



It has been another week of school trips with both the Starling class and Goldfinch class having been on exciting days out. The Goldfinches travelled down to Dorchester on Wednesday for a Tutankhamun exhibition related to their history topic of Ancient Egypt, while the Starlings have been to Radstock Museum today for a Victorian experience, also tied in to the work they have been doing in history - please see their news below.

We welcomed PCSO Mandy Ware in on Monday to talk to all of our children about staying safe online. She visited every classroom and spoke to the children about age appropriate issues relating to each class. She specifically highlighted the many issues that schools and parents face through use of mobile phones, especially in children who are very competent with the technology from a very early age (often more so than adults!) but not yet mature enough to fully understand the consequences of using certain apps, playing games that have higher age ratings, or sending messages that could be hurtful to others. We are attaching a useful document that was sent to us by Somerset County Council this week relating to staying safe online.

The office has now received over 30 parent questionnaires for the children in the school, with another 6 in the preschool. Thank you once again for all of your views and comments. Mrs Claxton is busy putting together a document to show you the results, which we should be able to send out next week. We are already taking on board some of your suggestions and as such, will be making a positive addition to our Friday assemblies. Starting in a couple of weeks, parents of children who are receiving a Star of the Week certificate on a Friday afternoon, will be contacted on a Thursday and invited in to see the assembly the following day. We will initially do this by phone call while we get this up and running, but after Easter this will move to an email.

Reminders:

- Parents' Evening - the parent consultation sessions are nearly full for next Wednesday - there are still a few parents yet to sign up, especially in Goldfinch class. If this date is not convenient, please contact the office and we will try to find a different time/day..
- SMSA Advert - this will be closing on Monday, so if you know anyone who may be interested in this post, please let them know. We are very keen to appoint someone who will be an enthusiastic addition to our team!
- World Book Day - don't forget we will be holding a dressing up day, with a whole host of book related activities on Friday 3rd March. Children can come to school as their favourite character from a book if they would like to.

Finally we would like to confirm with you that as we do not have NEU members at our school, we will be fully open on Thursday next week, when there are regional teacher strikes.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips



Diary Dates

February

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



We started the week in Robins with lots of pancake activities and they all enjoyed eating them! We've been talking about spring and all the flowers that start growing and enjoying the new markings on the playground.



This week Kingfisher class learned that a habitat provides living things with shelter, food and a safe place to raise their young. We also learn about how the position of the Earth in relation to the Sun dictates the seasons in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The year 1 children wrote about a magical tree and read their stories to the rest of the class, whilst the Reception children made posters about good healthy living habits.



Starling Class had a great time on their trip to the Radstock museum, the children really enjoyed dressing up and acting like Victorian school children for the day.



Goldfinch Class had the most wonderful time on their school trip to the Tutankhamun exhibition. We were surrounded by the history of Tutankhamun's life and found out many amazing facts. We got to see inside his tomb and discovered all the luxurious items he was buried with. We even got to see some mummies, they were fascinating!



Swallow Class have had a lovely week of activities after the half-term break. We have enjoyed visiting Wren Woods to craft dens and learn how to saw materials as well as learning about globalisation and trade in Geography and reconciliation in RE.

