



Your child may have been talking about maths over the last few weeks as we have changed our approach to mathematics teaching. We used to use a scheme called Abacus which the teachers would plan from. The areas of maths learnt would be revisited regularly so that the children would often find themselves tackling a topic three times a year (for example place value was often taught in the first weeks of Terms 1, 3 and 5). We have now joined many other schools in moving over to a mastery curriculum for maths, based on resources called White Rose Maths. The idea is that children learn initially with concrete objects, before moving on to pictorial and then abstract. Each topic is taught over a longer period of time and although not revisited in full, children's learning is captured through the use of recall tests. Some of the older children have been using this approach for a while, but for Classes 1 and 2 this is still quite new. We will send out more information about this approach during Term 4.

Bath Rugby will be in school for 5 weeks starting on Monday 24th February to work with Classes 2 and 3. This will be a great opportunity for all the children to learn some basic rugby skills with specialist coaches. This does mean that all the children in those classes will need to have their PE kits in school on Mondays please. I am sure they will all have a lot of fun.

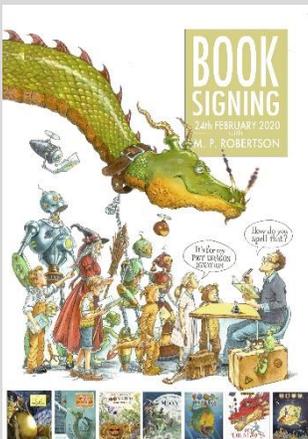
We have a new date of Sunday 23rd February for EcoWild to come and put in some concrete posts on the field and again they would like some help. They will be meeting at 10:00am so please can you let us know if you would be able to support them.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** – we have hardly had any bookings for Term 4 yet; please can you book next week if you would like your child to attend, so we can arrange the appropriate staffing levels.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week.
- **Dance Umbrella** – we have now allocated all the tickets that we have been given for the event. The box office at The Forum is open from 9:00am tomorrow if you wish to buy any more. The cost of the tickets will be added to ParentPay nearer the time and the tickets will be handed out by the teachers after their final rehearsals the week before the event. Please be aware we will not be able to hand out tickets if they have not been paid for.
- **School Dinners** – due to a few technical issues we are sorry but the new menu will now not be on ParentPay until early next week.
- **Uniform** – please can you make sure all uniform is named as we have a considerable amount of unnamed items around the school. Lost property can be found by the lunchbox racks in the Infant central area and the Junior hub.

Author Visit



We are very excited to have the author and illustration, Mr Robertson, visit our school on Monday 24th February. He is going to deliver different workshops based on his current book titles. The children have read some of his stories in school and are very excited about his visit!

There will be a chance for the children to buy his books after school on the 24th in Class 4 and have the copies signed by Mr Robertson himself! You will be sent an order form so if you would like to purchase any books, please follow the instructions on the bottom of the form. Once you have completed the form, please return back to school by **Friday 14th February** and we will give Mr Robertson your order.



Year 2 Cricket at Downside

On Wednesday, 9 children from Year 2 went to Downside School for a Cricket Festival. Coaches from Somerset Cricket Club ran the event and were assisted by Year 13 pupils of Downside School. The children took part in a rotation of activities to develop cricket skills including catching, throwing, batting, running and passing balls. As the morning progressed the children became more capable and were able to throw, catch and bat with accuracy, even hitting the wicket on the odd occasion! It was a very enjoyable introduction to cricket.



Farrington Forum

Farrington Forum Valentine's Day themed Cake Sale and Art Competition!

Cake sale:

- Friday 14th February.
- Break time and after school.
- Please bring cakes to the library at the start of school.
- Cakes 20p - £1.

Art competition:

- Drawing/collage/painting linked to the theme of 'Valentine's Day'.
- KS1 and KS2 prizes to be won!
- The forum will judge the winners.
- Deadline: **Friday 14th February.**
- Hand in your artwork to Mrs Glover in Class 4 with **your name** and **class** on the back, along with your **£1 entry fee.**

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**Quiz
Night**

Friday 7th February, 7.30pm, Class 4

4 people per team; tickets are £10 each and include pizza, generously donated by Domino's of Midsomer Norton



Booking form available from the school office

Bar available for soft and alcoholic beverages
Pre-order your chilled bottle of prosecco for £12!

All funds raised will directly benefit children at school

School Diary Dates

February 2020

- Fri 7th** Year 4-6 trip to Rural Life Museum
No Assembly
FOFGS Quiz Night (see box on left)
- Tue 11th** Internet Safety Day
Swimming for Years 4-6
- Wed 12th** EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Fri 14th** Forum Cake sale and Art competition
Year 3 Cookery at Norton Hill
Assembly at 2:30pm
End of Term 3
- Mon 24th** Term 4 begins
Author/illustrator visit
Rugby coaching for Classes 2 and 3 begins
- Tue 25th** Swimming for Years 4-6
Year 5/6 Speak Out competition
- Wed 26th** EcoWild for Years R and 1
- Fri 28th** No Assembly