

February 2018 Newsletter



Dates for your diary

Monday 5 th February	Mental Health Week	
	Year 5 & 6 Football match at Ludlow	
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 3 Swimming	
Wednesday 7 th February	Hobgoblin Theatre Company in for Reception, Year 1 & 2	
Friday 9 th February	Non-Uniform Day for Children's Mental Health Week (<i>see newsletter article</i>)	
	Bee Aware talks for Key Stage 1 pupils	
Monday 12 th February	4C Class Assembly – Parents welcome	2.45pm
	Internet Safety Workshop for parents (crèche available)	3.45pm
Tuesday 13 th February	Year 3 Swimming	
Wednesday 14 th February	PTA Valentines Cake Sale	
Friday 16 th February	Year 3 Parental Engagement (Stone Age Gallery) Parents Welcome	2.45pm
Monday 19 th – 23 rd February	Half Term Week	
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 3 Swimming	
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Training	

Looking Ahead

Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day	
	Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Training	
Friday 2 nd March	Full House Friday (Non-uniform day)	
	Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Training	

Safeguarding

It has come to our attention that many children throughout the school are using snapchat on devices at home. We would like to advise that Snapchat's use regulations say that a person must be 13 to use it.

Also, please be aware of a potentially dangerous feature called 'Snap Map'. If the location services within Snapchat are not turned off, then the user's exact location will be made public to other users. This is a most concerning feature.

We advise that all our children do not use Snapchat. However, if you are consistently supervising their use and have explained all dangers associated with Snapchat, please could you ensure that the location feature is switched off.

Visit <http://www.connectsafely.org/a-parents-guide-to-snapchat> for advice and on how to keep your child safe on Snapchat.



There will be an internet safety workshop for Parents at school on 12th February at 3.45pm we strongly advise Parents / Carers to attend. The content of the workshop is not suitable for children and in the letter you have received, we have asked if children cannot attend the session. We will be offering a crèche in a classroom at school to enable you to attend. If you need any more information, please contact Mrs Lynch.

Half-Term Week – Weds February 21st

- What makes you who you are?
- Why is home special?

Come along to Grange Court on Wednesday February 21st between 10am – 12.30pm to a storytelling workshop, learn new drama skills and find out about the history of where you live.

Suitable for children aged 7 – 11 years. £3.00 each – tickets from Grange Court Telephone – 01568 737980



Saturday 24th February at Earl Mortimer

Earl Mortimer College are holding a Bee Aware day to raise money for St Michael's Hospice. Learn all about bees and their role in the environment. Take part in candle rolling, bee house making as well as a variety of craft and drawing based events. In addition there will be a raffle with some fantastic prizes, one of which is a local pleasure flight in a helicopter around the Leominster area for two adults and two children. Other prizes include a local hamper, cinema tickets and restaurant vouchers – Leominster Primary School will be selling raffle tickets at £1.00 each to help raise funds, please call into the school office.

Creative Play classes with The Creation Station, Leominster

Do you have a baby or toddler? You may be interested in taking part in creative play classes with The Creation Station in Leominster. Classes are developed for each age group and aim to provide a welcoming and nurturing environment to allow children and adults to discover and explore their creativity in a safe, relaxed and friendly environment. Classes are held at The Forbury Chapel, Church Street and currently take place on a Thursday morning. New classes will be starting soon on a Friday morning. Classes can be booked online via The Creation Station website, or by contacting Beatrice on 07788 914347.



Over the Rainbow

Three pupils who have read so many books they have gone 'over the rainbow' are pictured below. Well done to Hollie, Indie and Maisie!



Milk Bottle Tops

Thank you to everyone who is bringing in their plastic milk bottle tops, we have a collection box in the school office. These will be used by the Brain Tumour Research charity. To further support the work of this charity we will be taking part in 'Wear a Hat Day' on Thursday 29th March and hope to raise funds for further research. Look out for further details in your March newsletter.



Lunchboxes

We have noticed that the contents of *some* children's lunchboxes contain a lot of nutritionally poor items alongside their regular sandwich. Please could you ensure your child has a sandwich/pasta/savoury main as well as a piece of fruit and 1 sweet item/savoury item. Some children are coming in with 10 items of food (many include numerous sweet items) and are struggling to get through these items before going out to play. Herefordshire Council are guiding schools as Herefordshire has one of the highest rates of tooth decay and obesity in the country.

Living Well at Queenswood Country Park

Have you got something you need fixing? Take it along to Queenswood Country Park on Saturday 10th February between 10am and 3pm where a team of experts will try to fix it for you. Fix your bike will take place between 10am – 1pm.

There will also be a children's clothes swap so take a bundle down and take a new bundle home!

For more details contact: - Tim Kaye on 1981 550043 or email tim@clan-cic.org No need to book – just turn up.

Futsal

Congratulations to Year 4 & 5 girls for winning the Year 5 Futsal match, beating St Thomas, Lugwardine & Weobley schools and Kingstone in the semi final. Their final match was against St Francis with the girls doing very well, winning their match. Meanwhile, the Year 5 boys Futsal team came second in their group, not losing a match and then drawing with Madley, Colwall and Riverside Schools. Well done everyone!

Good News!

Class 6F pupils would like to share their good news with you.

- Ruby did her Modern Dance Exam and passed with a merit!
- Yasmin took her karate exam for a brown-black belt and passed, in addition she also won a gold medal in a tournament in Worcester.
- Felix & Elinor both earned their silver scout badges, this is the hardest scout badge to achieve and you have to have passed your 7 personal challenge badges.



Children's Mental Health Week

5 – 11 February 2018

Children will be taking part in activities in school during Children's Mental Health Week to promote their wellbeing and help them cope with life's challenges. On Friday 9th February we are holding a non-uniform day where children can wear something that tells the rest of the school about themselves – perhaps kit or uniform from a hobby or a prop which reveals a special interest. Children are invited to bring in a donation for the Place2Be charity on this day.

For further information, or to get involved and support the campaign, Place2Be had some advice and resources on their website www.place2be.org.uk

Reminder

If you are sending someone else to pick up your child at home time, please ensure that it is you, the parent, that rings with the name of the person collecting. Please do not ask a friend to ring on your behalf. This information MUST come direct from a parent. If you need to know who is on our system as able to collect your child, please call in to the school office. Thank you.

SEN Workshop

Keep a look out for information on our next SEN Workshop. It will take place on 27th March at 2.30pm and the focus will be Dyslexia/Specific Literacy difficulties.

Year 6 trip to artwork

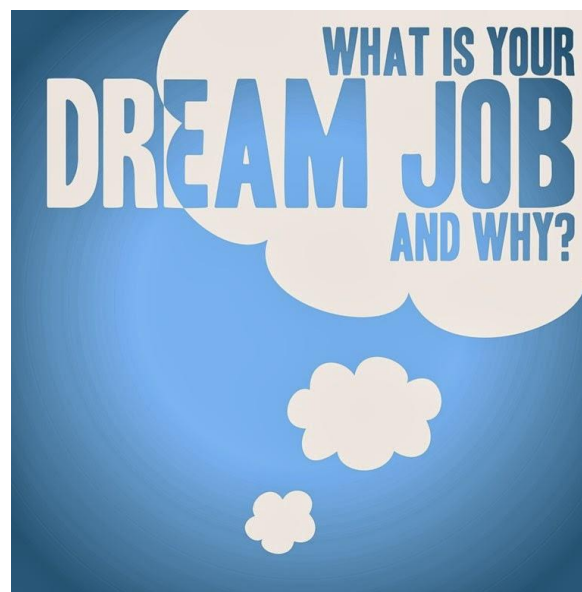
On Friday 12th January, a group of year six pupils went to view an art installation in The Priory Church made by Jackie H Morris. The artwork was inspired by a bell ringing tune called Stedman Doubles. She used the pattern of the bells to create a ring of prints hanging from the roof of The Priory. Altogether, there were three hundred screen prints, all in rows of five. Each print represents a bell in a tune. It is basically a sheet of music but in a circle. The artist is doing a Master's Degree at Swansea University, after getting a first class degree in fine art at Hereford College of Arts. A man met us at The Priory to explain what the artwork was about. He played the music that it was based on and told us the tune was in a circle. Some children said,

"It was great fun to see the installation, learn about how it was made and even look inside."

"I thought that it was amazing and I loved the pattern of the screen prints"

"It was really fun and I was amazed by the artwork and how it was linked to music and music notes."

Written by Felix and Hattie. Quotes by Camara, Sadie and Hattie.



We asked the above question to a number of pupils in 6F, these are the results.....

- *I would like to be a Teacher and then an Author because I love writing stories and articles. I also have my own file on the computer where I make up lesson plans and then act them out. Elinor 6F*
- *I would like to be a Doctor because I want to make sure everyone is healthy. Once I've qualified as a Doctor I would like to work as a surgeon. Yasmin 6F*
- *My ambition is to be an Animator for cartoons because I love drawing and bringing characters to life, it would be great fun! Finley 6F*
- *A Voice Actor for animations because I think I am very good at doing voices and love cartoons. Nathan 6F*
- *I want to be a Nurse because I want to help other people. To achieve this I am going to try hard in Science and learn about parts of the body. Sofia 6F*
- *I want to be a Driving Instructor because I am interested in cars and I'm patient. Jack 6F*
- *I would like to be an Author as I enjoy writing stories. I have written many stories at home. To achieve this I will continue writing and working hard. Lexie 6F*
- *I would like to be in the Army because I want to save England and all the children, my Grandad was in the Army and I want to follow in his footsteps. Kenzie 6F*
- *I want to be a Game Engineer because I want to prove to everyone that Gaming is good. Troy 6F*
- *I would like to be a Teacher because I like being around little children and helping them. Millie 6F*
- *I want to be a Scientist because you get to discover new things. Lewys 6F*
- *I would like to be a Professional Dancer because it's the best way to express yourself. I'm 100% compelled to do it, everything else is just a choice but dance I have to do. Also, I can make it my own and it is the best for me. Josh 6F*
- *I want to be an Actress and get into RADA in London, if I don't I want to train to be a Drama Teacher. Ruby 6F*
- *I want to be a Nurse because I want to help people and I also want to be a Police Officer so I can make sure everybody is safe. Savana 6F*