



Welcome

I want to start this week's newsletter with two welcomes, both in Starling Class. The first of those is to Quincy who has joined us in Year 2 this week after moving from a school in Frome. The second is to Miss Ross, who is our new PGCE student in Starling Class. Miss Ross will be completing her teacher training over the next five months with us. I know our pupils and staff will make both of them feel a real part of our Leigh on Mendip community.

Play Equipment

We are excited to let you know that after meeting with different companies, we have agreed a design for new play equipment on the lower field where our current equipment has been condemned. Today the company that we have chosen came to do a site visit and they are hoping to start work soon after the half-term break. This may cause a little disruption on the playground near the gate while they move equipment in and out, so we will keep you informed should we need to change any of the access to the school. We are all looking forward to the installation and will share the plans with the children next week so that they know what they will soon be able to play on. I would like to say a huge thank you from all of us to our Trust who are funding the project.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and all the classes will be participating in different activities designed to promote well-being. As part of this we are going to have a 'Slippers in School Day' on Wednesday, where pupils are invited to bring their favourite pair of slippers to wear inside the school if they would like to. Slipper alternatives (such as thick fluffy socks) are also allowed!

Mr Turull



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Diary Dates

February

Wednesday 11th	Slippers in School Day - Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13th	Bring Anything but a Book Bag - FOLS Fundraising Event (see poster)
Friday 13th	End of Term 3
Monday 23rd	Start of Term 4
Monday 23rd	Starling Class Trip - Sevington Victorian School
Tuesday 24th	Swallow Class Trip - The Holburne Museum
Friday 27th	Kingfisher Class Trip - We The Curious

March

Tuesday 3rd	Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament - Norton Hill School - 4pm - 6pm
Friday 6th	World Book Day
Wednesday 18th	Tag Rugby Festival - Year 3/4 and 5/6
Thursday 19th	Year 6 Cross Country Event - Somervale School - 4.15 - 5.30pm
Monday 23rd	Dance Umbrella Performance - Bath Forum
Wednesday 25th	Parent Consultations
Friday 27th	Rags 2 Riches Collection

April

Wednesday 1st	FOLS Easter Bingo
Thursday 2nd	Goldfinch Class Final Swimming Lesson
Thursday 2nd	FOLS Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 2nd	End of Term 4
Monday 20th	Start of Term 5
Wednesday 22nd	Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip - Field to Food
Thursday 23rd	Starling Class to Begin Weekly Swimming Lessons
Thursday 30th	Kingfisher and Starling Class Trip - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Willow, Amara & Oriana
Starlings - Mireya & Toby
Goldfinches - Sofia & Amelia
Swallows - Austin & Aurora

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Daisy F
Goldfinches - Darcey T & Viv
Swallows - Caitlin & Aurora

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Sunny
Starlings - Harrison
Goldfinches - Emily
Swallows - Ava S

Notices

Parent Questionnaire - Thank you for those who have already submitted a parent questionnaire. If you are yet to do so, please consider completing one for each of your children. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Sevington Victorian School - A reminder that Starling Class will be going on their school trip on the first Monday after half term. Please therefore provide your consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account. Children will need lunch and costumes for the event.

The Holburne Museum - Swallow Class will be going on their school trip on Tuesday 24th February. Please provide consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account.

We The Curious - Kingfisher Class will be going on their school trip on Friday 27th February. Please provide consent asap via your Arbor Parent Account.

Term Time Leave - We ask that all requests for term time absences are made at least three weeks prior to the absence date. Thank you.

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News from the Classrooms



In Robins this week we have been talking about dinosaurs and learning new vocabulary such as fossils, skeletons, spikes and bones. We had great fun with play dough and dried pasta creating our own dinosaurs exploring materials with different properties.



It's been a busy week for the Kingfishers! We put the finishing touches on our textile art, mastering weaving, knotting, and threading. Our math lessons took us into the world of measurement as we investigated length and height. We also spent some lovely time sharing our feelings, inspired by our book of the week, *The Colour Monster*.



We are extremely proud of the children in Starling class this week as they have used some amazing skills that they have learnt over the last few weeks to complete their structures. The children have had fantastic ideas and really worked well as a team to design and create these structures. Well done Starlings.



This week in English, the children began their non-fiction writing on the topic of severe weather. They researched tornadoes and discovered lots of fascinating facts about how they form, where they are most common and the damage they can cause. Using this research, the children wrote clear, well-structured paragraphs to present their information in an informative way.



In Swallows this week, the class have been looking at creating fundraising activities for various existing charities as part of their work on their current unit of 'Dreams & Goals'. Miss Burroughs encouraged them to design posters for their fundraising ideas and next lesson she and the class will be exploring in more depth how these charities operate, how they get their donations and what they are doing to help those who need it.



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