Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

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This week we welcomed Mark Carter from the NHS to speak to the Key Stage 2 children about the range of jobs and careers available. The children found out about lots of careers from physiotherapist to audiologist and they were full of questions! We are excited to welcome Mark back next week to work with children in Robins, Kingfishers and Starlings classes.

In this cold weather, please can we ask that all children arrive at school with warm coats and gloves to wear outside at playtimes. We would also like to remind parents to please stay with your children in the school playground in the mornings, until a member of staff from your child's class arrives at 8.40am.

FOLS have their monthly meeting here in the school hall on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm. All parents are very welcome to come along and join in discussions about organising the disco on Friday 23rd February, and share ideas for other fundraising events. Please do come along and join in, as the more parents who help the more fun it is!

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The FOLS committee needs you!

FOLS are looking for a new secretary as Natalie Watts is standing down as she is now a parent governor.

Please contact Belinda Davis (parent of Mason), Natalie Watts (parent of Sophia and Sienna)

or Jen Mullier (parent of Finn and Dylan) if you are interested.

You are also welcome to talk to Sarah or Hannah (in the school office) about the role.



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Diary Dates

January

Wednesday 24th Meet the Governor - Catherine Farmer will be on the playground at morning drop off

Singing workshops - Swallows and Goldfinches

NHS Teddy Bear Hospital workshop with Mark Carter for Robins, Kingfishers & Starlings

FOLS meeting 7.30pm in the school hall

Thursday 25th Governors meeting 6pm at Hemington School

Monday 29th IG Sports Swimming Gala - a selection of year 4 children have been chosen to

represent our school at this Frome School event held at the Frome Leisure Centre

Wednesday 31st

/ 31st Coffee morning 9am in the school hall

<u>February</u>

Wednesday 7th Jackdaws Music - Year of recorder workshop Friday 9th Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS

News from the Classrooms



This week we've been reading *Percy the Park Keeper* and *One Snowy Night*, and continuing our winter theme, playing with coloured ice and seeing what colours they mix into when they melt. We also had a lot of fun painting to music.





What an exciting week we had in Kingfishers learning about diverse animal habitats! We had a few inspired moments whilst we painted to the sound of music and expressed our feelings through art.

In phonics, we revisited all the Tricky words and learned 4 new digraphs.





In Starlings class this week I have attached another photo of their artwork as I was blown away!!! The children used their knowledge of colour mixing from last week to paint a picture like Jasper Johns *Numbers in colour 1976*.





In science Goldfinch class have been investigating if the size of a magnet affects its strength. They used several different magnets, a ruler and a paperclip to see which magnet would pull the paper clip from the furthest distance.





Swallows have been busy writing creative stories about a magical object as well as exploring electrical circuits in Science and discussing salvation in RE.

