



# NEWSLETTER 10 - 1st March 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers

This term seems to be flying by already and so many lovely things have happened since we have returned from the half term break. Some of our classes were very lucky to have Jonathan's Jungle in school and many of our children attended the school disco this week. The disco was a great success and special thanks go to the FODHS team, the school staff who stayed to supervise the children and most importantly Mr Monteith from Platinum Parties who made sure the children had the best time – the snow machine was a big hit! We look forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Roberts

## Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Tag Rugby Tournament

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March - Owl Class Bikeability

Wednesday 13th March - Hedgehog Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March - Owl Class Bikeability

Thursday 21st March - Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm in the Hall

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March - Owl Class Bikeability

Friday 22nd March - Owl & Mole Cake Bake

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Church Service 2pm –All Welcome

Wednesday 27th March - Mole Class Family Sharing Afternoon 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 28th March - FODHS Easter Egg Hunt during the morning

**Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm End of Term 4**



## Thankfulness

Our Christian value for this half term is Thankfulness. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise. We will be using songs, hymn, bible stories etc. To help the children realise the importance of saying and most importantly feeling thankful.

Please take time to look at our Take Home Sheet as this helps you to explore values and have fun together.



## Owl Class in Focus

Owl class have had a very exciting start to the new term and have started some exciting new topics.

In geography we are looking at sustainability and trade links and have discovered the countries that we export and import to. We played a trading game which illustrated how important trade links are to all countries across the world. The wonderful posters we created in the holidays have come together to form an eye-catching and informative display.

In science, we are learning about evolution and inheritance. We have looked at pictures of ourselves and our families and commented on the similarities and differences we see.

We can't wait to learn more about this exciting topic.

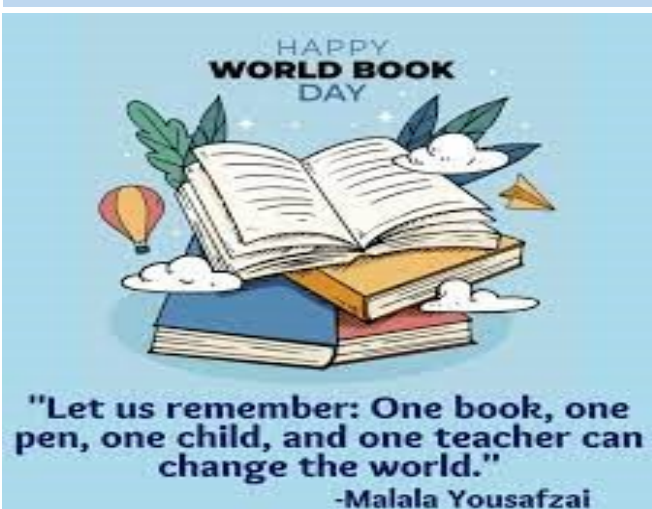
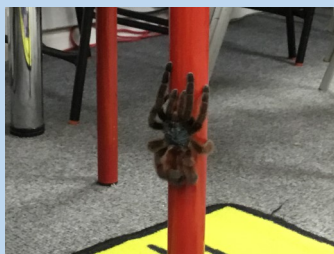


### Jonathan's Jungle Visit

Dormouse and Squirrel Class enjoyed their visit from Jonathan's Jungle last Friday, they had a chance to meet lots of different creepy crawlers. And even hold a snake.

"It was very fun there and he showed us a baby gecko which doesn't have a name. Jonathan also took in a huge gecko that weighed 225kg. He showed us a tarantula's fangs." - Orla

"At Jonathan's Jungle we got to see a marshmallow gecko and it got to jump on someone's shoulder. Jonathan had A giant bush cricket, it has a stinger that lays eggs in the ground." - Lewis



### Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

This year for Red Nose Day we would love the children to come dressed in Red and to go 'red-to-toe' in as much red as you can find. So, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you! Plus, in true Blue Peter style they will be taking on a challenge just for Red Nose Day - plans are currently on a need-to-Nose basis, but they'd love schools to get involved, keep an eye on this page, your Red Nose Day emails and on Blue Peter for updates.

A donation will be set up on Parentmail for you to donate if you would like to. All donations will go to the Comic Relief charity.



### Easter Church Service

There will be an Easter Church Service on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm. All parents and carers welcome.



### Owl & Mole Class Cake Bake

Owl and Mole classes will be holding a cake bake after school on **Friday 22nd March**, on the front playground. Please don't forget your cash and something to carry your cakes home in. Thank you for your support.



### TD Days 2024/25

TD Days have now been agreed for the next academic year.

Monday 2nd Sept 2024

Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024

Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

Thursday 24th July 2025



### World Book Day

A reminder that Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day.

We will be celebrating at Derry Hill and invite the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or as their favourite book character.

Please remember to send in your entries for the 'Design a Wooden Spoon Book Character' competition.

All entries must be in by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and will be judged on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Shears