



Kingfisher and Swallow classes have both had fantastic school trips this week. The Kingfishers ventured to Trowbridge for a toy workshop in their museum, relating to what the children are learning in history this term. Also focusing on history, the Swallow Class visited the Georgian Museum in Bath. You can read about both of these visits below.

The school is looking to appoint a new lunchtime supervisor, to work alongside our current team. This post would be for an hour and twenty minutes every lunchtime and would involve supporting our children in the dinner hall as well as on the playground. For more information please contact the school office or look out for the advert coming out soon!

We will be sending out next term's clubs letter along with this week's newsletter. We have had a review of after-school clubs and in light of the amount of payments parents are having to make, we will be able to run some of these free of charge. Other clubs will have a small cost for resources, while external clubs will still remain at the usual cost. We know this is only a few pounds per week but this will hopefully help a little in the current climate. Mrs Smith will be starting an Eco Club on a Thursday lunchtime after half term. This club will be run slightly differently in that it will be open to just one member from each year group. If your child would like to become an Eco Warrior they will need to pitch their ideas or how we can make our school and our planet more eco friendly. They can present their ideas through the medium of a poster and will be given the opportunity to present their poster in our Eco Assembly. All children's ideas will be celebrated, however only 8 children will be this year's Eco Warriors. Mrs Smith is looking forward to seeing the children's creations!

As we mentioned a few weeks ago we are now sending out our annual parent questionnaires for you to complete. We have asked that these are returned to school no later than Monday 20th February (the first day back after the half-term break). As always we welcome all kinds of feedback as it is important that the views of parents are heard and taken into account as we continue to move the school forward. We thank you in advance for completing these forms - ideally one for each of your children as you may feel experiences differ from one class to another.

We have booked our next parents' evening onto the diary dates as you can see below, on Wednesday 1st March. There will be different starting times due to the size of each class, with the evening finishing at 6:30pm. Kingfishers will start at 1:30pm, Starlings and Goldfinches at 2:30pm and Swallows at 3:30pm. We will put out the sign-up sheets next week so you can choose a time. If you are unable to attend on that date, please let us know and we will try to arrange an alternative time.

World Book Day takes place at the beginning of March each year and as we have children going swimming on a Thursday, we will be holding ours on Friday 3rd March. The children can dress up in outfits of their favourite story character for the day if they would like and we will be arranging a wide range of activities for them to take part in.

**Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips**



### Diary Dates

#### February

w/c Monday 6th	Class Drop-In Sessions (please see above)
Tuesday 7th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th	MNSP Speak Out Event (Year 6)
Friday 10th	Term 3 ends
Monday 20th	Term 4 starts
Wednesday 22nd	Goldfinch Class Trip to Egyptian Museum
Thursday 23rd	FOLS Rags 2 Riches Clothes Collection
Friday 24th	Starling Class Trip to Radstock Museum

#### March

Wednesday 1st	Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 6:30pm)
Friday 3rd	World Book Day Dress Up and Activities
Wednesday 8th	Year 5/6 residential meeting (5.30pm)
Friday 17th	Red Nose Day

#### Kingfisher Class Trip - Trowbridge Museum

This week Kingfishers class visited Trowbridge Museum to attend a Toys and Games workshop. This was an engaging and enjoyable opportunity to learn and reflect on the lives of children in the past and included object handling, comparing and contrasting old and new toys. We also played games like "shove a penny" and finished with a craft activity - we made a thaumatrope!



#### Swallow Class Trip - Royal Crescent, Bath

Swallows class were very excited to visit No. 1 Royal Crescent this week. We were able to share our amazing historian knowledge as well as find out lots more about life as a Georgian, considering the roles of the wealthy and servants in a grand house in Bath. We worked on creating our own Georgian wallpaper through pattern printing as well as touring this impressive home and trying on some brilliant costumes!





### News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been learning about Healthy Eating, we've had fun in our Smoothie Bar, we've made and enjoyed eating fruit kebab's and drinking our home made smoothies. We had lots of fun digging up vegetables in our vegetable patch!



This week the reception children practised reading longer words and the year 1's continued to learn and practise their alternative sounds. In science we looked at objects that float and sink, in RE we learned more stories from the Bible and in PE we created new dance routines.



In Religious Education, Starlings have been studying the Christian festival of Easter. First we reminded ourselves of what Christians believed happened during Easter time by reading the story in The Gospels in the New Testament part of the Bible. The children acted out each part and thought about whether this made them happy or sad. We also shared hot cross buns which reminded us of the crucifixion on Good Friday and chocolate eggs which we thought looked like the cave or stone that was rolled away when Jesus rose again.



It's been another exciting week in English this week in goldfinches. We've been searching for clues from 'The incredible book eating boy' and this has really helped us with our writing. It's been very exciting finding new books in our classroom, letters on the smartboard and he even phoned Mrs Claxton to give us a message! Next week we are going to post the letters we have written to him and write our very own story that we planned today. (we just hope he doesn't eat it!)



Swallows have had a busy week of investigating, translating and analysing. We have looked further at solubility in Science, learnt how to use search tools for databases and learnt more about how to talk about sports in French. We also had a brilliant time at No. 1 Royal Crescent in Bath.

