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Newsletter Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

This newsletter is to give you advance notice of events happening this term.

School Library Development Project

At Irchester Community Primary School we put reading at the heart of our curriculum and as a result it is a recognised strength of our school. We are developing this with a library extension project. The area of worktops at the end of the library shelves will be developed into a reading area and the range of non-fiction books and those for older readers will be extended.

To launch this we have the author Guy Bass, author of the 'Stitch head', and 'Spynosaur' series of children's books, visiting KS2 children on Thursday 7th February. (<https://www.guybass.com>)

He will be signing books that have been pre-ordered and the money raised will go to the library fund. Please see the letter from Viv Hall, our librarian, about how you can order any signed books in advance.

Reading with Parents Sessions

These have proved very successful and enjoyable for the children and parents involved, so if you haven't already come along do try and find the time to join in: Foundation Stage on Mondays from 2:50pm and KS1 on Thursday mornings from 8:50am to 9:15am. If you are unable to make these times but would like to be a volunteer reader please let us know.

Fairness Values Reward: Friday 1st February

I set the children a values bead challenge – to get over a 1,000grams in a month: they smashed it at 2.5Kg! As a reward they have been told that **if** they want to bring a board game into school on Friday they can – no electronic games. The children will have an hour after lunch in their family groups and house teams to play the games together. The children have been told that if they bring in a game they are responsible for looking after it. We do have some games in school so do not feel your child has to bring one in. Also, as the children will be in family groups then brothers and sisters can bring in one favourite family game to play together.

Toy Sale

On Tuesday 5th February the Year 6 children are holding a Toy Sale in their classroom. They are doing this to raise funds for a special post SATS day out. The sale will be from 3 – 3:45pm. It will be cash only. All family members welcome.

Design and Technology Day

On Tuesday 12th February the whole school will be spending the day on special DT projects. Any volunteers are most welcome to come along and join in any part of the day – just let your child's teacher know when you can help. There has already been a request sent out for cereal boxes and I am sure there will be others.

Year 5 & 6 Volcanoes Exhibition

On Thursday 14th February Year 5 & 6 children are setting up a display of homework related to their Volcano topic. This will be in the KS2 hall from 2:30pm. From that time onwards parents are welcome to come in and collect their child, who will then escort them around the exhibition.

Please note that basketball club the next morning (Friday 15th February) will be in the KS1 hall.

FICPS (Friends of Irchester Community Primary School)

All parents are automatically members of the Friends Association and are most welcome to become members of the fundraising committee. This year FICPS have already raised money to repaint the playground markings (to be completed over February half term) and have planned a Film Night on Thursday 28th February 3:15pm – 5:20pm. It will be £2.50 per child and the money raised will go towards books for our library. The films are: Peter Rabbit or Christopher Robin.

Lab 13

We have a few spaces available at our half term science workshops on Thursday 21st February (Y4 – Y6). If you wish to book a place don't delay as the workshop for the younger children has already sold out.

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 26th February (4:30 – 6pm) / Wednesday 27th February (3:30 – 5pm)

The online booking system will be open from Friday 1st February until Friday 22nd February.

Booking is accessed through your PMX account. Mr Keohane will be available to speak to 4BF parents.

Mr Simon Bloomfield teaches a Year 6 maths masterclass after school on a Wednesday. During Parents' Evening on Wednesday 27th February, any parents of children attending his masterclass may drop in and speak to him at the end of the session.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Advanced notice that on that day we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character and donate £1 towards our library project.

Year 6 SATS information session for parents – Tuesday 5th March 3:30 – 4:00pm in 6RR

All Year 6 parents are welcome to come along to find out more about the SATS their children will be taking in May. You will get the opportunity to view old SATS papers too as well as ask questions about how best to support your child to achieve the best they can in SATS week.

Year 6 parents have already been sent home information about purchasing SATS study guides for £5. These can be purchased through your PMX account, but hurry final orders must be in by Monday 4th February.

Y4 residential information evening Thursday 14th March 6:00pm

This is an information session for Year 4 parents of children going on the residential 24th – 26th April. Please bring your child along with you so they know what to pack!

Yr 3&4 M&M Theatre production and workshop of 'The Railway Children' Thursday 4th April

To support year 3 and 4's theatre topic which shall be starting after Easter. More details to follow.

Spring Term dates

The school closes for half term for the week beginning Monday 18th February. The children return to school after half term on Monday 25th February. The last day of the spring term for the children is Friday 5th April. After Easter the children return on Wednesday 24th April as staff have a training day on Tuesday 23rd April.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Fischer had a baby girl, Evelyn, on Monday 21st January. We wish her and her husband every happiness with their new family.

Regards

Julia Alison
Head teacher

