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## NEWSLETTER 23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all new families joining our school and welcome back everyone returning this term. We look forward to a busy but exciting term ahead.

### Nursery Concert

At the end of last term the Nursery children performed their concert 'Billy No Buzz' to their parents and carers. The confident and enthusiastic singing amazed us all and it was evident by the expressions on their faces that all children relished this performance opportunity. My thanks go to the Nursery staff for their hard work and commitment in staging such a wonderful production.

### Year 1

Year 1's fantastic finish to their topic "Pirates" was a visit from Captain Henry, who was recruiting for a new pirate crew to undertake a dangerous sea voyage and find the stolen Princess' mermaid's tail. The requirements for the job included an expert aim to deter sharks, a good balance to traverse dangerous terrain, an ability to follow maps and clues and a good sense of team spirit. The starfish, crab and dolphin teams battled for the honour to join the pirate crew and the dolphins were fortunate to be chosen. It was a fun-filled morning with cleverly disguised learning tasks throughout. The pirates then devoured their pirate picnic lunch.

Year 1 were amazed to find some large eggs in the Pre-Prep garden on their return to school after the Easter holiday. At first, it appeared that they might be Easter eggs, but on closer inspection the children believed them to be dinosaur eggs. This discovery generated many questions and the children will be keeping a close watch on any developments as they embark upon their exciting new topic, 'Out of an Egg'.

Year 1 welcomed Phillip Brewer, a local artist to exhibit and discuss his paintings. He talked about a range of techniques he has used to create his wonderful work. The children asked many valuable questions and loved the silhouette of the lions and vibrant background colours. They were inspired to create their own dinosaur silhouette paintings as part of their topic this term. Phillip Brewer's work can be found online at [www.silhouttesandshadows.co.uk](http://www.silhouttesandshadows.co.uk) and seen in the Plaza Café, Bromsgrove.

### Year 2

Year Two enjoyed a close encounter with some African animals yesterday. They came face to face with an African pygmy hedgehog, an African Eagle owl, giant hissing cockroaches, millipedes, a tarantula and Racer snake. They also handled African artefacts and enjoyed dressing up as Masai tribes people whilst learning many interesting facts.

### Nursery

Yesterday the Nursery children went to the outdoor classroom and role-played the story of St George and the Dragon. The children will continue with St George's Day activities during Fun Friday, making shields, flags and searching for dragons in the forest.

### Calendar Change

Please note that the Year 2 Concerts (16/17 June) will now be taking place at **9.15am** and not 2.15pm as previously published. A Park and Ride system will be in operation for these events running from the Ewe and Lamb.

### Swimming

Reception children will be having their first swimming lesson today. Reception children need to come to school in their school uniform as usual.

### Car Park

The new car park one way system has been a huge success, thanks in part to our wonderful car park attendant, John, and the support of parents. Please could you make sure that if someone different, for example a grandparent, is dropping off or collecting your child that you carefully explain to them the procedures we have put in place. Last term there was an unfortunate incident when someone other than a parent was unaware of the parking systems and this led to an altercation in the car park. This is clearly not a situation we wish to see happen again.

### Sun Care

The weather has been glorious this week and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoy playing in the new activity area in the school garden, which you as parents through the PA have funded. Hopefully the good weather will stay with us and the temperature will continue to rise. If this is the case please ensure your child has a named regulation sun hat (from the school office) and a named bottle of sunscreen in school.

### Clubs

Clubs will start week beginning Monday 27 April. Please let the office know if your child will not be attending their regular club, due to an appointment, so that we can let the teacher/coach know.

### PA AGM

The PA AGM will be held in the school hall next Wednesday, 29 April at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. This is an excellent way to meet other parents and you would be warmly welcomed.

### **Bank Holiday Monday 4 May**

Please be aware that this is a normal school day for Bromsgrove School and all children are expected to attend school. If any parents would like to volunteer to help with the Wacky Races event on this day (9.00-10.30am) please contact Kay Wilson 0781 6861173.

### Holiday Club

The deadline for all May Half Term Holiday Club bookings is **Friday 8 May**. All booking forms must be returned to the school office by this date. Please use the following link or collect a booking form from outside the office/nursery. They are also available from aftercare

<http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/afterschoolandholidaycare.aspx>

### Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to everyone who sent in Sainsbury's vouchers so far. This promotion will finish on 5 May so please keep sending them in.

### Chickenpox

Please be aware that we have had a reported case of chickenpox in school. If you are at all concerned about your own child then please consult your GP or Health Visitor.

### Lost Property

Pippa Malpas (Nursery) – school fleece.

Xanthe Matthews (1L) – PE shorts.

### Star of the Week Awards

At the end of last term golden stars and certificates were awarded in assembly to the week's Star Pupils. Congratulations went to: Jack Pritchard, Alfie Smith (Nursery), Suleiman Abuelmaatti, Delilah Wood, Oliver Jones-Elliott (Reception), Grace Thompson-Brown, Harriet Cutter, Rumer Evans, Holly Dunnaker (Year 1) Lucas Mein, Frederick Lees, Arya Vemuri, Sofia Harris-Potts (Year 2).

Congratulations to Charlotte Ascough, Ffion Banton, Ozzy Cox, Robyn Duffy, Gigi Gilbert, Annabelle Knowles, Pippa Malpas, Mohammed Porbanderwalla, Gethin Walpole, Amelia Wright, Bella Wright (Nursery), Daisy Jones, Amelia Fox, Grace Laurenson, Tallulah White (Reception), Jayden Toor, Daniel Underwood, Lily Costello (Year 1) Imogen Kershaw-Crombie, Ben Reay, Sebastian Pritchard (Year 2) for being this week's Star Pupils. They were each presented with their golden star and certificate in assembly this morning.

Yours sincerely,

J Deval-Reed

Monday 27 April	All Clubs start
Wednesday 29 April	7.30pm PA AGM Preprep School Hall
Friday 1 May	1.30-2.30pm Small Talk starts