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I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. We had a really busy end of term with a wonderful creative arts week. 'Jungle Joe' (Mr Lossin!) set the theme for the week with a fun assembly and the children's enthusiasm, participation and team work was wonderful. Thank you for all your messages telling us how much the children enjoyed the wealth of experiences; they were much appreciated. We really enjoyed it too! I hope that the photos on twitter gave you a flavour of what we were up to.

Also, during the last week of term, three of our musicians had an to opportunity to go to Rendcomb College to join in an orchestra day. This was an amazing experience for **Hannah**, **Darcey** & **Elizabeth**.

Before Creative Arts week, we had our Challenge Partners' Review. I am delighted to tell you that the review team assessed our school as 'Good' in all areas. Although they don't make a judgement on behaviour (they focus on School Improvement Strategies and Teaching & Learning), the review team were exceptionally complimentary about the behaviour of the children across the school. They were highly impressed with the children's work ethic in all classes, the way they supported each other and the positive relationships with each other and staff. As always, I am extremely proud of them all. It is lovely when other headteachers notice and compliment us in this way.

HOT CHOCOLATE

We had a wonderful start back to this term, not only with the glorious weather, but with a cup of hot chocolate from Mrs Wallis and her team of volunteers from St Sampson's Church.

Many thanks to them and St Sampson's for their generosity in supplying this for us all. I know it was thoroughly enjoyed! This marked the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. Mrs Wallis and a team from Year 6 then did a wonderful assembly at the start of the day and launched a competition all around chocolate! Details of this competition are attached to this newsletter. There is a prize for every year group so it would be wonderful if we get lots of entries.

Don't forget that tomorrow is our postponed NSPCC Number Day! Children across the school will be taking part in a range of mathematical challenges and completing their sponsored number event. Please can any sponsorship money come in over the next few weeks, either straight to the school office, or via your child's class teacher. It is always a great day and worthwhile to support the NSPCC at the same time. (The postponed NSPCC follow up workshops for Years 5 & 6 will take place on 15th March).

Jennifer Bayne

Our value that we are thinking about this term is 'Forgiveness'



FSSA Disco

We are looking forward to the disco today. Please can children coming to the disco come in through the top door above the school office and queue down the corridor. Children will need to be collected from the hall and leave via the middle playground so that we can make sure every child leaves with an adult, unless they have permission to walk home.

Please remember that there are no after school clubs running today. Thank you.

Netball Update

Friendly netball match v Brookfield



Well done to our netball team who played brilliantly to win 10-3 just before half term. For most of them it was their first match. Molly opened up the scoring with 6 goals! There was some excellent defending from Billy against an improving Brookfield side. He also scored 3 goals as a shooter. The tenth goal came from Oliver K.

Well done to all the team: Sophie B, Lucy B, Oliver K, Billy A and Molly.

Our netball team continued their winning streak when they played a league match away at Tregoze Primary School. The whole team played really well with some great defending by James and Gabby which resulted in a clean sheet. The final score was 12-0 with 2 goals for Alex, Gabby, Billy and Freya, 3 for James and 1 for Ellie. Our captain was Ruby who was chosen by the other team as player of the match. Well done to you all, it was a great game to umpire, especially in the warm sunshine!

It will be a busy week for our netballers as they are off to Bath University on Friday to watch a Superleague Netball match. The following week they have another league and friendly match v Hazelwood Academy.

Mrs Bray

Red Nose Day - Friday, March 15th

We will be joining in with this year's Red Nose Day. We are hoping to sell Red Noses in school but we also invite the children to wear non-uniform by wearing their reddest outfit, hat or silly wig and accessorise with deeley boppers.



6B's Class Assembly – Friday, 8th March

5C's Class Assembly – Friday 15th March

Parents and carers of children in these classes are invited to join us for their class assembly at 9:10am in the Main Hall and then afterwards in the classroom for a shared learning experience.

Community Tea Party – Friday, 29th March @ 1:30pm

I have over 100 wonderful auditions for acts for the talent show at this years Community Tea Party from children in the upper school to watch over the next two weeks! It is one of my favourite jobs of the year and I can't wait!

If you know of any senior member of our community or your family who would like to come along, please do invite them. I will be sending a paper invitation home and it is helpful if we know how many people are likely to attend. It would be great if we could fill the hall for our performers. Also, if anyone is able to give me a hand making sandwiches at 11:00am on 29th March, I would be very grateful. Finally, if there is anyone who is able to help our Year 6 House captains serve on the afternoon itself, please can you come and speak to me. Thank you.

World Book Day – Thursday, 7th March

Don't forget that next Thursday is World Book Day. We will be celebrating and enjoying books across the school all day. As always, we are inviting children and staff to dress up as book characters to get in to the spirit of the day!

Children will receive a £1 book token which can be swapped at a local bookseller for one of the World Book Day books.

Just for fun....

'Book in a Jar'

If you, or your child, or as a family, you would like to have a go at creating a 'Book in a Jar', please do so and we will display them in our Reception Area. There are lots of good ideas online and if you fancy having a go, I am sure that these will look fantastic and be a lovely thing to have on display for visitors until the end of term. \odot

Menu Change for World Book Day

As it is a special day, there is a special Hot Dinner menu from Dolce on this day as follows:

Matilda's Magical Meatballs Whizzpopping Bean Lasagne BFG Burger Jacket Potato (with a range of fillings) George's Marvellous Mixed Vegetables Farmer Boggis Salad Selection Charlie's Chocolate Factory Cake James' Giant Peach Crumble with Custard Fantastic Mr Fox's Fresh Fruit Salad

Cricklade Band - Press Release

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Please see. attached to this newsletter. the recent press release from Cricklade Band.