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Headteacher's news:

In school calendar months Spring has arrived and although the Spring Equinox is still a couple of weeks away, there has certainly been a different feel to this week: the crisp mornings and bright sunshine have been very welcome

It has been a busy week from the start as we welcomed Steve Weatherill (an author of books for young readers) on Monday and then Phil Earle who spoke to Y2 - Y6 on Tuesday. Both authors were well received by the children and staff and this led very nicely into our World Book Day (WBD) celebrations which took place yesterday. The children looked great in their PJs and it was lovely to see so many parents enjoying the 'stay and read' sessions which took place across the EYFS and KS1 classes.

In the afternoon, the children had an end of day 'bedtime story' in their classes and we delivered hot chocolate and biscuits across the whole school. Many thanks to all the staff in school (including Mrs Gallimore - who organised the refreshments) and for



your support in making this a special day - the children really do enjoy WBD and it has become a permanent annual fixture in most school calendars.









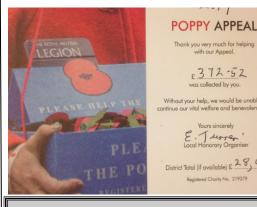
COVID-19 Update: The Department for Education now provides daily updates to all early years providers, schools and further education providers. It continues to reiterate the importance of hygiene - particularly around washing hands and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes to help in delaying the peak of the infection. In addition to the normal expectations around the washing of hands (before eating / after toileting), we are asking the children to wash their hands when they first come into class in the morning and if they cough, sneeze or blow into a tissue. Please reinforce this message at home.

This week in assembly I spoke to the children about germs, how these can spread and the importance of washing hands. We discussed the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' strategy. We also talked about Louis Pasteur and how his scientific work in this area was significant for the world of medicine.

School pumps: a polite reminder

All children need to have a pair of pumps to wear indoors. If your child doesn't have a pair of suitably safe pumps then they have been given a note to bring home so that you are aware too. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and assistance with replacing this school uniform item. Pumps can still be purchased from the school office.

Poppy Appeal thanks...This week we received thanks from The Royal British Legion for the monies we raised in the Autumn term.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y4 SKIPPING FESTIVAL: THUR 12th MARCH TEACHER TRAINING DAY: FRI 13th MARCH School will be closed to the children.

Y6 BIKEABILITY: W.B. 16TH MARCH

CAKE SALE: FRI 20TH MARCH - contributions

from Y2 and Y5 please.

Y3 NELL BANK TRIP: 24TH MARCH

Y4 RESIDENTIAL: TUES 31ST MARCH & 1ST

APRIL

WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S

CHURCH: THUR 2ND APRIL am - we need parent volunteers for this visit so if you are able to help, please let us know.

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE: THUR 2ND APRIL pm