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# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

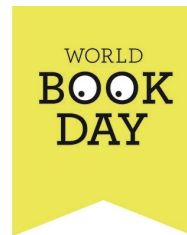
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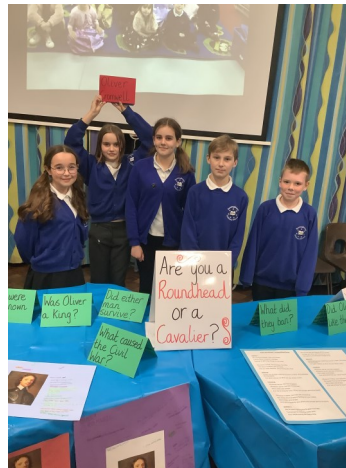
Dear Parents/Carers

We all had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on 2nd March and it was a lot of fun for us all. Thank you to all of the children, staff and families who contributed to the most wonderful costumes. Many of the children told us that their highlight from the day was getting to listen to a book read by a staff member of their choice.



Following on from our History Day, we held our own Bassingbourn Museum to share the learning across the school. We opened our doors for parents/carers, governors and staff to visit on 9th March and we had a fantastic turnout.

We had some enthusiastic volunteers from each year group who enjoyed being museum curators and shared their learning with museum visitors. Thank you to everyone who visited to show their support. Thank you also to Mrs Munro-Wilkinson for all her hard work in organising both the History Day and the Bassingbourn History Museum.



## DATES

**Tues 21st March:**  
Parents' Evening via Zoom for Year 2

**Weds 22nd March:**  
Parents' Evening via Zoom for Year 2

**Fri 31st March:**  
Last day of term.

**Mon 17th April:**  
Start of Summer term.

**W/C 24th April:**  
Year 4 Bikeability



Happy Red Nose Day!

Our children and staff have enjoyed the range of things including cake sales and wearing red that we had going on in school today to raise money for Red Nose Day.

Thank you to Mrs Maddren and the School Council for leading this exciting day.

Mrs Coles



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### Headteacher's Awards

Sophie P, Alfred S, Leo B, Myia P, Regan B, Prajna D, Lillie F, Kitty R, Hamish W, Cleo D, Tommy C, Devon J, Ronnie J, Rose H, Emely S, Wayde Y, Marshall B, Charlie D, Olive C, Ella P, Harry P, Jessica C, Daisy D, Reid H, Oliver B, Billy D — **Well done to you all!**



### Happy Mother's Day

FOBS has had an incredible response from the **Someone Special** Mother's Day activity. Each classroom has been kindly gifted a beautiful plant and children's gifts have been successfully delivered to each class, ready to be passed on to someone special.



### FOBS

Our children are excited for our two new outdoor willow classrooms. These pods will be used at lunch and break to provide vital shade. They will also be used during lesson time to promote outdoor learning. We can't wait to see children taking part in DEAR sessions and PSHE outdoors!

A huge thank you to FOBS who fundraised for these pods and all who donated; they are a fantastic addition to our school.



### School Development

As you will know, we are working hard to put reading at the heart of our curriculum. We want to inspire a love of reading within all of our pupils. As part of this work, every class in school now engages with a daily DEAR session. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read and is a protected 15 minutes where everything stops so that the children can listen to an engaging and high quality text read by one of the adults in the classroom.

We are proud of the huge amount of work that had gone on behind the scenes to provide high quality enrichment and pastoral support for pupils. We now offer multiple 1:1 and group workshops, giving pupils the opportunity to engage in wider curriculum activities which build on particular interests or skills they have shown including gardening, construction and outdoor art.

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From after the Easter break, our EYFS children will be visited by a secret storyteller once a week! The mystery adult will read an EYFS friendly book which they themselves love.

### Staffing update

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Paradis (Inclusion Assistant) and Miss Woor (Year 3 Class Teacher) after a period of absence.

### Safeguarding

In school, lanyards are used to signal whether an adult has had the necessary checks to be able to work on a 1:1 basis with children.

**Blue** lanyards mean that an individual has provided the necessary checks.

**Red** lanyards mean an individual hasn't provided the necessary check and needs to be supervised whilst on site.

### Attendance

Highest attendance awards since the last newsletter go to:  
Dolphins 98%, Dolphins 96.77%, Swordfish 100%

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