



# Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## A message from your Headteacher...

Dear families,

As we close the term, we wanted to look back at what an amazing 5 weeks it has been. We have opened our new forest school provision and even through the many changes of weather the children have really set about making it a space to be proud of. We have taken part in numerous sporting events including multi skills and a football day for girls. Last Friday we turned the school into a TT Rockstar battle ground with the final victors being the staff team (by the skin of our teeth). And as always, all our incredible learners have amazed us with their work across all areas of the curriculum.

This week we have been focusing on e - safety and children's mental health. The theme this year for CMH week was 'My Voice Matters'. Mary Ellis our school EMHP led a whole school worship focusing on what mental health means and how we all have individual voices that when joined together can have the greatest impact. Across our classrooms we have talked about what is important to us and celebrating ways to keep our minds as well as our bodies healthy.

As part of E-safety day we have been learning about the internet, how incredibly useful it is and how it can be used for work and fun! Mr Hughes held an assembly on Monday where the children discussed some of the potential dangers of the internet, including pop-up ads, stranger danger and unknown messages. Each class did a different activity to coincide with this. Robins had the DigiDuck story read to them and they shared ideas about good choices they could make online. Owls and Goldfinch who also read the DigiDuck story, discussed what they used the internet for and how to be safe doing these activities. Kingfisher and Kestrels made educational posters to teach younger children how to be safe on the internet and some of them were put up around the school!

Sadly, two members of our team are leaving us today to go and explore new career options. Mrs Benzie is returning to teaching after being a member of our support staff since September and Miss Phillips who supports the children at lunchtime is heading into a catering team. We wish them well and will miss them.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Kind regards,

The CdW Team

WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN THE SCHOOL. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS LOOKING FOR A CAREER WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, PLEASE HEAD TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

[Vacancies | Court de Wyck Church School](#)

### **TERM DATES:**

Term 4 – 19/02 – 28/03/2024

Term 5 – 15/04 – 24/05/2024

Term 6 – 03/06 – 23/07/2024

### **INSET DAYS:**

**Monday 03/06/2024**

### **Dates for your Diary!**

**20/02/24** – Coffee @ CdW

**23/02-28/02/24** – Scholastic Book Fair

**29/02/24** – Rags2Riches

**05/03/24** – Yr 1 Phonics Parents Meeting @ 3:20pm

**06/03/24** – KS1 SATs Parents Meeting @ 3:20pm

**07/03/24** – World Book Day

**08/03/24** – Science Open Morning for Parents @ 9am

**09/03/24** – PTAs Curry & Quiz Night

**11/03/24** – Parents Evening

**12/03/24** – Y2 SATs Parents Meeting @ 3:20pm

**13/03/24** – Parents Evening

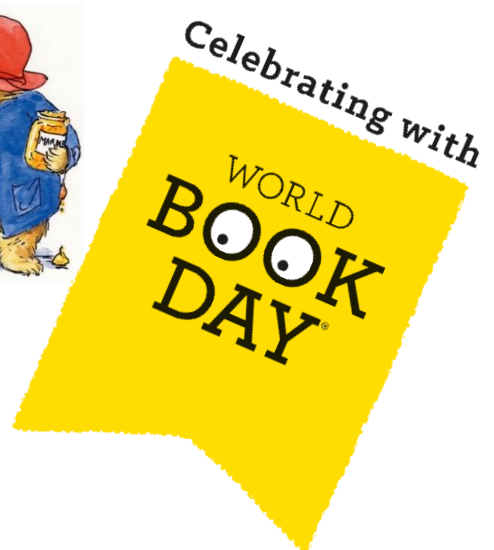
**15/03/24** – Red Nose Day!

**19/03/24** – Coffee @ CdW

**26/03/24** – Rocksteady Concert

**27/03/24** – Dance Festival for Beatsdance Club

THIS YEAR FOR WORLD BOOK DAY WE WELCOME CHILDREN TO COME IN DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER OR PERSON THEY ASPIRE TO BE!



PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PARENT IN ACTIVE MILITARY AS THE SCHOOL MAY BE ENTITLED TO EXTRA FUNDING.

Don't forget, school meals price increase comes in to effect from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Paid meals will now cost £2.90 from £2.60.



We have a box in the office reception area for any old/used/out of date ink cartridges that you may be getting rid of. Please feel free to pop these in there.



## PTA CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT!

The PTA are holding a Curry & Quiz night on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at Claverham Village Hall. Tickets are £15 per person and includes; entry to the quiz, meat/veggie chilli, rice, nachos and dips. The bar will also be open for drinks and there will be a raffle!

Tickets are available for purchase on parent pay, but be fast, only 30 tickets available.



# TT ROCKSTARS

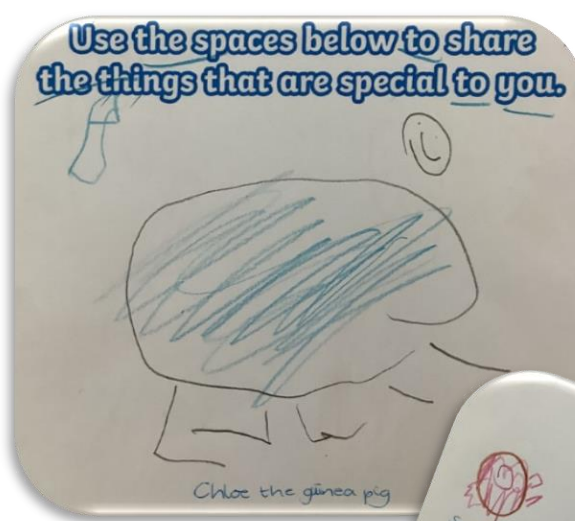


On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb children and staff dressed up as rockstars to celebrate TT Rockstars! Everyone looked super cool and took part in lots of fun times table activities throughout the day. Our day finished with an utterly nail-biting final competition between teachers and the children! Congrats to the winning team - the Teachers... Just!!





Use the spaces below to share the things that are special to you.



## ROBIN CLASS

Robins for children's mental health week doing some mindfulness breathing and using their voices to think about what is special to them and draw a picture.



## GOLDFINCH CLASS

Enjoying their PE dance class with the new PE teacher Miss Nilsson.

### Safeguarding

At Court De Wyck we are committed to safeguarding – please see our policy on our website: [www.courtdewyck.co.uk](http://www.courtdewyck.co.uk)

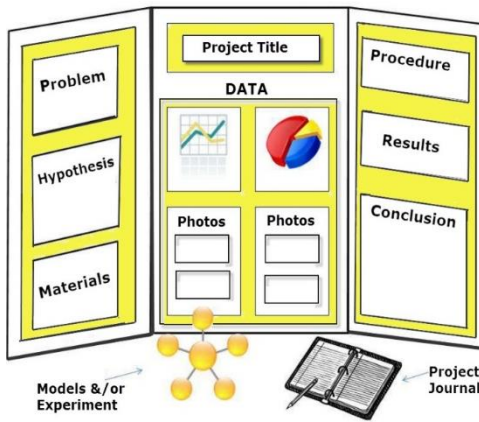
Useful online safety links:

- <https://net-aware.org.uk>
- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

# SCIENCE PROJECT!

Miss Brown is inviting children to take part in a science project, either by themselves or with a friend to make a display board during science week 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March.

More information on the attached letter.



29 February 2024

PTA are hosting Rags 2 Riches

**Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-usable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories**  
(please pair and tie shoes together)

**Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries**  
so please don't send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs, or bric-a-brac.

Just bring your donation to school by 9.00 am on **THURSDAY** 29 February in a bag that is tied in case of wet weather.

Leave on the grass at the front of school, close to the fence.

## STORY IN A JAR COMPETITION!



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to make a story in a jar. Your child will need to think of their favourite story and represent this in a fun, creative way inside of a jar. Entries will need to be in by the 7<sup>th</sup> March and competition winners will be announced on the 8<sup>th</sup> March in celebration assembly.

### Easy Ways to Support the PTA

Ink Cartridge Recycling:  
[www.recycling4charity.co.uk/Inkjetcartridges](http://www.recycling4charity.co.uk/Inkjetcartridges)

Recycle your empty ink cartridges as mentioned earlier in the newsletter. The PTA receive £1.50 per cartridge!

Co-Op Local Community Fund:

[www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes/86430](http://www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes/86430)

Court de Wyck are currently one of the charities supported by the Co-Op Local Community Fund this year. You just need to choose us as your local cause on the website or app, then swipe your membership card every time you shop.

Easyfundraising:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Choose Court de Wyck School Association as your cause to support, and then everytime you shop online via Easyfundraising, the PTA will get a percentage of eligible purchases as cashback donated with no extra cost to you!

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