



We can't believe that we are halfway through the school year already! We are very pleased with the progress the school has made so far this year but as always are keen to build on this during the second half of the academic year.

Thank you to those of you who have completed our parent questionnaires. So far we have received just under 20, but are really keen to hear from each and every one of you, as all comments and opinions are valued. We have already received very positive feedback from many parents, but also areas for us to improve on. We would really appreciate receiving your responses by the first day back after the break. We will attach a copy of the questionnaire to this newsletter should you need a second copy.

Our local PCSO, Mandy Ware, came in to see us this week. She has offered to come into school to work with the pupils and will be starting this on the first day back after the half-term break, when she will be visiting us to deliver some online safety workshops.

Our Education Welfare Office, Emma Lane, came in for a meeting this week. She looked at all pupils with attendance below 93% and the reasons behind these were discussed. She also reminded us that any child taking 10 or more sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence or holiday will be subject to a penalty notice as issued by Somerset County Council. Some absence letters were sent out to parents; these are not punitive but are a reminder of the amount of sessions missed and an opportunity for us as a school to support you and your child. If you received a letter, then please feel free to contact us so we can arrange a suitable time to discuss this with you.

Reminders:

- Eco Warriors - children wishing to become part of the Eco Club have the half-term break to design a poster and then be ready to talk about it in assembly on the first week back. Any children who don't feel confident in doing this will be able to talk to Mrs Smith separately.
- Parents' Evening - the parent consultation sessions are taking place on Wednesday 1st March - please sign up on the sheet in the office.
- SMSA Advert - we are looking for a new lunchtime supervisor, an hour and twenty minutes every lunchtime, supporting our children in the dinner hall as well as on the playground. The advert will be put on Eteach.
- World Book Day - we will be holding a dressing up day, with a whole host of activities on Friday 3rd March. Children can come to school as their favourite character from a book if they would like to.

We both hope you have a very enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 20th February.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips



Diary Dates

February

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
Monday 27th	Key Stage 2 Judaism workshops

March

Wednesday 1st	Parents' Evening - varying start times depending on class
Friday 3rd	World Book Day Dress Up and Activities
Wednesday 8th	Year 5/6 residential meeting (5.30pm)
Wednesday 15th	Life Education workshops
Friday 17th	Red Nose Day
Friday 31st	Term 4 ends

News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been learning about what keeps us healthy, we've painted teeth using toothbrushes and had fun cleaning laminated teeth! We've also talked about the importance of healthy eating, exercise and sleeping (in your own bed!).



This week in science the Kingfishers learned about materials that are absorbent and waterproof. In RE we learned more about what it means to be a Christian and in Art we painted plates in the style of Clarisse Cliff.



In Starlings this week we have been creating a 'Garden of Dreams and Goals' in PSHE. Over his unit we have each set ourselves a goal and thought about the steps we could take to reach that goal.



Today at Wren Woods it was our last of 3 den building sessions. All the children showed great team working skills and came up with amazing inventions! Judging the winning den has been a very tough decision.



Swallows have had a productive final week before half-term - we have enjoyed a visit to Wren Woods building dens and designed tourism booklets about Georgian landmarks in Bath. We also sent three pupils to a debating competition at Writhlington School where they represented us incredibly well and spoke so brilliantly about our topic - well done everyone!

