

Newsletter



TERM DATES

Please see below a list of term dates, which we trust you will find of use. We will give you information concerning each event nearer the time.

Friday 8th March – Rabbit Class Assembly – 9am.
Monday 11th March and Tuesday 12th March – Life Bus Visiting School.
Tuesday 12th March – Parents' Evening.
Thursday 14th March – Old Folks Lunch Club.
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Friday 15th March – Hedgehog Class Assembly.
Friday 15th March – YR2/FS Disco.
Friday 22nd March – Deer Class Assembly – 9am.
Saturday 23rd March – Community Choir at Madejski Stadium.
Wednesday 27th March – Year 1 Phonics Workshop – 2.30pm
Friday 29th March – Badger Class Assembly – 9am.
Saturday 30th March – PAF Quiz & Pizza Night
Thursday 4th April – Easter Service – 2pm.
Friday 5th April – End of Term – 2pm

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening sign-up sheets will be outside the classrooms on **Monday 4th March**. If you are not coming into school you are able to telephone or email the office for an appointment. However, we cannot guarantee a time allocation. This is dependent upon who has signed up on the sheet.

YEAR 1 PARENTS PHONICS WORKSHOP

On **Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm** we will be holding a Phonics Workshop for year 1 parents. The focus of the workshop will be to understand how best to support your child in phonics, ways to develop your child's phonics skills and what the phonics screening for year 1 will look like. We hope you will be able to join us.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/mortimer-st-john> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. If you prefer to pay by cheque or credit card please complete the order form

at the back of the leaflet sent home earlier this week and return it to the school office. Please place your order by **Friday 15th March**.

P&F QUIZ AND PIZZA NIGHT

The Parents and Friends will be hosting a Quiz and Pizza night on **Saturday 30th March** in the school hall. Why not get together with a group of friends and come along for a fun evening. Doors will open at 7.30pm, the quiz starts at 8pm. Teams of up to a maximum of 6 adults.

Tickets are on sale now from the school office priced at £7 per person (ticket price includes pizza). There are a limited number of tickets available so please don't delay purchasing your ticket.



FS AND Y2 DISCO – FRIDAY 15th MARCH

It is the FS and Y2 disco on **Friday 15th March** 6.00pm – 7.30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with nail painting, refreshments and supervision. If you are DBS checked via Mortimer St. John's and would like to volunteer please contact Sophie McKay (sophmckay@gmail.com) or Laura Brown (lauracastelli@hotmail.com).

Tickets will be on sale from the school office on **Monday 11th March** priced at £3.

CHANGE OF MENU – THURSDAY 7th MARCH

To celebrate World Book Day the school dinner menu will change on **Thursday 7th March** to the following:

Mains

Matilda's Magical Meatballs
 Whizzpopping Bean Lasagne with Garlic Bread
 BFG Burger
 Roald Dahl's Delumptious Jackets

Sides

Georges Marvellous Mixed Vegetables
 Farmer Boggis' Salad Selection

Desserts

Charlie's Chocolate Factory Cake
 James' Giant Peach Crumble with Custard
 Fantastic Mr Fox's Fresh Fruit Salad

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FAMILY LUNCHTIMES

As a parent/carer, grandparent or other family member you can join your child for lunch. No siblings are, however, able to come. If you would like your child to join and

would like a school dinner please can you let the office know by 9.30am, alternatively you are welcome to bring a packed lunch. The cost of an adult school meal is £2.64.

**YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 MILK MONEY**

Milk money for the remainder of this half term is £5.00 or 20pence per day. If you would like your child to have milk please place the money in a named envelope and ask your child to give it to their class teacher. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHER

The children will be coming home with a World Book Day voucher next week. The voucher can be swapped for one free £1 World Book Day book or £1 off a book or audio book worth £2.99 or more. The vouchers are valid between 28th February and 31st March 2019.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**

We are delighted to advise that the Bag2School team collected 1,623kg of unwanted clothing raising a total of £649.20.

The funds raised will be split equally between local schools. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave up their time to collect the bags from around the village and to those who donated unwanted clothing.

CAN YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

If you can play a musical instrument and are willing to come in to school and share your talent with the children we would be most grateful. We would ideally like to cover a broad range of musical genres and have as many visitors as possible who would be willing to perform a few songs/musical pieces or talk about instruments – maybe even carry out a workshop? If you are musically inclined and willing to come into school please let the school office know. Thank you.

YEAR 2 SCHOOL TRIP TO THE SEACITY MUSEUM

On Wednesday 27th February the Year 2 children had an amazing time when they went on a trip to The SeaCity Museum in Southampton. They learnt about the people who worked on board the Titanic, what the Titanic was like and what happened during its voyage. It was a brilliant day.

"I liked it when we could turn the pretend Titanic's wheel." – Hugo

"I like it when we got to send messages to other ships like they did on the Titanic." – Olly

"It was great to find out that the Titanic only had three working funnels but there was an extra one to make it look nice." – Martha

I enjoyed the interesting pictures of the crew." – Charlie

"My favourite bit was pushing the coal into the engine. It was hard." - Jack

MAY FAIR – SATURDAY 11TH MAY – 11AM TO 2PM

This is one of the biggest fund raising events of the year and is now fast approaching. We currently have volunteers to manage the organisation of the fair; however, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to co-ordinate a stall. A co-ordinator would be responsible for ensuring that their individual stall has everything it needs to run effectively on the day. The main team will provide support and source volunteers to help run the stall.

The main stalls that we need co-ordinators for are:

- **Refreshments** (ideally someone who holds a food hygiene certificate or has experience).
- **Tombola**
- **Plant Stall**
- **Cake Stall**
- **Craft Stall**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Pick a Lolly**

If you are able to help please email contact Alison Harlen at ally@allyandrich.co.uk.

Additionally, we always welcome new ideas for stalls. If you have a suggestion please contact Alison on the email address above.

We would like to thank you in advance for all volunteered time and donations, without this help such events that raise much needed funds for the school could not take place.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Please be aware that we are currently not using a text message system. All messages sent from school regarding homework, praise, notifications, newsletters etc will be sent via email. Thank you

