



27th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. The sun is shining, which always makes everyone happy!

We have a very busy half term with lots of dates to remember.

Dates:

Friday 1st **March:** Eisteddfod

Mon 6th **March:** Transition co-ordinator from Fairfield visiting year 6 children

Thurs 7th **March:** World book day

Thurs 7th **March:** PTFA meeting

Thurs 7th **March:** Year 1 hearing tests

Mon 11th **March:** Science week

Thurs 14th **March:** County Football tournament

Thurs 21st **March:** Year 3 and 4 football tournament

Sun 24th **March:** Cross country tournament

Wed 27th **March:** Digital leader's conference

Tues 2nd **April:** Y3&4 Parents PGL info evening

Weds 3rd **April:** Parents Evening

Thurs 4th **April:** Parents Evening

Weds 10th – Friday 12th **April:**

Yr5/6 Residential trip

(Oakerwood)

Fri 12th April: Finish for Easter

No school lunches this week!

As Gwernyfed are on half term this week, all children need a packed lunch every day of the week from 25 February – 1 March.

Please do not book for this week on ParentPay.

We have refunded anyone who has made bookings in error. Many thanks.



Eisteddfod

On Friday March 1st we will be celebrating St David's Day in our usual fashion, with our very own Eisteddfod Competitions that your child can enter:

- Cook Welsh cakes
- Write out a poem in their neatest handwriting
- Design the front cover of a Welsh cook book
- Recite a poem
- Play an instrument
- Perform a song or dance

The children must prepare everything at home and bring their entries into school on the morning of Friday 1st March. Please ensure all work is labelled.

Cross Country Championship on Sunday 24th March: We are hoping to put a team together for the cross country race at Hereford racecourse, please note it is on a Sunday. It starts at 11am so we will meet at 10.30am.

If your child is interested please return the **reply slip by Monday 11th March**, with a £1 entry fee. We have given the letter to the children who have shown an interest but it is also attached to this letter.

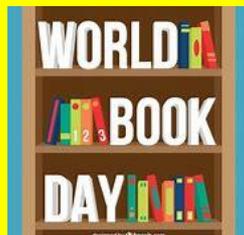
We are lucky to have local yoga teacher, Pete Norton, from Wye Valley Yoga providing a club on a Monday after school. Please see information on this below.

At the moment only 2 children have signed up for this club if you would like your child to join this club, please ensure you sign up by **Friday 1st March (years 4 to 6)**



Yoga is a great way for children to do some fun, non-competitive physical activity. It will be a fast moving, energetic class whilst also being a mindful form of movement, helping children to inhabit their bodies. They will learn a variety of yoga poses which take their names from nature and story characters (e.g. Tree pose, Lion pose), and which help with balance, strength, flexibility and general posture. Towards the end of each session they will learn some simple breathing and relaxation techniques.

Local Iyengar Yoga teacher Pete Norton will be leading this club. Pete and his wife Cori run classes in and around Hay and Hereford under the name Wye Valley Yoga. As well as regular adult classes they have taught children of all ages from primary and secondary through to college students. See www.wyevalleyyoga.com



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. In school parliament yesterday the children planned the day.

Dressing up: On Thursday 7th March your child can come into school for the day dressed as a character from a book, open ended theme.

There will be a competition for the most inventive character.

Your child can also bring their teddy again, if they want to, dressed up as a character.

Throughout the day the children will make a scene from a book come alive; acting it out, adding music and producing back drops.

They will also have time just to sit and read and enjoy books.

Book swap (optional): If your child brings a book to school they may swap it for a different book. The books will be laid out, age appropriate. Please note it is a permanent swap so please discuss this with your child and ensure they bring an appropriate book and emphasise the fact that it is a permanent swap, particularly the younger children.

Other information:



Our first steps to helping our environment:

* **Recycling crisp packets:** Positioned near the gate is a black bin just for used crisp packets of any size. Once the bin is full we will bag it up and the crisp bags will be made into plastic pellets for use for other items. Bonus, we also get a donation for our efforts.

* **Our gardens:** A group of year 5 and 6 children are working hard to clear our gardens and they would like some help. If you are in year 3 or 4 and you would like to help at lunchtimes, please bring your wellies to school on Monday and put them on the lovely new welly rack.

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Please ensure all nominations are in by 15th March 2019.

Many thanks.

Year 1 Hearing Tests Thursday 7th March: Please ensure all consent forms are in by **Wednesday 6th March**, regardless of your decision. We will have to telephone parents on the day if we have not received forms which does slow down the process.
Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

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