly well. There were some great performances and some very honest and emotive poems. Congratulations to the two winning teams – 'Oz-Mint' from Year 6, consisting of Libbi and Olivia and 'Poetry Partiers' in Year 5, consisting of Connie, Ava and Max. The two winning teams will now have the opportunity to perform their poems at a special Spoken Word Power Regional Finale, which will be taking place on Monday 14th March, at the Lakeside Theatre at the University of Essex. We look forward to seeing our Two Village pupils on stage and can't wait to hold our next Poetry Slam next year!



Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on 15th and 17th March this half term. Hopefully, you will all have received a date/time for your meeting now. If you have not organised this yet, please contact your child's class teacher to see if you can still arrange an appointment. This year, we will be returning to face to face meetings. However, in order to reduce the number of people waiting in one area, we will be holding some meetings in classrooms. On both evenings, Miss Thompson, Miss Gillooly and Mr Cornell will be in the hall, Miss Bowers and Mrs Hazell will be in the Key Stage 1 learning area and Miss Herbert will be in her classroom. Parents/carers waiting to see Miss Herbert should wait in the school entrance area, parents/carers waiting to see Miss Bowers and Mrs Hazell will wait in the library and everyone else will wait in the atrium. We will do our best to put up signage to guide you to the correct waiting areas on the day.

Netball Club

Letters were sent out this week about Netball Club for girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, which will take place on a Thursday after school. The club will be led by Mrs Watkinson. If you haven't seen one of these letters and would like one, there are spare copies in the school entrance area.

Class Group Photographs

Stanley Baker Studios will be taking class group photographs on Thursday 17th March. Please remember to ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform on this day. Year 6 will also be having individual photographs taken.

Speaking Competition for Year 3, Key Stage 1 and Reception

This half term, it is the turn of Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 to take part in their Speaking Competition. The children have talked about this with their teachers and have received a guide about the competition which includes useful tips. Hopefully, the children have got an idea of what subject they might like to present about now.

Teachers will be organising some class heats during the next few weeks to decide on winners for each class. The winners will go on to compete in the final on 31st March.



Careers Week

We are really looking forward to hearing from a variety of visitors next week, who will be speaking to our Key Stage 2 pupils about what they do in their jobs, how they got their jobs and which of our essential Skills Builder skills they use in their jobs. From an archaeologist to the Director of Performance Sciences for the Canadian Sport Institute Atlantic, we have a fantastic week ahead, which I am sure will be very inspiring!

Help for Ukraine

This week, we received an email from a gentleman called Dawid Biernacki who is running an initiative with a friend to collect, sort and redistribute items needed for Ukrainians. They are setting up a venue in George Street where the old Mayflower Project was taking place, which is where all the items will be transferred to. They would like us to help with collecting items that are needed. **No Clothes please.** Items that are required are:

- Foil Blankets
- Thermal blankets
- First aid kits, particularly bandages
- Sleeping bags
- Nappies, nappy rash ointment, infant bottles, dummies and baby milk formula
- Women's Hygiene products
- Shampoo and soap
- toothbrushes
- Long life food items, in particular protein/energy bars
- Power banks – charged up
- Medicines – vitamins and painkillers
- Calpol
- Children's food pouches
- Head torches, batteries AAA&AA



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We will be accepting donations on their behalf which they will collect. They have also said that they are happy for any parents/carers to contact them directly if they are willing to take part and help. Please contact Dawid on 07460839095 if you would like to help. If you have any donations, please bring these in bags to the school entrance area.

Class Attendance Tracking

Now that things are starting to return to normal, we are focusing on returning to a good level of attendance across the school. To support this, we have introduced weekly class attendance tracking in school to identify which classes have the best attendance. The winning class each week will receive a trophy to keep in their classroom and the winning class for the half term will receive a special treat, chosen by the children. We will be sharing each class's percentages in our newsletters. Please note that when percentages are calculated for each class, medical appointments will not be counted as absences for the purpose of the class attendance tracking.

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 21/2/22	96.3%	91.6%	89.7%	93.7%	95.4%	94.6%
WC 28/2/22	98.5%	96.4%	93%	92.4%	97%	95.1%

Congratulations to Silver Birch Class who have won for two weeks this half term.

Spring Term Events

The School Council have been discussing what to do for Comic Relief and have decided that children will be invited to wear something red or dress as a superhero for the day, for a donation of £1.

Mrs Natasha Bennett
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022

Date	Event
WC 7 th March 2022	National Careers Week
Thursday 31 st March	Speaking Competition Final
WC 14 th March 2022	Parent Consultation Evenings – Tuesday and Thursday
Friday 18 th March 2022	Comic Relief
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Reception, KS1 and Year 3 Speaking Competition Final
Friday 1 st April 2022	End of the Spring Term
WC 4 th April 2022	Easter break
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term
Week commencing 30 th May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th July 2022	KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES Wednesday 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Thursday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly