

Thank you to our town community

The children have benefited recently from a number of thoughtful gifts and free visits from local businesses. Year 3 and 4 walked to Tesco to find out more about the origins of food. Store staff showed small groups around and the children gathered lots of information to study back at school as part of their Food and Farming topic. They also enjoyed a morning at Domino's Pizza where they learned about food hygiene and all had the opportunity to make a pizza. It was very exciting when the pizzas were delivered to school at 3pm hot, boxed and ready to take home! We would also like to thank Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College who lent their mini bus to transport the children. A particular thanks goes to Mr Coxall who kindly gave up his time on three mornings to drive the mini bus to and from Domino's.



We were also very grateful to Sainsbury's supermarket who kindly donated a range of sports, gardening and food equipment to our school. We are also their chosen school to support with staff vouchers. This is brilliant news as the vouchers can be swapped for a wide range of equipment that benefits all the children. There is a collection box in our entrance hall should you, family or friends have any vouchers lurking at the bottom of bags.

Our morning Nursery children enjoyed looking at the new equipment after assembly

Our new school

The contractors, Barnes, are due to start on site later in March. The recent digger work has been the completion of the archaeological excavations - no ancient remains were found. Fences will be put up and a site office delivered first before the work on the foundations of the new building will begin. There will soon be an invitation to come to a meeting to discuss the use of our current school site once the building is closed. The local community will also be asked about where they would like play equipment to replace the old equipment at the Puddlebrook Playing Field site. Please come to this important meeting if you possibly can.

World Book Day

We enjoyed a really good day of book and reading-related activities on Thursday 4th March. Children shared books with each other and helped to write a whole school story. Our congratulations go to Evie, (nursery), Mia C (nursery), Luke (reception), Ronnie, (year 1), Felicity (year2), Tommy (year3) and Shannon (year 4) who won the design-a-bookmark competition in each class. They were presented with a book each as a prize in our special World Book Day assembly. The tokens that the children all brought home earlier this week can be either swapped for one of the special books published for this event or used towards the purchase of any book costing over £2.99. This includes the books in the Book Club leaflet sent home with the token where there are some good book bargains - a double saving.



Science Week

National Science Week begins on Friday 12th March. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Marks from Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College into school to lead a science-based assembly. We will also be off-timetable on Wednesday 17th March when the children will work in mixed age groups on a variety of themed activities based around the week's focus of 'Our Earth'.

Young scientists in Mrs Johnson's after school Science Club.



School Photographer

Van Cols will be in school on Tuesday 9th March to take photographic portraits of the children. They have offered the best value prints for parents and past experience has shown the photos are of a reliably good quality. All children will have a photo taken. Photographs will be sent home shortly for you to buy or return.



The following requests apply

- Babies and toddlers should be in the school hall at 9am for a photograph with their older brother or sister. (This will be 1pm for younger siblings of children in afternoon Nursery)
- No middle or upper school children or pets please.
- Brothers and sisters will be photographed together unless parents let the office know they would like individual photos taken.

Reminders

➤ Mothers Day lunch is on Thursday 11th March. Mums of reception, year 1 and year 2 children should arrive at 11.45 and of year 3/2 and 4 children at 12.10. We look forward to welcoming over 50 of you to lunch on that day.

➤ Please can all children bring their P.E. kit to school on Monday mornings so that it is definitely in school ready for P.E. lessons. Children will need trainers and an extra layer (a tracksuit is ideal - they will not be allowed to wear their blue school jumper) as we will go outside more often now the weather is getting warmer.

➤ As you know, we do from time to time take children out of school on short local visits within the town. This will include walking up to look at the new school as the building starts to grow. Although parents signed giving permission for these local visits on the initial Admission Form, we will also send a letter home informing you of when and where a town visit will take place.

➤ After school clubs finish on Wednesday 17th March as Parents Evenings take place the following week. You should already have received a Parents Evening letter. Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible so that we can book your preferred appointment on either 22nd or 24th March.

➤ This is a very short half term. The spring term finishes for the children on Wednesday 31st March. Thursday 1st April and Monday 19th April are Professional Development Days for staff and the children return to school for the start of the summer term on Tuesday 20th April.

With best wishes from

Mrs L Farrow