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Newsletter 5th March 2021

We are excited, really happy and looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March. It will be lovely to have the school full of happy voices again. Please note that we are still obliged to follow social distancing and keep children in bubbles in order to keep them safe. Please see the letter we sent out last week which contains all the return to school guidance. Please help us keep your children safe by following the staggered start and end of day times and maintain social distancing around the school site. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

We are aware that some children have not been in school for a long time and may feel nervous about returning. Please be assured that all the staff will do everything they can to make your children feel welcome and safe in school. If you have any concerns, please contact your class teacher.

Mrs C. A. Matthewman

Travelling To School Safely

Please see information from the Department for Education below.

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Class 1

Please can we remind parents that all children in class 1 need a pair of wellingtons (with their name in), kept in school at all times.

World Book Day By Owen and Libby

Yesterday, Thursday, was World Book Day. Everyone dressed up as their favourite book character. There was Where's Wally, Robin Hood, Dobby, Harry Potter, Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Polly, Lyra and many more.



Thank you very much for all your hard work and effort in creating such amazing stories in shoeboxes! The School Council have had a very difficult time deciding who should win but after much deliberation they have come to a decision:

The winners are:

- Reception: Rupert - The Highway Rat
- Year 1: Harry - The Boy Who Unplugged the Sea
- Year 2: Claudette - Flip Flop's First Swim
- Year 4: Sennen - Paper Dolls
- Year 5: Josie - The Folk of the Far Away Tree
- Year 6: Monty -The Ickabog

Overall Key Stage 1 winner: Ryan - The Ugly Five
Overall Key Stage 2 winner: Libby - Mr Men and Little Miss



Amongst the World Book Day activities were anagram competition, crossword, wordsearches and the Book Bell. The Book Bell was a bell which, when it was rung, we would get our favourite book and read until the bell was rung again. We were given books to take home and the titles included 'Skullduggery Pleasant', 'The River With Sky Steppers' and 'How To Save The Planet'. The children that weren't here will get the chance to get their book on Monday.





Compost

We have 2 very full compost bins and wondered if any budding gardeners could give us a hand emptying and distributing the compost among our various pots, planters and beds. If you could help please get in touch.

School Lunch

Next week will be week 1 of the lunch menu, from which the children have pre-ordered.

We would be grateful if parents could ensure that dinner money payments for the remainder of the term are paid in advance, £10.50 per week. If you have any queries, please ring or email school.

Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day! Barbara will be serving the following menu:

A choice of fish fingers and chips, margherita pizza or sandwich selection, served with peas, baked beans or salad. Pudding will be a Red Nose cupcake, fruit or yoghurt.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

After School Club and Breakfast Club will start on 8th March.

Activities at After School Club will have a different theme each afternoon and this is our provisional timetable:

- Monday: Arts and Crafts
- Tuesday: Film Club
- Wednesday: Games Galore
- Thursday: Outdoor activities

Please contact school via email or phone to book your child's place.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

- 8th March – All children return to school
- 19th March – Red Nose Day – more details to follow

Thank you for all your support.
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team