



Term 4

Welcome back to school after the half-term break, we all hope you had an enjoyable week. It is a very busy term ahead of us with lots to look forward to. We have already seen three of our classes go on school visits: Swallow Class visited the Holburne Museum in Bath, linked to their history work; Starling Class went to Sevington Victorian School to find out more about life in Victorian times and today, Kingfisher Class have been at We The Curious in Bristol looking at a lot of different areas of science. Goldfinch Class will also be visiting there in a few weeks time. As well as these trips, we have many sporting events coming up before Easter including Tag Rugby, Football, Cross Country and the annual Dance Umbrella in Bath. Next week also sees World Book Day, with all the children invited to come to school dressed as a character or word from their favourite book. We will be holding this on Friday 6th March due to swimming lessons on the 5th.

Play equipment

The installation of our new play equipment is due to begin on Monday. This is anticipated to take around one week, but the weather may of course affect this. The office gate will be opened at drop off and pick up, as the access to the playground will be limited. Please ensure you take extra care around the site. The designs below show you what the finished area should look like. The children are really excited and are looking forward to being able to play on it when it is completed.



Speak Out

Four of our fantastic Year 6 pupils presented their Speak Out speeches in assembly today, discussing all about changing the school week to 4 days. They will have another chance at public speaking later in the year – with a larger audience of other schools – when they attend the Somerset Pupil Voice competition in Taunton.



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Diary Dates

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
Friday 20th	Comic Relief Day - Visit our gallery after school
Monday 23rd	Dance Umbrella Performance - Bath Forum
Wednesday 25th	Parent Consultations
Friday 27th	Goldfinch Class Trip - We The Curious

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
Friday 24th	Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday 30th	Kingfisher and Starling Class Trip - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Speak Out Stars

Arya
Jaxson
Flo L
Sophia

Notices

Sports Fixtures - We have a number of sports fixtures open to various age groups taking place next month. Please check your Arbor account and sign up for any that your child would like to take part in.

World Book Day - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. We encourage children to come to school in their favourite character, or as a word.

Comic Relief - We will be celebrating Comic Relief on Friday 20th March where the theme is 'be silly, be daft, be kind'. Children will be decorating their own noses which will be used to create self portraits for our 'Hooter Hall of Fame'. Parents are encouraged to visit our gallery in the school hall at the end of the day to purchase their artwork for £1. This money will go directly to the Comic Relief charity. Children should wear their school uniform as normal.

Parent Consultations - Our next parent consultation will be held on Wednesday 25th March from 1.30pm until 6pm. You will be able to sign up for a 10 minute appointment from Monday 9th March. If you are unable to attend and would like to arrange for another day, please let the office know.

School Shoes Donations - Our T Level student, Rosie, will be visiting Kenya again in May. They have expressed a need for school shoes donations. If you have any outgrown school shoes at home which have life left to give, please consider donating them.

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News from the Classrooms



We have been celebrating Chinese New Year in Robins this week. We have spent time talking about other countries in the world and the ones we have visited. We have also made Dragons with our playdough and we experimented mixing colours to paint dragons with our fingers.



This week we started with a new wonderful topic of jungle animals and we finished with an amazing day at *We the Curious*. All the children had the most wonderful time exploring this great adventure.



We had a wonderful trip at the beginning of the week to Sevington Victorian school. The children all looked amazing in their costumes, were exceptionally well behaved and performed some great activities. We began altogether where the children were taught the three R's- reading, writing and arithmetic! The children were then separated into 'boys' and 'girls' activities- gardening & scaring the crows and making lavender bags & cleaning brass!! Each child used a pen and ink pot to write in a copy book before the teacher, Mam, talked to us about the punishments of the time.



This week, Goldfinch Class have finished their topic on The Vikings. They enjoyed concluding this by creating a variety of Viking themed items. We had everything from Viking long boats, swords and shields out of a variety of mediums including clay, cardboard and paper mache.



Swallows had a really interesting visit to The Holburne Museum in Bath on Tuesday, as part of our recent History topic on The Georgians. They took part in a workshop on Georgian Sustainability where the children made Georgian-esque self-portraits. The children were then able to wander around the museum to find out about all the interesting artefacts and paintings. Swallows class should be very proud of themselves for representing our school in such a positive manner.



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