



Newsletter – Friday 29th January 2016

Dear Parents,

Well Done!

A big 'well done' to Mrs Parsons, Miss Lunn (HB) and Miss Spurway (WPS) for coming through the Local Authority audit with flying colours. Although Mrs Parsons has ensured that procedures and processes are well established across the board in our federation, the three day audit is still very intensive and generates a great deal of additional work. Thank you all - it is so good to know that the federation finances and systems are in safe hands! Rob.

Craft Club

Members of craft club – please remember to bring a large cereal box to Monday’s session.

School Dinner – Thursday

Please note the hot option on Thursday (4th) will be chicken pie rather than pasty pie for this week. All other items will remain the same.

St George’s House

Please remember that the £20 deposit for the St George’s House residential is due on **Monday 1st February**. Thank you.

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday to **Zarah** for the 2nd February.

This week at school...

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week, and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

Learning Lions

- 1) What did you finish making this week?
- 2) What was your ending to the polar bear story?
- 3) What did you do in music?

Exploring Elephants

- 1) What are the Torah and a Synagogue?
- 2) What is Online-Safety?
- 3) What did we do with the Learning Lions?

Inventive Impalas

- 1) Tell someone your invent
- 2) What is a tenth?
- 3) Which notes have you learnt to play on the recorder?

Challenging Cheetahs

- 1) Tell me about the penguin difference problems you've been solving in maths.
- 2) What did you write about the swing picture?
- 3) What have you found out about explorers of icy worlds?

Home Activity – Class One Reading for pleasure Can you find out a fact about ice?	Home Work – Class Two Reading for pleasure Maths - Money Literacy - Handwriting.	Home Work – Class Three Reading for pleasure Spellings X8 multiplication facts Guided Reading Comprehension Task	Home Work – Class Four Reading for pleasure Spellings Superhero multiplication Guided Reading Task
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Jeremy Bear Maisie - for practising her reading so much at home.	KS1 Star of the Week Max - for persevering with his writing to finish his story.	Class 3 Star of the Week Caitlin – for her inventive persuasive letter about Dartmoor ponies.	Class 4 Star of the Week Edie – for listening carefully to others' ideas and sharing her own confidently.
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Next Week W/B: Monday 1st February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Craft club	Multi-skills club Netball club	Choir		Recorder club Drama club Football club

Day	Club	Time	Adult in charge
Monday	Craft Club (Y1 – Y6)	3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Anoyrkatis
Tuesday	Multi-skills Club (YR and Y1)	3.30 – 4.15	Miss Barker
	Netball Club (Y2 upwards) Pick up from Community Centre	3.30 – 4.30 (Y2) 3.30 – 4.45 (Y3+)	Mrs Beel
Wednesday	Choir	3.30 – 4.30	Miss Trofa
	Film Club (occasional basis – look out for announcements of films)		Miss Wannell
Friday	Recorders Club – new time	Lunchtime	Ms Liddell
	Drama Club – new day	3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Dunn
	Football Club	3.30 – 4.30	Mr Norton

Dates for Spring Term

W/C Monday 15th February – Half term holiday
Monday 22nd February – First day back after half term
Wednesday 9th – Thursday 11th March – St George's House Residential
Thursday 24th March – Last day of term

Taw Valley Federation - Term Dates: 2016-17

Autumn term

Starts: Monday 5 September 2016
Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016
Ends: Friday 16 December 2016

Spring term

Starts: Wednesday 4 January 2017
Half term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2017
Ends: Friday 31 March 2017

Summer term

Starts: Wednesday 19 April 2017
Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
Ends: Friday 21 July 2017

Non Pupil Days:

Thursday 1 September 2016, Friday 2 September 2016,
Tuesday 3 January 2017, Tuesday 18 April 2017, Monday
24 July 2017, Tuesday 25 July 2017, Wednesday 26 July
2017

Events in Quarry Wood This Year

Sunday 7th February - **Community Bramble Bash and Coppice Day** - 10:30 - 3:00. Refreshments will be available throughout the day by the camp fire. Please bring tools for bramble bashing and good gloves for dragging branches. We hope to cut and store the timber from the coppiced hazel to make charcoal at a later date and make brush fences from the leftover branches.

13th/14th May - **Story Telling Evening** and, if you like, camp overnight. Early next morning identify the birds on a Dawn Chorus walk followed by a campfire breakfast.

18th June - **Community Family Summer Solstice Camp**

August - **Bat Walk** followed by refreshments around the camp fire - date tba

October 23rd - **Apple Day**

Every second Tuesday afternoon each month volunteers work in the woodland - anyone is welcome to join us for a few hours. It is very informal, social and good fun. We meet at the Community Centre at 1:45.

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