



April 2017

## Termly Tale

Another term has flown by and our pupils have been very busy enjoying a wide range of activities in and outside of school.

We said goodbye this week to Emma Kennedy, temporary part time teacher in Class 3, who is leaving us for personal reasons. Emma may return as a supply teacher. We have appointed Andrew Armond to teach the class for the summer term on Mondays and Tuesdays. (Andrew is already known to us as a teaching assistant in Class 6, but is a qualified teacher).

We have continued to have lots of meetings to plan the building developments and it has been exciting to begin looking at the details of equipment for each room! We will have temporary classrooms for two classes installed on the playground for use next academic year while the work is being carried out. Planning permission will be sought at the end of this month and the outcome should be known at the end of the summer term. If all goes well work should start at the end of August.

The Summer Scheme will take place for eight days from 26 July until 4 August - details to follow.

A few reminders:

- There will be no parents' evening again this year as the majority of parents do not wish for one. We can review this and reinstate it next year if parents would like us to - do let us know your views.
- The school site is non-smoking. This includes the car park.
- Where parents employ staff members directly to provide care for pupils outside of school this is totally separate from school and arrangements need to be made by parents and the member of staff to ensure that income tax and national insurance are paid and 'workplace' insurance is in place.

We hope you have a good Easter holiday and the sun continues to shine.

Julie Mantell and Jennie Walsh

# Book Week

We started the term with Book Week, focussing on Monsters, Myths and Legends, and celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It was great to see pupils dressed up as book characters for the day. We had a "Where's Wally?" hunt around school to end the week.



# Red Nose Day

This year we dressed to the theme of wear something funny or wear red. Pupils enjoyed a smile competition in assembly and danced to "If you're happy and you know it". Class 6 organised a tuck shop in their classroom afterwards and all the classes came along for snack. We raised £100 - thank you to all involved.



## Spring Sing

Classes 3 and 4 took part in 'Spring Sing' in our Sports Hall with pupils from Stratton School and Deer Park School. This was organised by Liz Terry from Gloucestershire Music. Thank you to Kate Kinsey for co-ordinating this.

## Music for Autism concert

A group of pupils attended the annual Music for Autism concert at Malmesbury Abbey. As always, this was a lovely occasion with pupils enjoying the music in their own way.

## Lakeside events for families with additional needs

Lakeside at Lower Moor Farm Cricklade, SN16 9TW is holding events for families with additional needs on 15 and 20 April - see [www.wiltshirewildlife.org](http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org) for details

### Dates for your diary

24 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Maths week
26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes, 2pm Parents' Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School starts
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week