



Twineham CofE School

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Dear Parents,

Scholastics Book Fair

From Monday 13th March we are hosting a Scholastics Book Fair in the small playground. The fair will be open every day after school from Monday to Thursday. There will be brilliant books for all tastes; the school will receive commission from the sales which we can then spend on more new books for the children in school.

Buttercup Class: Mrs Slade

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Slade is expecting a baby in July. You will be aware that Mrs Cotton is returning at Easter when Miss Hunka begins her maternity leave. To ensure the best continuity for pupils Mrs Cotton will then work full-time until the end of the summer term to also cover Mrs Slade from the end of June. We will let you know next term about the staffing arrangements for September.

Collection of children by another adult

Please inform the class teacher or teaching assistant if someone else is collecting your child from school. If a particular relative or friend may regularly help then please let us know and we will make a record of who is allowed to collect your child. Please understand that we are unable to let a child go home with someone else without your permission; this is crucial for safeguarding and we will only be able to let pupils go home with an adult when we have parental permission.

Movie Week Dressing Up

To end Movie Week we are inviting children to dress as film characters on Friday 17th March. I appreciate that this comes very soon after World Book Day; we don't want this to be expensive or stressful so pupils are very welcome to dress as actors/actresses or non-uniform that can be linked to films in any way! We are planning a red carpet entrance to school so hopefully pupils should really enjoy dressing up.

School budget

You may be aware of the funding challenges facing West Sussex schools. The National Funding Formula has been proposed which sadly leaves West Sussex as one of the poorest funded local authorities yet again. Our school faces a budget cut this year and next. The new formula hits small schools badly, partly because the 'lump sum' which all schools are given is being reduced from £150,000 to £110,000 from 2018. This is a significant proportion of budget for smaller schools. Our primary and secondary colleagues are all very concerned for the future with local schools facing serious cuts. There is a way to help. The Department for



Education consultation on funding is open until 22nd March and parents are invited to comment. The link to the consultation is <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/> and we would really appreciate your input to help defend budgets for our schools. Please contact me if you need any further information.

Eye tests

Some children find school tasks challenging because of problems with their eye sight. Please make sure your child has had an eye test – there is some useful information available here about sight issues that can affect children at school: <https://www.specsavers.co.uk/childrens-eyecare>

Forest School

Our pupils in Year 2 and some pupils from Year 1 (you will have received a letter if your child is starting) will begin Forest School sessions with Marc Easton tomorrow (Wednesday 8th March) from 1pm-3pm. Please can pupils arrive in forest school clothing – warm jumpers, jeans, trousers, boots, trainers or other suitable outdoor clothes. Children can wear these clothes all day to avoid having to get changed.

Diary Dates (newest dates highlighted)

- Monday 13th March: Movie Week
- Monday 13th March: Scholastics Book Fair after school all week
- Friday 24th March: Red Nose Day (non-uniform and Bake Sale)
- Tuesday 28th March 5:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 29th March 1:10pm – 1:30pm: Guitar Concert in hall
- Thursday 30th March 2pm – 5pm: Parent Consultations
- Monday 10th April: Easter holidays begin
- Sunday 23rd April: FOTS Trot Family Fun Run
- Monday 24th April: pupils return to school for Summer Term (1st half)
- Monday 1st May: bank holiday
- Monday 8th May: SATS Week (Year 6 national tests in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling).
- **Monday 29th May: half-term break**
- **Monday 5th June: Pupils return to school for Summer Term (2nd half)**
- **Monday 12th June: INSET Day - school closed for pupils**
- **Friday 16th June: Sports Day (afternoon)**
- **Friday 23rd June: Sports Day (reserve date)**
- **Friday 14th July: INSET Day - school closed for pupils**
- **Tuesday 25th July: Last day of term**

Yours sincerely,

Scott Reece