



MARCH NEWS LETTER

What have we been up to?

The parents and children on the Infant site enjoyed a creative afternoon to complete their half term's topic 'Our World.' Each class presented their learning about different countries including Greece, Italy, Poland and France.

Last week, children in Years 5 and 6 took part in Bikeability training, helping them to learn how to cycle safely on the roads.

All children across the Academy took part in Safer Internet Day activities last month. These activities compliment the e-bytes programme that the children are taught throughout the year as part of the Computing Curriculum that we deliver and as part of our Safeguarding responsibilities.

Coming up...

Sport Relief on Friday 13th March: We would like the children to come to school in something sport related (could be as simple as their PE kit) and to bring £1 per family.

School in a Bag

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for School in a Bag last month. Your cake and hamper items were very generous and the children did a fantastic job of selling raffle tickets.

We are delighted to announce that across both sites, the total raised was £1,317!

This will equate to filling 65 School Bags for needy children around the world.



The children will help to pack the bags later this month and we will track the bags in their journeys...

A special well done goes to Matilda in Year 2 who raised £100 at home through her own sponsored events. Fantastic!

World Book Day



This is a reminder that we are asking the children to bring a clue for a book or book character for this Thursday's World Book Day, rather than create or buy a costume.

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school during week commencing 16th March as follows:

Infant site: 17th, 18th and 19th March at 3.00pm

Junior site: 18th, 19th and 20th March at 3.15pm

This week children will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher that they can use at our Book Fair or at a book shop.

Please can the children bring the voucher with them if they choose to use it at the Fair.

PTFA

The PTFA have started the term with a junior disco raising over £220.

On the 23rd March we are holding a mufti day across both sites, children can bring an Easter Egg in exchange for wearing their home clothes to school. All the eggs will be used for the Easter Egg tombola and Easter Bingo.

Easter Egg Tombola, Tuesday 31st March at the Infant site from 3pm, Junior school children can be collected at 2.45pm if they would like to join in the fun.

Easter Bingo, Friday 3rd April at the Junior school site. Doors open from 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm. Refreshments, raffle, a cash round and of course the chance to win lots of Easter Eggs just in time for the school holidays.

If anyone can help at either the tombola or bingo night please leave your contact details with the school office, we cannot run these events without parent/carers support.

This term the PTFA have donated £1000 towards the junior school swimming lessons.

Parent Courses

Please see below for information regarding forthcoming parent workshops:

Parenting your anxious child workshop: An information session to understand anxiety in children and guidance on how to support your child through these feelings. Date: Thursday, 12th March 2020 Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Venue: Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS. To book a place for this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/BMRxSBqT8sC4iXMTWA>

Protecting your children against Child Exploitation (County Lines): Information about Child exploitation, signs to look out for, ways to keep your children safe. Date: Thursday, 19th March 2020 Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm Venue: Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS. To book a place for this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/62AG6bWXNrxT8Nks9>

Growth Mindset With Dr Dawn Starley, Educational Psychologist Wednesday, 25th March 2020 starting at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm. The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning. Children with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change with practice. They see school as a place where abilities are evaluated and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent. This session will help you help your child/ren to develop a growth mindset believing that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow. To book a place on this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/RvhuWArcdvUm16gy6>

Dates for your diaries

4th—6th March	Y3 and 4 Kilve Court residential trip
5th March	World Book Day
13th March	Sport Relief
Week beg. 16th March	Book Fair on both sites
20th March	Progress reports home
23rd March	Mufti day—bring a chocolate egg to school
24th March	Infant Parents' Evening
25th March	Junior Parents 'Evening
31st March:	Infant Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am (parents welcome) and Easter Egg Tombola at 3.00pm . (Junior children can be collected at 2.45pm by parents should they wish to attend)
2nd April:	Easter Service at St. Michael's Church at 2pm, all parents welcome
3rd April:	Children break up and Bingo night

Coronavirus

Please see the link below for the latest advice on the Coronavirus from the Department of Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Please keep an eye on the News section of our school website for further updates.

Sex and Relationships Education

From September 2020 all schools will be required to teach Sex and Relationships Education.

We will be holding a consultation meeting for **all** Infant and Junior parents on Monday 20th April at 7pm on the Junior site. At the meeting we will discuss our Sex and Relationships and Personal Social Health Education Policy, explain what will be taught in each year group and share our teaching resources.

Please note that Sex Education only applies to Year 6 pupils and there will be an additional date for Year 6 parents to come and discuss specific resources for that in the Summer Term.