



School Newsletter



Badgers Class at Roald Dahl Day

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Roald Dahl Day

We had a brilliant Roald Dahl Day last week. Your children looked great in all their character costumes and they certainly enjoyed a great day of activities and food inspired by the Roald Dahl books. We do all we can to inspire your children to develop a love of reading and hopefully we will see more children taking out his books in the months ahead.



We are also offering a series of upcoming workshops to support parents in their role in aiding their children in their reading. The first is in relation to the Little Wandle reading scheme and is directed towards the parents of Year 1 children. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend the two phonics workshops, which will be delivered by Mrs Thompson. These have in the past been really informative events that have clarified the methods that the school uses to develop phonics in the early phases of the school. If you are unable to attend then please let us know and we will be able to direct you towards suitable materials to assist you. The date and times for the workshops are **2:30 - 3:10 on Tuesday 15th October and repeated at 6 - 6:40pm that evening**, in the hall.

Harvest festival this week

We'd like to remind parents that this Thursday (26th) is our Harvest Festival. We'd be happy to receive donations to go to the Gatehouse charity at any point this week. Please send your children in with donations any morning and they will be boxed up to be delivered later this week. Please see their shopping list at the end of the newsletter to see what they would like. Thank you.

Office Reminder

Please if at all possible try to arrange your child's medical and dental appointments for outside of the school day. We understand that this won't always be possible, but please try to avoid this if you can.

Please also to remember to complete the appropriate leave of absence paperwork for medical appointments within the school day and provide medical evidence if required.

Parent Governor Post

The governing body have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the fantastic team, who help support the school on their improvement journey. Details of how to put yourself forward for this position will be sent out to everyone by the school office alongside this newsletter. The closing date for applications for this important role is 14th October. If you would like to find out more about this post then please come and speak to myself or the school office.

Viking Day and National Poetry Day

Alongside the other events coming up soon, we have Year 5 Viking Day tomorrow, we are also welcoming back the Royal Ballet, who will be working with the Year 3s this term. Next week is National Poetry Day (Thursday 3rd October), so the children might well be involved in some class based poetry next week.

Parent Consultations

The first parent consultations of the year will be taking place during the week of the 21st October. Booking arrangements will be sent out to you shortly via the school office, and should be live early next week.

I'd also like to remind parents that many future dates are already set for other events and are available on the calendar of the school website.

House Captain Posts

Some new roles for the children that we have created this year, are the roles of House Captains. These have been elected by the children following the candidates sharing speeches to the children.

Elected to these roles are:

Diamonds House Captain – Corbin Collins

Rubies House Captain – Victoria Fesun

Emeralds House Captain – Miles Millard

Sapphires House Captain – Storie Chaplin

Congratulations to them all. They will have many new roles across the school and will be working alongside the school's pupil governor, who will be elected next week.

Friends of Feoffment News

The Friends are planning a number of events for this term, these include an Autumn KS2 disco in early November and a Christmas event for the 13th December (specific dates will follow on Dojo). If you would like to be part of planning these and other future events then please feel free to come along to the next Friends meeting at the **Dog and Partridge at 7pm on the 15th October**. All are welcome, as the more members we have the more money we can raise for the children.

House Points Trophy

Congratulations the Rubies house for winning the last two week's House point trophies.



Pupil Individual Photos

This is just to remind parents that there will be individual pupil photos on the 21st October, so please ensure that you child is appropriately dresses and presented for that day.

Family Science Days Out

I'd like to flag up for parents the opportunities for Science family engagement at the Science Festival in Cambridge (particularly across the weekend of the 28th September). Visit <https://cambridgesciencefestival.org/> for more details.



Also there is the Big Biology Day in Cambridge. We know there are lots of budding scientists in our school who would be keen to visit either and experience a fun, science-themed day out.



Foodbank Shopping List, please donate one of the above.
Thank you.



Foodbank

Breakfast cereal	No donations please	Milk (UHT and powdered)	✓
Biscuits	✓	Pasta (dried)	No donations please
Baked beans (tins)	✓	Pasta sauce (jar)	✓
Coffee	✓	Rice pudding (tinned)	✓
Fish / tuna (tinned)	✓	Soup (tins and packets)	✓
Fruit (tinned)	✓	Sugar	✓
Fruit squash drink	✓	Tinned tomatoes	✓
Orange juice (carton)	✓	Tea bags	✓
Meat (tinned)	✓	Vegetables (tinned)	✓

Katherine Rundell

Last week the award winning author Katherine Rundell held an online interactive school event with our upper KS2 children. It was a great opportunity for them to speak to an inspiring author talk about her new book, *Impossible Creatures*, exploring where the book came from and learn some of her storytelling craft. We are looking forward to seeing how this inspires their next creative writing pieces.

The New Attendance Fixed Penalty System

You will have seen the recent communication regarding the national changes to the fixed penalty system for unauthorised absence from school which started this term. We'd like to clarify following a few things that have been raised regarding this.

Firstly, the first fine will be issued after missing 10 sessions (5 Days) in any rolling 10 week period. This can span two terms or different years (including following secondary transfer). The second fine (for which there is no 50% reduction for early payment) is £160 per parent per pupil, and will be issued if there is any further 10 session period missed (within another rolling 10 week period) at any point within the following **three years**. Should you subsequently face a third or further fixed penalty within that same three year period then the case could be presented straight to the magistrates court, where prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500. The new National arrangements are for all schools to follow.



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