

February Newsletter

Mr Storey's Monthly Round-Up



"Pupils say they love being in school and that other pupils are friendly, kind, understanding and helpful" (Ofsted 2022)



"The school feels busy, vibrant and welcoming and the pupils are polite and respectful of one another" (Ofsted 2017)

Achieve, Believe, Create, Dream Together, developing a love of learning.



This has been another creative and action-packed month and the children and staff have deserved a well-earned break next week.

Below are some of the highlights that have occurred in February, upcoming events, updates & reminders:

What have we been up to?

Trips, Events and Clubs

In February, our children have taken part in... assemblies on Children's Mental Health Week, Valentines Day and Random Acts of Kindness, a visit from paramedics and an ambulance, a Cake Sale (Lego Robotics Team), school show rehearsals for 'Gladis Baker Gladiator' (KS2), Stay & Play (Reception) and more! We have also hosted Parents Evenings and a fancy dress costume swap for World Book Day coming up next month.

Sports

In February, our children have taken part in... football club (Y3-Y6), coding club (Y3-Y4) girls' tennis club (Y4-6), hockey club (Y6), swimming lessons (Y6), cycle rides (Y4) and much more!



Good luck to our Y6 pupils competing in the In2Hockey Finals at The Parks this afternoon!



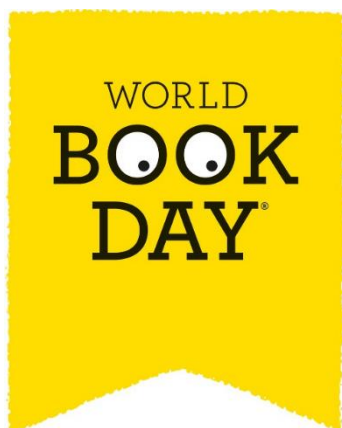
Goodbye & good luck

Goodbye Mrs Pigford

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Pigford for her work and support over the past 12 and a half years. Mrs Pigford joined the office admin team in 2012 and then joined our teaching assistant team in 2020. We wish Mrs Pigford all the very best in the future as she embarks on her counselling career.



Upcoming in March...



World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

- **Dress up** as a book character. Go all out or you might prefer to wear a story hat or a story badge that you have made about a book or story character. Or why not decorate one of your T-shirts? You don't need a special costume - many story characters wear normal clothing and may carry a prop!
- **Bring a book** to school on the day...a story book, graphic novel, comic, magazine, fact book, map book, recipe book...
- Sign up to our **Read For Good Readathon** (more info soon!)
- **Book Fair** 10th - 14th March
- £1 **Book Tokens**

World Book Day Special Lunch

Thursday 6th March

Harry Potter Golden Snitches (popcorn chicken)

Wizard of Oz Wands (cheese straws)

Wonka chocolate beetroot brownie

Prebook [here](#)



Super Sports Fun Day *Howay The Lads!*

Friday 14th March

Come to school in your favourite sport's team top (or non-uniform) and help wish the lads loads of luck in Wembley!

We are asking for £1 donations to the Parents Association to help support the school. Bring cash into school or pay via Schoolgateway.

Spring Disco

Tuesday 18th March

Reception, Y1 & Y2 - during the school day

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - after school 5:30 - 7:00pm

Tickets are on sale after the half term holiday.



Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day

Friday 21st March

£1 cash donations on the day would be greatly appreciated to go towards a good cause. Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK, with a vision of a just world, free from poverty. The money raised by Comic Relief is spent to help poor and disadvantaged people in the UK.

Updates!

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Our building is no longer being used as a polling station on Thursday 1st May but the school is still closed to pupils for Teacher Training Day. We also have Teacher Training Days on Friday 2nd May and Friday 18th July.



We held Parents Evenings this month and I hope that you found these meetings useful to see how your child/children are getting on.

Thank you to those who completed the surveys so we can help to evaluate from your perspective what we do well and what we can develop further.

If you would like to have a conversation please contact school and we can arrange for one for the governors or the SLT to give you a call.

Reminder of links...

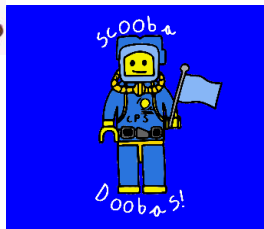
[General Parent Survey](#)

[Arts Survey](#)

[OPAL Survey](#)

Easter Tombola

We are planning a bottle and chocolate tombola next half term. More info to follow!



Thank You

Our cake and bookmark sale was a huge success, raising a whopping **£400!** All proceeds go to the Lego Robotics team (The Scooba Doobas)

Thank you so much for your donations and support.

Good Luck to the Scooba Doobas in the regional competition next month!

Reminders!

Reporting



Absences

Children off School

Please contact the school office **as soon as possible** when a child is absent. To help with attendance regulations we ask that on the first day of your child's illness you contact the school as soon as possible to register the absence - there is a specific voice mail for this purpose on the school phone 0191 6433200. Please state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Out of School Club

Can parents please ensure that they book their child onto breakfast and after school club sessions via the Schoolgateway. We are aware that there has been a number of occasions in which children have just turned up. It is very important that we know the numbers in advance so that we have the correct adult and child supervision ratio in the club.



Dogs

I would like to remind parents to not bring pets, particularly dogs, onto the school grounds or tie them to the school gates (as we recently viewed on CCTV). Whilst we are a pet-loving school, not all of our children are comfortable around animals and therefore to reduce their anxiety, we respectfully ask you to keep your pet supervised and outside of the school grounds.

Cars

I have had a couple of complaints regarding parking and cars driving at speed on Beverley Gardens. I would like to remind parents that you can park at Beaconsfield car park on school days until 9:30am or between 3:00-3:45pm, and you will be able to park during those times without receiving a penalty charge notice. By using this car park, this reduces congestion in and around school providing a safer walking route for our pupils and parents. This also allows for a short walk to get some steps in for our children and parents in the fresh air.



Enjoy the half term holiday!