

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of exciting news and events to share with you from the last two weeks. Although reading, writing and counting will always be a central part of what we teach we are also keen that our pupils receive a wide and rich curriculum which inspires learning in other areas and teaches other life skills too. During Work Week, children found out about different aspects of the world of work. Some year groups found out what it's like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others were thinking about why people work at all – so they can earn money. The 'job' for all children was to find out as much as they could about the world of work. All children went on a visit related to their theme of the week or had a visitor from someone within their year group theme. Do look on our social media for news items!

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' and the school has a spotlight day planned for Wednesday 9th February 2022.

We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children). Returning home readers to school will help us to do this and make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from. Please could you check at home for any school home reading books that have not been returned and pop them in your children's book bags or give them directly to any member of staff. As you know, children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4 and they benefit hugely from any help that you can give from home. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access the online programme to help them learn their times tables called Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you when you see the opportunity.

Thank you for your support.

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Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 2 ZOO LAB

Year 2 have been learning about jobs around caring for animals. Last week, Zoo Lab visited to share different types of animals including: geckos, scorpions and African Land Snails. The children learned all about how to care for these animals and were even able to touch them!



## TIMES TABLE AMBASSADORS

The times tables ambassadors have been partnered with pupils in Years 3 and 4. They will support their peers with understanding and rapidly recall of times table facts through rote and concrete rehearsal. *How do you rehearse?*



## RECEPTION DOCTORS

This term in Reception, our topic is *People Who Help Us*. The children in Apple had a parent come into class to talk to them about being a doctor. The children enjoyed getting into role and also asking their visitor questions about her job.



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY. BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**



## YEAR 6 DRAGONS' DEN

Year 6 became entrepreneurs last week, presenting their proposed idea/invention to a group of professionals as part of Dragon's Den. Year 6 were described by one Dragon as *'future titans of industry'*, so keep your eyes peeled for these children in the future!



## YEAR 3 FOOD PREPARATION

Last week, our Year 3 pupils learned more about jobs in the food industry. As part of Work Week, the children visited our school kitchen to learn more about how food is prepared. They also researched, planned and produced fruit salad to sell at our school Enterprise Fayre.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings take place each Friday at 9.15am in the Flexi Space. Please drop in for a coffee and a conversation!

Date	Focus
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Online safety:</b> How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? <b>(Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Family team building:</b> What games can I play at home to develop resilience and confidence?
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Physical Education:</b> How does sport benefit your child? How can you get involved with sports in school?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Unconscious bias:</b> How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday Activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Parent Coffee Morning &amp; /Reading Celebration Event</b>

## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 4th January 2022  
**Work and Enterprise Week:**  
24th January 2022  
**Safer Internet Day:** Wednesday 9th February 2022

**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

**Children's Start date:**  
Monday 21st February 2022  
**World Book Day:**  
Thursday 3rd March 2022  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 24th March 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

### Summer Term 2022

**Easter Monday:**  
Monday 18th April 2022  
**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 19th April 2022  
**Families' Week:**  
Starts Monday 25th April 2022  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 2nd May 2022  
**Science & Technology Day**  
(with Science Fair):  
Monday 23rd May 2022  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 6th June 2022  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 24th June 2022  
**Keeping Healthy Week** (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 7th July 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
**Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm**  
**Staff Training Day:**  
Friday 22nd July 2022

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **95.6%**. **Well done to Apple Class**, the weekly winners with **99.7%**.

