



**NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2018**

Dear Parents,

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy birthday to children celebrating birthdays in March:

Rosanna Grant  
 James Griffith  
 Jenson Gair  
 Harry Jones  
 Oscar Adey



**PARKING TODAY AND ON FRIDAY**

No parking in The Harvest Moon will be possible today and on Friday at pick-up. We will do all we can to ensure safety and staff will aim to put children into cars. Please pull up alongside the gate. It will be very busy, so your patience will be appreciated. If you need to park, please park considerately around the village.

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March:** parents may collect their children from 3.00 p.m. It is hoped a stagger collection will help the parking issue.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Due to the snow-enforced closure of the school last month please note the following:

Art Club and KS2 Karate clubs will both be running in the final week of this term.

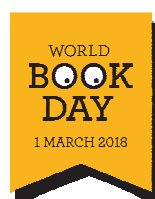
Final session of FizzPop is Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**All other clubs will finish this week.**

Your child will be bringing home the list of clubs available for next term. Please ensure replies are received by Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Thank you to everyone in making this year's World Book Day such a success. We all enjoyed coming to school dressed as a classic fairy tale



character and my thanks to all the staff involved in the success of the day. Particular thanks to Mr. Day (our Literacy Co-ordinator) on organising this fabulous event!

**THE 500 WORD ESSAY COMPETITION**

The teachers were delighted with the number of children who submitted a 500 word essay to try to win the prize of wearing non-uniform for a whole week. Staff enjoyed reading the stories which covered a wide range and recognised a number of children who don't normally enjoy writing submitted an entry – **well done to you all!**

All who entered an essay were put into the draw for winning a week of non-uniform during the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The winners are:

Years R-3: Harry Bult and Leo Contreras

Years 4-6: Richard Robertson and Logan Simmonds.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sedgemoor Area Cross Country Race takes place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at King Alfred School, Burnham-on-Sea. The Year 4 races start at 4.00 pm followed by Year 3, then Years 5 and 6 races after. Please collect from 3.00 pm.

Children must wear their PE kit and they will be given a label advising of their school/year group, etc.

Parents are responsible for taking their child(ren) to the races and supervising them whilst competing. Younger siblings may be collected from school at the same time as children competing in the races.

**MUSIC EVENING**

Tickets for this year's Music Evening were distributed this week. If you have not ordered your tickets, please do so as soon as possible - £2.00 per ticket. Few left!



**On Music Evening:** children should be brought to Robert Blake Science College by 6.15pm in school uniform. Parking will be tricky. Please remember instruments! Squirrels class will take instruments home on Wednesday. Please ensure they are returned to school on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March (unless you have insurance to keep the instrument at home and have completed a consent slip). *We hope you will all enjoy the evening and all leave with a smile!*

### **SQUIRRELS PE MORNING**

Squirrels class will be taking part in a PE morning at North Petherton Primary on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 9.30 – 11am. They will already be coming in their Sports Kit. They will be taken and collected by minibuses.

### **RESIDENTIAL TRIPS**

**Kilve:** The children in years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at Kilve Court last week. Staff at Kilve looked after us fantastically and due to the weather we were moved into the main house for our stay...much warmer! Thanks to Nic Contreras and Stu Griffiths for driving the minibuses and to Emma Bult who helped transport the luggage – and Elsie who enjoyed the walk on the Monday in the snow!

**Rock and Rapid:** Final payment is now due; please make payment by the end of this week. Those paying the lump sum should forward the balance of £220 (cheque made payable to “North Newton Community Primary School”). Thank you.

### **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

We are rapidly approaching the end of this financial year; please ensure all outstanding payments for swimming/invoices, etc. are paid by this Friday (16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018).

### **LOGS AVAILABLE**

The trees and hedges along the road side of the school playing field will be topped in the next couple of weeks. Dutch Elm logs will be available for a donation to the School. If you would like some, please let me know and we can reserve you some.



### **HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS (Years R and 6)**

Children in Reception and Year 6 will be having their height and weight measured as part of the National and Measurement Programme (NCMP). The measurements will be done by trained school nursing staff at school in a private space away from other pupils. A letter has been sent to all parents of Years R and 6 children; if you do not wish for your child to

be measured, please return the Opt Out form by the end of term.

### **INSET DAY**

Please note Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET Day for staff. Children return on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

*As we hurtle towards the end of the Spring Term and embark on an Easter Holiday, I wish you all an enjoyable time with your families. It has been a very short term – too short in many ways, so we will hit the ground running in April as we return for an exciting Summer Term 2018.*

## **PTFA NEWS**

**EASTER BINGO:** Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March is Easter Bingo – 6.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please bring your family for a fun evening. Appreciating the date clashes with another event, I hope parents are still able to join us.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE & HUNT:** Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.00 am All children are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet (see flyer). An Easter Egg Hunt will also take place in the morning.

**SPORTS RELIEF DAY:** Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Children may come to school in sports kit. How many different sports each class represent?

**SPONSORED RUN:** Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, from 2pm. Children are invited to take part in our Sponsored Run. Please come and support them...join in if you wish and raise money for our children.

**MAY FAYRE:** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May...the Saturday before SATs. Please make a diary note.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Arnold  
Headteacher