

It seems like the term has flown by and no doubt children will enjoy a well-earned break, following a mixture of in-class and online learning. In this much overdue newsletter, we have items to share and celebrate as well as notices ahead of next term.

Spring has certainly arrived and the children have thoroughly enjoyed accessing learning outside classrooms more often, as well as using the playing field again.



### Attendance

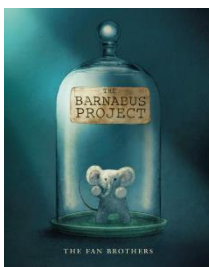
Attendance has been excellent! Since 8<sup>th</sup> March, parents and children have shared their confidence in the school's COVID-19 measures and the quality of education children receive face to face, as whole school attendance was at 98% for the term.

### Our online learning offer

Thank you to the many parents who took the time to write or share their positive reflections on what our school was able to offer in terms of live lessons. These comments were shared with staff and were reassuring and incredibly uplifting at a time when many staff were feeling anxious about coming into work and/or teaching through a format they had not experienced before. It really has, once again, felt like a very positive partnership between parents and school, as an overwhelming majority of parents helped to ensure their children could access the lessons.

### World Book Day

Several weeks back, we enjoyed World Book Day. This was fun and our children certainly got in the spirit of the bedtime story theme wearing pyjamas for the day. As we all enjoyed the fun story of *The Barnabus Project*, it felt great to have enjoyed this altogether, albeit at a distance.



### Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

As a school, we raised over £425!

There was an uplifting range of opportunities, providing a fun way to raise money for charity. If you have not heard the radio show featuring 'winning jokes', this can be found on the main page of our website. For those who followed Ned's Red Nose Day hunt, his favourite food was 'Paw-ridge' (instead of porridge 😊). Several children have also had their winning T-shirt designs printed.



### Thank you PTA

Following the great support for many previous events, the PTA has been able to pay for new iPads that will go into Key Stage 2 classrooms next term and large oak play logs that many of the Year 1 to Year 3 children will see outside their classrooms next term. The next fundraiser is the 'Giant Easter Egg Raffle' - £1 entry and you can enter many times if you want. The deadline for bringing £'s into school is Wednesday.

### INSET update

This term's INSET day has now been postponed to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April via Teams. More details to follow.

### Foodbank

We have decided to maintain a Foodbank at school. We are running low on tinned food, pastas, rice, soaps and shampoo (including for adults) and cleaning products.

### Library

Do you have any of our library books? If you do, you please could you return them. Would you like to help build our library as our children grow? We have created a wish list for new books for older children and a greater range of younger readers:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1IDKTYLTW/MZ81?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1IDKTYLTW/MZ81?ref=wl_share)

### Change of collection time – 5 minutes later:

Change of end of day collection times have changed by **5 minutes** to support end of day stories and general end of day organising in classrooms:

**3:10** Family names beginning with A–F e.g. Paul Allen, Penny Drain, Phil Farleigh.

**3:15** Family names beginning with G–L e.g. Mel Green, Joe Jules, Sami Levi.

**3:20** Family names beginning with M–R e.g. Ryan Morley, Don Opal, Lisa Rutherford.

**3:25** Family names beginning with S–Z e.g. Andy Sleen, Fiona Wince, Ravi Zool

## Learning this term

It has been great to have the children experiencing their in-school face to face lessons. Class web pages do show a highlight reel of learning opportunities, as will the twitter feed on the front of the HVA webpage. However, here are a few insights:



Year 2's enjoying printing using natural resources.



This is the moment scientists in Year 2 created light!



As mathematicians, Year 1 explored capacity.



One of our Year 4's enjoying 'braiding' with Rachel whilst in Forest School.



Reception children enjoying their outside space as they walk on stilts, whilst historians are discovering fossils!



Our pre-school children are eagerly awaiting the changes of their caterpillars.



As computer scientists, these year 4 children are programming algorithms and debugging.

## Final Plea – Collage

All our classes will be creating collage art next term. If you have magazines and brochures that you can donate, please send these into school before or after the holiday.

## Before the break...

Before the end of the week, we will share further updates, specifically around notifying school of COVID-19 related matters, similar to previous holidays.

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