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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

It was an interesting week, watching the forecast and putting appropriate arrangements in place to keep our children warm and safe. Although we managed to get the children outside at break times for some fresh air during the latter days of last week, their time outside was shortened due to the very cold conditions.

However, the children did enjoy the three days of Book Week that we were able to squeeze in before we were forced to close, and were able to enjoy a range of writing activities linked to a class book. All the children across the school focused on the genre of letter writing and this culminated in Big Write activities where children wrote letters of apology independently as a book character for doing something wrong. This also linked to our Christian core value of Forgiveness this half-term. More details will be in the class blogs on the website. Find out about Mr Wolf being very greedy in Rabbits class whilst Foxes and Badgers had other troubles!

A new date has been rescheduled for World Book Day – please see details below.

### **World Book Day**



Sadly our Book Week was badly affected by the weather and, as the children were so looking forward to dressing up as a book character on World Book Day, we have rescheduled our dressing-up day to Wednesday, 7 March.



### **Mother's Day Assembly**

We are looking forward to seeing you all this Friday, 9 March, for our Mother's Day Assembly at 2.30pm.



### **Forest School**

We have been given an amazing offer to use a local woodland in a private garden next to the church for our Forest School. The owners are very happy for us to use their grounds and for us to maximize the children's opportunities to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in their woodland environment and, at the same time, have fun! The children will have a lot more space to learn how to build shelters and have opportunities for circle-time around campfires, alongside other exciting learning opportunities.

In order for this initiative to take place, we will need additional adult support to take the children safely to and from the site and to supervise the children under the direction of Hannah Wills, our Forest School Leader. Please let me know if you can help. Hopefully we will get sufficient volunteers to put a rota together so it is not too demanding on peoples' time each week? Badgers have a few weeks left and it would be lovely if they had the opportunity to use the facilities before the end of term. Rabbit Class will be taking part in Forest School after Easter and it would be helpful if we could forward plan and secure some help before we break up.

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### Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place for Rabbit and Fox Classes this week on Monday and Wednesday evenings. If you would still like to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please see Mrs Marshall in the school office.

Attendance figures will be given out during these Evenings to keep you up to date with absences and the number of "lates" so far during this academic year.

### Topic Webs

Topic webs for this half-term will be updated on the school website shortly. These will give you a flavour of what your children are learning this half-term.

I hope you all have a good week.

Best wishes  
Gillian Morris

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### Dates Box:

Mon, 5 Mar	3.30pm	Parents' Evening for Yr R and Yr 1
Wed, 7 Mar	4.30pm	Parents' Evening for Yr R and Yr 1
Fri, 9 Mar	2.30pm	Mother's Day Assembly in the hall – all welcome
Mon, 19 Mar	5.30pm	Farnham Festival
Wed, 21 Mar	2.30pm	Rabbit Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall
Fri, 23 Mar	Comic Relief Day – further details to follow	
Sun, 25 Mar	PTA event – Bunny Fun Run – further details to follow	
Tues, 27 Mar	1.15pm-3.00pm and again from 3.30pm	Parents' Evening for Yr 2
Thurs, 29 Mar	9.00am	Easter Service – further details to follow
	2.00pm	School closes for the Easter break
Mon, 16 Apr	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term

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News items for this week:

PTA Fundraising – please see the notice from the PTA regarding a new fundraising project.

*It seems fitting to end book-week with the launch of an exciting new project that the PTA are working on – the production of a St John's School Recipe Book! Along with fundraising, we hope this will be a great way for us to share mealtime ideas with other parents, to promote healthy eating and to encourage our kids to take an active interest in cooking and expand their food choices. The book will be a compilation of recipes donated by your children, along with a picture (or photo) and commentary about why this recipe is a particular family favourite. Watch out for more information and contribution forms in book-bags soon!*



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