

-----27th March 2015-----

Reception – Enjoying the Spring Sunshine

Our reception children have been making the most of the outdoor resources and really enjoying the newly completed sandpit during child initiated learning time.

During child initiated learning children are encouraged to explore, take risks, solve problems and use knowledge and skills they have gained from others areas of learning. At the end of the session they tidy up and put everything away – just like they do at home!

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2015

Wednesday 1st April

Easter Fair 2.30-4.00pm

Thursday 2nd April

Easter Hat Competition

TERM ENDS

Thursday 2nd April at 1.30 pm

Monday 20th April

INSET Day – school closed for children

TERM STARTS

Term begins for children

Tuesday 21st April 2015

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Verse Speaking Heats

Thursday 23rd April

S. George's Day Wear Red + White

Verse Speaking Finals

Friday 24th April

Music Workshop – Rule Britannia

Monday 27th April

Class Photographs

Wednesday 29th April

Forensic Science Day Yr1 & Yr2 - **POSTPONED**

Year 2 Theatre Visit - Oliver

5th – 8th May

Maths Week

Wednesday 6th May

Maths Carousel

Thursday 7th May

Happy Puzzle Day

Friday 8th May

Gullivers Land Trip Yr2

Thursday 14th May

Paradise Wildlife Park Trip

Reception

Friday 15th May

Whipsnade Trip Yr1

Wednesday 20th May

Wig Wednesday – Wear a wig day

Year 1 – Georgia O'Keeffe Inspired Drawings

Georgia O'Keeffe was an American artist famous for her large and colourful paintings of flowers. This week year 1 have used live flowers as inspiration to create drawings in the same style.

Using oil pastels and a magnifying glass to look closely at the flowers they were given the brief to let the flower spill over the edges of the page.



Year 2 – Puppet Show

Year 2 have produced and performed their very own puppet show this week.

Working in groups using the hand puppets they had made and their own stories they performed for their classmates and reception children!

After the performance the class discussed what they like best about each show.



Parent Consultation Feedback Forms March 2015

Thank you for completing the feedback form after your consultation with your child's teacher. We received 149 responses from the 191 given out and 139 of those gave positive answers to all questions and 2 did not tick any boxes but gave positive comments. On 10 responses the Inclusion question was not answered at all but when Mrs Walmsley queried this the parent said they had not noticed the question but was happy to confirm a positive response. We plan to reword this part of the form for next year to make it clearer. We are very pleased to report that there were no negative answers or comments.

Easter Fair – Wednesday 1st April 2015 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.

Preparations for our Easter Fair are well under way. Please come along to support us and bring family and friends. The fundraising team have planned lots of fun things such as Easter Egg Tombola, Face Painting, Lucky Dip, Sand Craft, make up and jewellery stalls. Please let us know if you can help. You may collect your child from 2.30 pm to go to the fair if you would like to, if so please use the North Approach entrance and enter the school grounds from the gate to the left of the building and wait outside your child's classroom for them to come out as usual.

Artsmark

Miss Hussain and Miss Byrne were invited to the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden last Friday to celebrate our Artsmark award and to be inspired further. The day was filled with inspirational talks and performances from other professionals and ended with a special treat - a behind the scenes tour of the costume department!



Swimming

Our swimming lessons start after the summer half term break. This year lessons will take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 1st June. We will need lots of volunteer helpers both in the water and around the pool for lessons to take place. All volunteers will need DBS clearance. A letter giving details of the rota and a swimming helper meeting will be sent out next term.

Special Education Needs – Parent & Carer Involvement

Do you have a child with special education needs? Developing Special Provision Locally (DSPL) are hosting a parent and carer involvement event for you to go along and let them know what is working well and what could be better. Sessions will run from 10am -12pm, 1.00pm – 3.00pm and 6.00pm – 8.00 pm (you only need to attend one session) on 22nd April 2015 at The Niland Centre, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, WD23 4EE.


Supporting Separating Parents in Dispute

Are you separating or divorcing? Can't agree with your ex partner about what is best for your child? Want some help but not sure where to start? There are services available in Hertfordshire which can help you. Contact a professional advisor, free of charge, to find out more. Call the Supporting Separating Parents in Dispute helpline on 0800 380 0040 or go to www.cafcass.gov.uk/sspid.

Attendance

Attendance for week beginning 16th March 2015 – Blue class received the Attendance Cup!

Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.

ORANGE		92.5%	RED		97.8%	
GREEN		88.9%	YELLOW		93.7%	
PURPLE	97.9%	BLUE		99.2%	White	97.4%

Brilliant Blue Class!

Philosophy For Children (P4C)



What do you think

SUMMER TERM 2015

HALF TERM

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May

Tuesday 2nd June

Swimming starts

8th – 19th June

Assessment Weeks

Saturday 13th June

Summer Fair

15th – 19th June

National Year 1 Phonics Tests

29th June-3rd July

Environment Week

Wednesday 8th July

School Disco 5-6pm

Friday 10th July

Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

Visit new classes

Reports sent home

Monday 13th July

RESERVE Sports Day 9.10-11.30

TERM ENDS

Friday 17th July at 1.30 pm

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July

INSET DAYS – School closed for children

Wednesday 22nd July

Occasional day holiday – School Closed

Reminders –

Easter Fair 2.30 – 4.00pm

Wednesday 1st April 2015

Easter Hat Competition

2nd April 2015

Term Ends Thursday

2nd April 2015

At 1.30 pm

Summer Term Starts

For children

Tuesday 21st April 2015

Lost Property

All items of lost property without a name will be disposed of at the end of term.

Letters

Sent Out This Week

Primary Times

Easter Hat Competition

Easter Holiday Club Leaflets

Kingsway Katz

Funfit

Cheerleading