

26th March February 2018
(Letter 12)



Dear Parents / Carers

We are quickly coming to the end of the second term of the year, and it has been another packed one. The children have all been working extremely hard, and are making great progress in their learning.

Parents' Evening

I hope that you were all pleased with your child's **report**, and found **Parents' Evening** useful. It was great to see so many of you there – we had an extremely high turnout. Starting the session earlier seemed to work well, and the feedback was that there was enough time to talk about your child, and that their teachers know them very well!

The **online parent survey** is still open – if you have not yet completed it then you can either get a QR code from the main reception or go to the school website and follow the link. As soon as the survey closes on Thursday we will start to look at your feedback, and any suggestions that you might have made.



Last week's **Sport Relief** events were slightly marred by the cold weather – the KS2 event in West Ham Park was cancelled by the organisers as they felt that it was too cold, which was a real shame, the children were really looking forward to it. KS1 had fun with their event on the Tuesday – Year 5 helped to organise it in the playground, and the children really enjoyed it!

The **Music Concert** on Friday went very well. The children performed brilliantly, and loving having such a large audience – thank you to all who came and supported.

We are taking every opportunity to raise the profile of **cycling** in the school. As you know we are running an **adults' cycling course** after Easter – there was information about it at Parents' Evening last week, and we have 12 parents signed up to it so far. I am sure that they will really enjoy it, and will then be able to have family trips out cycling as a result – the children will love it! We will also be running a **cycling club for the children** after Easter – there will be more information about this coming out soon.



Don't forget that you are invited to a tea/Coffee morning on Wednesday 28th March. 9:15 – 10:30 in Leywick St. This is an opportunity to ask any questions that you might have, to find out any information that you need, as well as an opportunity to meet and get to know some other parents. There will be cakes!!

Continuing with the focus that we currently have on **reading**, there are a couple of events happening in school this week. The **Reading Bounce** that we cancelled during the snow will be taking place on Wednesday. All of the children will have the opportunity to participate in this as we use our newly purchased bouncy castle. We will also be having our monthly **Reading Buddies** session on Tuesday afternoon where the children pair up with an older / younger child for a spot of enjoyable reading. I am looking forward to this as it was so lovely to see when we had our first session on World Book Day. Also a reminder about the **Extreme Reading Challenge** that was set – we want photos of children reading in unusual places! Please send in your photos to us so that we can put together an eye-catching display in school.



The **new summer menus** will start immediately after Easter, and the menus will be sent to you after the holiday. I am in the process of arranging another **menu tasting session** for the second week back so that you will be able to taste some of the new meals, which will help you to encourage your child to try some new dishes. Details about this will be out after the holiday.

Don't forget that each of the classes are writing a **weekly blog** on the school website, to keep you informed as to what they are learning in class. It is full of photos of some of the exciting things that they have done e.g. the range of animals that came in to visit Reception and Year 1 last week. Make sure that you have a regular look at these.



Some dates for next term for your diaries:

Taster Session for the new menus – week beginning 23rd April
UNICEF Fundraiser – Friday 25th May
Online Safety Week – 2nd – 6th July
NEW EVENT Summer Fete – date to be decided
Sports Days – Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th July
International Food Fair – Friday 13th July
Parents' Evenings – July 11th



ASSEMBLIES

Ascension Day (Christian) – Wed 9th May
Eid (Muslim) – Wed 20th June
Leavers' Assembly – Fri 20th July

Don't forget that Thursday is the last day of term, and school will be finishing at 1:30pm

I hope that you have a lovely holiday with the children.
Kate McGee
Headteacher