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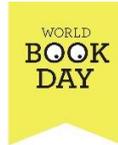


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## **News Update 18 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February is no longer an INSET day. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to hearing about all of your adventures when you return.



### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### **Book Lists**

Please find attached Books for Topics year group recommended reads.

**OVERDUE  
Please Pay**

### **Dinner Arrears**

Can we ask that school dinner and morning club accounts are kept up to date on a regular basis? Emails go out each week and we are finding they are being ignored; we are spending a lot of time chasing or writing letters requesting payment.

As a school, we cannot afford to allow debts of this nature to build up, if your account goes over £25.00 per child we would ask that, you provide a packed lunch and stop using the morning club until such times that this debt is cleared in full. If you are having financial difficulties please come and speak to me. We have a small pot of funding that we are able to use for families that are facing financial difficulties at this time.

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### Parent Survey

*Currently we have only had 11 responses from 70 families. Please complete as soon as possible so that we have a broader understanding of parents views from across the school.*

Every academic year we seek the opinions of parents/carers. We have delayed this a little later in the academic year to allow Reception (Potter Class) parents to have a greater understanding of our school and therefore in a better place to contribute. Please find a link to our parent survey: <https://forms.gle/UZhny2JCp9caVGTP6> . The closing date for this survey is the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



### Swimming for Year 3 Darwin Class

Darwin will be starting their swimming lessons **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** for 5 weeks at 13.15-14.15, they will travel on minibuses to and from Ongar Leisure Centre. The last session being on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please look out for a separate letter that will be sent with further information. If you haven't given consent or made payment please can this be done as soon as possible on your school money account.

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

**Online safety is about risk, it's about being aware of the possible threats that online activity can bring, and how to deal with them.**

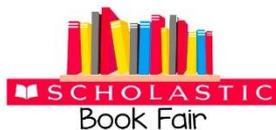
**These risks can be as follows:**

**Conduct: children's behaviour may put them at risk**

**Content: access to inappropriate or unreliable content may put children at risk**

**Contact: interaction with unsuitable, unpleasant or dangerous people who may put children at risk**

**Commercialism: children's use of platforms with hidden costs may put them at risk**



You raised £283 at the Scholastic Book Fair, which is amazing – thank you! Some new books have been ordered and are on their way to us, we have chosen mainly non-fiction books.

### NHS: Is my Child too Ill for School?

Please follow this link for information about illnesses and whether or not your child can come to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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**PTA Quiz Night**

Thank you to all those who came to the Quiz Night on Friday, over £500 was raised. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising. Congratulations to 'Village Idiots' who came first place!

**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; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number.

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

*New dates will be highlighted in yellow.*



Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
<b>Return to school Monday 26th February 2024</b>				
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Year 6 SATS parents meeting	@ 3pm Year 6 parents only
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	West End in Schools Workshop	All children
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event 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
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	KS1 Mother's Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Ladies
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

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Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Class Photos	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
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
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!

**INSET Days**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**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.

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### **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>

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/>