

# Newsletter



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28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Assembly themes: Next week: Forgiveness Week after: Bravery/Heroes**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had an enjoyable half term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Teacher Consultations before the holidays and to receive so much positive feedback about your children's learning. We have a busy half term ahead, and look forward to sharing the events with you.



**Celia Lewis**

It is with great sadness that I share the news that one of our great supporters, Celia Lewis has died. Celia started helping at school with our school grounds, when her oldest Codicote grandson, Adam, was here – he is now 23! She continued to help, with her younger grandsons - Edward and Alexander, starting school a few years later. She was a driving force in establishing and developing the Year 2 allotment with Miss Grainger and also helped with gardening projects in Reception and school visits, including the annual trip to the pantomime. She was a lovely friend to the school and a very calm, capable person to work with. We extend our sympathies to her daughter Sarah, and family.



**Wooden blocks**

Year 2 would really appreciate any small offcuts of wood to use to make their wooden heads and jewellery. Please see Miss Grainger, or contact the school office if you think you can help.



## **Before and After School**

To ensure everyone's safety, at drop off and collection times, bikes and scooters need to be wheeled on school premises rather than ridden. We have a number of babies and small children on our playgrounds and have had a few near misses recently. In addition, ball games cannot be played before or after school for the same reason. I have also reminded the children that only Year 3 to Year 6 children should be on the climbing equipment on the bottom playground, as this is the age group it is designed for. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe



## Social Networks

Following on from our e-safety day, we thought it would be helpful to share the poster below with you. During the course of the day, a number of children, even in the youngest classes, shared that they had a variety of social media accounts including most of those shown below. Whilst we understand it is your choice which of these your child accesses at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to know the age range they are intended for, so that you are aware of the likely content – including photos and videos, the age of other people your child may be socialising with and the age group any pop ups or adverts are intended for. If you have any concerns or questions regarding online safety, the NSPCC has a really useful section on this: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
Mr Browne and I would also be happy to discuss any concerns with you.

**Social Networks**  
Do you use any of these and did you know the age restrictions?

Facebook Twitter Snapchat Instagram

**Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms**

Age Restriction	Platforms
13	Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Tik Tok
14	LinkedIn
16	WhatsApp
18	Youtube, Keek, Foursquare, WeChat, Kik, Flickr, Tinder

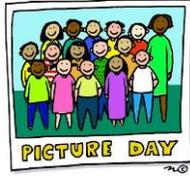
(13 with parents' permission)

#WorldBookDay



## Book Character Day Reminder

There will be a book character day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, to tie in with World Book Day. Children and staff are able to come into school dressed as a character – costumes can be as simple or elaborate as you wish!



### **Photo day**

School Photographs will be taken on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, so you may wish to build in extra hair brushing time! Pre-school siblings are welcome to be included in family photographs – these are taken first, so please come to the office at the start of the morning. Please could all Football and Netball kits be returned, so they can be worn for the team photos? Thank you for your help.



### **Royal Albert Hall**

Letters have been sent home with all children singing at the Royal Albert Hall detailing the arrangements. If yours has not reached you, please let me know and I will send a replacement. The t-shirts were given to the children to take home yesterday – these may be kept after the performance.



### **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week runs from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March. There are families in our school affected by MS, so we are inviting children to wear something orange either on one day during the week, or every day of this week, in support; it could be something as simple as a hair ribbon, badge or sticker. There will be a collection in the school office if anyone has change to spare and would like to donate it to the MS Society. Also, we will be collecting used stamps, which can be sent off to raise money for the charity too. How to donate used stamps: Please cut the stamp off the envelope. When cutting, leave approximately 1cm of envelope bordering each stamp. A collection box will be in the school entrance.



### **Textile Recycling 9<sup>th</sup> March!**

Reminder: items which can be included are: adult and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, and household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels and NON logo school uniform. All items must be clean and dry and supplied in your own bags.

Bags can be brought into school first thing on Monday morning, ready for collection. Alternatively, if this is not convenient, we can accept bags on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support!



### **Mothering Sunday Shopping**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, The PTFA will be organising Mothering Sunday gift shopping. A range of items will be on sale for the children to buy. Everything costs £3 – please send money into school in a named envelope. Children can shop as a family or on their own.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,  
Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER