



Welcome back to school, I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable half-term break. Fortunately, our school managed to avoid any damage from the winds on the last day of Term 3, although many of the other schools in the Trust had some issues such as fallen trees and roof tiles coming off.

Following our comments on the before school provision in the last newsletter, our PE coach Ian Groves would like to set up a Breakfast Club at the school starting on Monday 14th March. This would run from 7:45am - 8:45am and would cost £3.25 a session. We will be sending out more information next week for booking places through his website. Please come and see us if you have any questions about this. We will be trialling this club until the end of Term 4 and should it prove successful, will continue in the summer term.

We spoke previously about the awareness of our governors and next Wednesday one of our parent governors, Catherine Farmer, will be available at the beginning of the day in the playground to talk to anyone about her role, or about any questions you may have about the Local Governing Body. Catherine organised the recent Twosday Fundraiser in half term which raised £382 for the school. She also shared some comments with us about the school which she received:

- *The school is such an asset to the village. I live a few doors up and love listening to the children play while I'm working from home.*
- *Let the children play, clap clap! (Oldsters like me will recognise the Fraggie Rock reference)*
- *This was my first school back in the 1960's and my mothers in the 1940's, I have a photo of her in the playground back then - what a great idea to raise cash.*
- *Love being a part of Leigh on mendip, and hope you reach your target quickly*
- *Keep up the great work FOLS*
- *Great idea for a special day - Local Councillor*
- *Fab fundraising idea for a fab school!*
- *Once in a lifetime opportunity! Great idea.*
- *Fantastic idea and lovely to see so many supporting the school & sharing their memories*

We would like to thank Catherine for all her hard work and inspiration in setting this up. The children will be voting today for what playground equipment they would like this spent on.

It has been great seeing all the children dressed up in their World Book Day costumes today, they all looked fabulous out on the playground at lunchtime. The classes enjoyed sharing some stories and completing various activities about books. We will be adding some photos of the day onto our school website at the end of next week.

In the letter sent home on Monday from Alun Williams, the conflict in Ukraine was mentioned and how this would be covered in school assemblies at the top end of Key Stage 2. This is something which most of the children will be hearing about through their families, their peers or the media and they may well ask questions in school, which our staff will tackle in a sensitive and appropriate way. There are many charity collections at the moment for the people in Ukraine who have been so adversely affected by this crisis. We have been sent information of one being organised by



Somervale School. If you would like to donate items please bring them to our school by Thursday 10th March. The list of items are as follows:

- Hand sanitiser
- Baby wipes
- Cat food
- Hand soap
- Toothpaste
- Thermal blankets
- Toilet paper
- Baby food jars
- Baby nappies (all sizes)
- Shower gel
- Hand cream
- Sanitary products
- Sleeping bags
- Roll on deodorant
- Baby clothes
- Dog food
- Bath soap
- Toothbrushes
- Medical supplies
- Pillows

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Diary Dates for the Spring Term

EACH WEEK

- Monday PM - Violin lesson for Swallow Class.
After school Drama Club (yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Art Club (Ryr and yr1)
- Tuesday AM - PE for children in Robins and Swallows with Mr Groves
PM - PE for children in Kingfishers and Goldfinches with Mr Groves
After school Sports Club with Mr Groves
- Wednesday After school - Sunflower Club
- Thursday PM - Swimming for Goldfinch Class and Group A from Starling Class
After school - Yoga Club

March

- Weds 9th Meet your parent governor Catherine Farmer in the school playground 8.45 - 9am
- Mon 14th Breakfast Club starts. Every morning from 7.45am
- Thurs 17th The HOP-SKOTSHNE Trio will be in school to run a Jackdaws Year of Kelzmer workshop
- Fri 18th Red Nose Day activities, including Dress up Day and a concert for parents at 2.45pm
- Tues 22nd Goldfinch Class Trip to SS Great Britain
- Tues 22nd Swallow Class at rehearsal followed by performance at Cheese and Grain at 5.30pm
- Mon 28th - Thurs 31st Parent Consultations with Class teachers - more details on timing to follow
- Weds 30th Kingfisher Class and Starling Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre
- Thurs 31st Rags2Riches collection organised by FOLS

April

- Weds 6th Life Education workshops in school all day
- Fri 8th FOLS Easter Egg Hunt before the start of the Easter holidays