



Welcome back The Spring term is already in full swing and Christmas seems like a distant memory. However, we would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year. The children are already immersed in their new topics and we have been delighted by how hard they are working. The Spring term is always quite short, with lots to pack in. In February we will be launching our sponsored event which has a Maths focus this year - more details will follow shortly. We will also be celebrating World Book day on 5th March, but will extend it to a celebration of books for the whole week, which worked really well last year. Sports Relief will take place on 13th March where we will have a whole day of sport.

Dates to remember

Mon 6 th Jan	Back to school
Fri 7 th Feb	NSPCC Number day and launch of sponsored Maths challenge
Tues 11 th Feb	Safer internet day
Mon 17 th Feb	Half term
Thurs 5 th March	World Book day-information to follow
Fri 13 th Mar	Sports relief
Fri 3 rd April	Class photos
Fri 3 rd April	School disco
Fri 3 rd April	Break up for Easter
Mon 20 th April	Back to school



The school council have been doing an environmental audit - looking at ways we can help the environment and reduce waste. One of the things we have discussed is encouraging people to think about the amount of plastic that goes in to children's packed lunch boxes. They have asked if we can all try to think carefully about what goes in to the box; if everyone can make one change it can make a big difference.

Mrs Cox in the school office is one of the coaches and she is looking for new swimmers to join the local club.



School shoes

In our previous newsletter we reminded everyone about uniform. The vast majority of children have come back to school in the correct uniform. However, we are still having issues with shoes and tights. Our uniform code states that children should wear sensible **black shoes- not boots nor a variety of colours and tights should be black/white/grey.** Thank you for your cooperation.



Term dates for next year are now on the website.

Drumba

This term 3 classes have had the opportunity to try 6 sessions of Drumba. Drumba is a high-energy workout session based around a mix of popular music whilst learning and playing a drum. The children have enjoyed banging on the drum pads and moving to the music. The children have said "We are working so hard and getting tired", "It is great to learn different actions" and "I get all sweaty and puffed out". The other 3 classes will be trying out Drumba next half term.



Bikeability

The Reception children had a go at bikeability last week. This involved them learning about the basic parts of a bike, bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet. They learnt how to balance and glide on a balance bike. The children had lots of fun and became more confident at using the bikes.



Dreams and goals, plus self-motivation

Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Dreams and goals'. We have been talking about our own personal dreams and goals, such as our New Years Resolutions and what we want to be when we grow up. We have also looked at dreams and goals that help to improve the lives of others e.g. Martin Luther King and Greta Thunberg. This topic ties in nicely with this half term's attitude to learning which is self-motivation. We are encouraging children to...

Complete tasks without prompting.

Use classroom resources to support them.

Demonstrate a love of learning.

Show curiosity in their learning.

Do extra work at home.