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February Newsletter

Value: Perseverance

Throughout our learning and collective worship times, the children have been exploring the idea of perseverance.

Freddie told us- "If something is too hard you just keep going"

Robbie said – "Never give up"

And Henry reminded us "If you are trying something new, keep trying"

We have looked at the stories below to help us understand our value.

The parable of the lost sheep-Mick Inkpen

How to catch a star-Oliver Jeffers

The snail and the whale-Julia Donaldson

The tortoise and the hare-Aesop

Internet safety day is 11th February

The online world is a fantastic place for children to learn, be creative, and interact with their friends; however, it is never too early to start having conversations about online safety with your children and to consider the following aspects.

What your children might see online and how to keep them safe from age-inappropriate or distressing content. Check out the apps or sites they are using, talk to them about age ratings and set up parental controls. It's practically impossible to keep on top of all the latest technology and trends so there are some brilliant resources out there to help:

- The NSPCC's NetAware site & app reviews the top 50 apps/games/sites that children might be using, giving really useful insights from other parents and children and providing risk ratings regarding what children might be exposed to in each. There's also a newsletter you can sign up to. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/> has really useful guides on setting up parental controls.
- The NSPCC and O2 have teamed up to provide an Online Safety Helpline (0808 800 5002) for free advice on keeping your family safe online.

Sharing the resources listed above with your child's group of trusted adults can also help deliver a consistent message to them around online safety.

Most of us probably feel it's a bit early to be worrying about this, but it is well worth repeating the messages the children learn at school about healthy friendships and reporting bullying. It's also good to remind children who a "trusted adult" is – such as family members or teachers, so that they know who they can go to if you're not around or if they're worried about telling you something directly.



Book day and Book fair

Our school book day will be on **Wednesday 26th February**.

Children in the main school are welcome to come dressed as a character from a poem or nursery rhyme, Pre-school and Nursery children are invited to dress as a character from a traditional tale.

The book fair will be available Mon-Thurs after school, do come along and have a look.

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We are also running a book day competition, children can make, draw or paint their favourite book character.

Please ensure their name and class is on their entry, there is a 5 prizes of a £5 voucher redeemable at the book fair. The winning entries will be chosen by Mrs Taylor and our school council and announced on Book Day. Please submit all entries by **Monday 24th February**.

Dates for your diary

7th Feb PTFA Friendship disco-Village hall

11th Feb-NSPCC assembly

13th Feb Year 2 to Spectrum

14th Feb Year 1 parents welcome to Open the book at 8.55am

17th- 21st Feb Half Term

24th- 27th Feb Book fair in school

26th Feb- Book Day

5th Mar- Year 1 to Spectrum

9th Mar Year 2 parent consultations

10th Mar Reception parent consultations

11th Mar Year 1 parent consultations

27th Mar Year 2 parents welcome to Open the book at 8.55am

3rd April End of term 1.15pm for main school, 3pm for Pre-school and nursery

20th April Summer term begins

8th May- Bank holiday

16th May Bramley Fete on Gosden Common

25th May-29th May-Half term

1st June INSET day (main school only, Pre-school and nursery are open)

22nd June INSET day (main school only, Pre-school and nursery are open)

22nd July End of term 1.15pm for all children.

Trips

Mrs Archer and some of our Year 2 children had an exciting visit to Glebelands school to complete a STEM challenge. They worked in 2 teams to build a lighthouse with a working light. Team 'Shimmering Scientists' claimed 3rd place.



Year 2 visited GLive last week to list to a live orchestra. The really enjoyed the experience of learning about instruments and listening to the exciting music.



On Thursday morning we ran our first Reading café for our Year 1 families. We were delighted so many parents could attend.



Next term Planet Soccer are offering to run a football club, they need sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile. Please register your interest with the school office.



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