



Newsletter 4

25th February 2020

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Diary Dates

| February 2020 | |
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| Tuesday 25 th | First day of term 4 for pupils Swimming continues for Otter Class - session 4 of 8 with the final session taking place on 24 th March |
| Wednesday 26 th | PSA Meeting 7.30 pm in 'The George at Nunney' |
| Thursday 27 th | Meeting for Year 4 pupils and their parents about the residential visit to PGL - 5.00 - 5.45 pm AT HAYESDOWN FIRST SCHOOL |
| Friday 28 th | Dogs Trust visiting to run workshops for the children on how to be safe around dogs. Presenters will not be bringing dogs with them. |
| March 2020 | |
| Wednesday 4 th | Bedtime Stories to introduce World Book Day 6.00 - 7.00 pm in the school hall - details below |
| Thursday 5 th | World Book Day - details below PLEASE READ |
| Thursday 12 th | Parents' Evening 2.30 - 5.00 pm (1 of 2) |
| Saturday 14 th | Jumble Sale in the school hall 10.00 am - 12.00 noon |
| Monday 16 th | Parents' Evenings 2.30 - 5.00 pm (2 of 2) |
| Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th | Teachers using NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' resources with children this week - details below |
| Friday 20 th | Messy Church 3.00 - 4.00 pm in the hall |
| Tuesday 24 th | Final swimming session for pupils in Otter Class |
| Friday 27 th | PSA Family Easter Egg Hunt 3.00 pm (weather dependent) |
| Saturday 28 th | Easter Bingo - doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm |
| April 2020 | |
| Wednesday 1 st - Friday 3 rd | Year 4 residential visit to PGL Liddington |
| Friday 3 rd | Last day of term 4 Reserve date for PSA Family Easter Egg Hunt 3.00 pm |
| Monday 20 th | First day of term 5 |
| May 2020 | |
| Friday 8 th | May Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils 75 th anniversary of VE Day |

INSET Days for 2019 - 2020

- ~~Monday 2nd September 2019~~
- ~~Tuesday 3rd September 2019~~
- ~~Monday 6th January 2020~~
- ~~Monday 24th February 2020~~
- ~~Monday 20th July 2020~~

Germ Awareness and Handwashing Campaign

At present, the combined percentage attendance of children on roll at Nunney School is concerningly low and considerably below the national average for this time of year. This is largely due to illness absence, which has been at an unprecedented high this school year. To help address this, governors have asked that staff increase children's awareness of germs in an age appropriate way and teach strategies such as proper and regular washing of hands and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues that are appropriately disposed of, in an effort to reduce the spread of germs that cause illness. Please be aware that this is linked to the teaching of responsible health education habits rather than a reaction to the current situation regarding the COVID-19/Coronavirus.



Bedtime Stories at School - Wednesday 4th March 6.00 - 7.00 pm



After you have had your tea, slip on your pyjamas/nightclothes and dressing gown and come back to school for bedtime stories, craft activities and hot chocolate. Parents are welcome to stay. Children can also be left with staff for the hour.

Don't forget to bring your teddy!

World Book Day Celebrations - Thursday 5th March

This year we are celebrating World Book Day by sharing and enjoying stories that have a theme of looking after the natural environment. On 5th March we invite children to:



1. Come to school dressed as a character from a book. Please do not spend money on a costume; use something from a dressing up box or be creative with clothes you have in your wardrobe!
2. Choose a small box or basket and collect items to give clues to a story you also bring into school. On World Book Day we will play a game looking at the items in each collection and seeing if we can match them to the storybooks that have also been brought into school to share. If you do not have the objects you could draw them instead.

World Book Day Book Tokens

In an envelope attached to this newsletter is a book token that can be exchanged in participating bookshops for one of fifteen exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books.

The voucher also contains details of a World Book Day competition that LEGO is

running. It has some lovely prizes. worldbookday.com/LEGO

Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/> to see the choice of books you can get with your £1 World Book Day voucher. The voucher can also be used to redeem £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more. Please note the policy of only one token per transaction.

Vouchers are valid from Thursday 27th February - Sunday 29th March 2020. An early visit to a participating bookstore such as WH Smith or Sainsbury's in Frome is advisable if you want to exchange the voucher for one of the specially selected £1 books.

The World Book Day website is designed for children and includes some fabulous games and interactive resources. You might like to look at the site with your child/ren.

NCPSS 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' Underwear Rule For Children - Teaching Children How To Stay Safe From Abuse



In the week beginning 16th March, as part of our personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum, teachers will be using resources produced by the NSPCC to teach children how to keep their bodies safe from abuse. The NSPCC has designed these high quality materials for teachers to use with early years children and those in KS1 and KS2. They have called the programme 'Let's talk PANTS'. The teaching resources use a friendly dinosaur called Pantosaurus and include a catchy reminder song, word searches and lesson plans for different age groups.

The NSPCC also provides resources for parents and carers to use with their children to teach them how to keep themselves safe from abuse without using words that feel uncomfortable. It would be great if you could work in partnership with the school to deliver these

important messages.

The resources are parent friendly and easy to access. Simply enter 'NSPCC + Let's Talk Pants' into your search engine.

School Jumble Sale - Saturday 14th March 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

As spring approaches, why not have a wardrobe and cupboard tidy and see if you have anything that can be donated for the upcoming jumble sale. Clothing, bedlinen, shoes, toys and bric-a-brac are most welcome. We will be pleased to receive donations on FRIDAY 13th MARCH. Thank you.

