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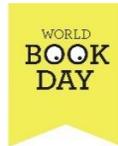


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## **News Update 20 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

For the month of March we will be looking at the value of 'courage'. Being courageous can be different things to different people. One person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of courage to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time and we have to find courage to overcome them. Throughout March the children will hear about people from the bible who were courageous such as David and Daniel. They will also begin to hear about children who have are taking courageous action against something. Towards the end of March the focus will move to the Eater story.



### **World Book Day**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities so please make sure you look out for photos shared on Instagram.

**Can we please ask that Year 3 do not wear any hair colour or make up, this is due to them having their swimming lesson in the afternoon.**

### **Parents Evening Consultations**

We have a new way of booking parents evening appointments. You will receive an email or text with a link to the new booking system. The dates for these are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Nits**

Please can I remind parents/carers about the Hedrin campaign 'Once a Week Take a Peek' as we have had some cases over half term. Please see the parent leaflet attached.

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### Mother's Day Lunches

Bookings for KS1 and KS2 Mother's day lunches will be open from 9am tomorrow Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February please can we ask for an email to be sent to the School Office stating your choice of lunch. The choice of lunch for both days is bolognaise pasta bake with garlic bread or jacket potato; when emailing in please let us know which meal you would like and if you are a vegetarian.

KS1 lunch is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and KS2 lunch is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you have a child in both key stages, please state which date you are coming.

On the KS1 day KS2 children will need to have a packed lunch. On the KS2 day KS1 children will need to have a packed lunch. *If you are unable to come, please do not worry as your child will be able to pick a member of staff to have lunch with instead.*

### Mother's Day Room

Thank you to the parents/carers who have donated towards our Mother's Day Room. We have raised an incredible £342! We hope that you all enjoy your special gifts. It was lovely to see how proud the children were choosing, wrapping and then secretly hiding their gifts away!

### St John's Ambulance

On Monday all staff took part in paediatric first aid training. For some this was a refresher and for others it was their first time. The trainers were particularly impressed that we had a defibrillator, and first aid bum bags and even more impressed by our new Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis kit.

St John's Ambulance has lots of free resources that are available to parents/carers. The first is an app that can be downloaded <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/free-first-aid-app/> and the second is a series of You Tube videos <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvd0isBh6beTpKxK0gohHOiaUQgPSII2J>.

### Online Safety...Did you know?

**Parents/carers often hand down older devices to their children. This is great, as it can save a lot of money, but there are some things to consider first... <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/guide-to-hand-me-down-devices/>**

### 75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number;

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grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number. Congratulations to Sarah Parks (1<sup>st</sup> place with £30) Danny Hastings (2<sup>nd</sup> place with £15) and Jane Brown (3<sup>rd</sup> place with £10).

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

*New dates will be highlighted in yellow.*



Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	World Book Day	Whole School – dressed as a book character
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	PTA Meeting	8:45am start
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	KS1 Mother’s Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Ladies
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Party Dude – Science Week workshop	Whole School
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	KS2 Mother’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Ladies
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Potter Class Assembly	Potter parents only 9am start
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>	<b>Whole School — DATE CHANGED</b>
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Experience Easter Workshop	Whole School
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Colchester Zoo Trip	Nightingale Class
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Last Forest School Session	Whole School
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Lego Workshop	Nightingale and Darwin Class
Weds	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Easter Enrichment Day	Whole School
<b>Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<b>1:15pm finish on 28/3/24</b>				
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Back to School	Whole School
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents only
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Celebration Assembly led by Luke House	All parents/carers welcome 9am start

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Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents invited
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	PTA Earth Day Bake Sale	All parents/carers/community welcome 9am start
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Apr	Class Photos	Whole School
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6 children only – they MUST be in this week!
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	May	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Pentecost Service at St Marys Church	9am start whole school
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Headteacher’s Year 4 Trip	St Pauls Cathedral
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	May	Parents Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	May	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	INSET DAY	Whole School
Weds	5 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Residential Trip	Kingswood Kent returning Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 6 Leavers Presentation	Chelmsford Cathedral - Details to be confirmed
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS1 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Gentlemen
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS2 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Gentlemen
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Assembly	Shakespeare Class parents only
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Day/Picnic lunch	Whole School details to follow.
Weds	19 <sup>th</sup>	June	Potter Class Assembly	Potter Class parents only
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	June	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers invited

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Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	June	Darwin Class Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Matchfest	Whole School details to follow
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 pupils. Wed-Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	USA Parents lunch	8 parents only
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	July	Euros Parent lunch	8 parents only
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	PTA meeting	All parents/carers invited
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Leavers Assembly	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Last day of term	Finish at 1.15pm

### INSET Days Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024



**Potter Class** @potter.class

**Nightingale Class** @nightingale.class

**Darwin Class** @charlesdarwin.class

**Shakespeare Class** @shakespeare.class

**PTA** @matchinggreenschoolpta.

### After School Clubs Page

#### **SCS – Football and Gymnastics**

Monday - football and Thursday - gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 2-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links.

Monday Football <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/109>

Thursday Gymnastics <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/108>

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If you have any questions then please make contact with the company directly.

**Please can children be in appropriate clothes for the sport they are taking part in. If your child is taking part in football they need football boots and shin pads.**

**Spanish Club**

Runs on a Wednesday. Please see the poster at the front of the school for further information.

**Piano Lessons**

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link:  
<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>