

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break.

**Ladybirds** are enjoying their new topic of Spring and mini beasts. They had fun setting up their new seasonal reading tree and decorating it with springtime blossom which they made themselves.

**Robins** new class theme is 'Roots and Remembrance' and this week the children have learnt the different parts of the plant and what plants need to grow. They also had great fun planting carrot seeds. The aim, joint with Ladybirds, is to weed and replant our planter boxes. The children will then sell what they grow with a view to buying something for Early Years with the proceeds.

**Dragonfly** class have started their new class theme for this term of The Romans and have started reading Escape to Pompeii. They are very much looking forward to their Roman Day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Kingfisher** have been working hard in Maths comparing fractions and finding equivalent fraction families. In History, they have started learning about the Ancient Maya and the challenges of living in the rainforest. They also made some fantastic silhouette sunsets of the Mayan settlements (see below).



**Otters** have been investigating monologues of key figures such as Martin Luther King Junior, Winston Churchill and Professor Severus Snape (!) in preparation for writing their own monologues as the leader of a Saxon Army about to attack the Viking opposition.

#### Term Dates

Term four: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Term five: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Term six: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

#### Save The Date

FOBS Summer Fair – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

#### Inset Days

School will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### Event Reminders - March

- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Dragonfly 'Roman Day'
- 25<sup>th</sup> at 14:30 – Rocksteady Easter Concert
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 'Break the Rules' Day / last day of term

#### Gardening Items Plea

Further to Ladybirds and Robins growing plan, we would be incredibly grateful for any soil, seeds (anything from vegetables to flowers) or planting items you may no longer need and are happy to donate to the school.

#### Young Voices

The children (and teachers alike!) had a fabulous time at Young Voices yesterday. Thank you so much for all of your help and for enabling your children to enjoy this wonderful experience.

#### Attendance

A gentle reminder, it is your legal duty / responsibility as parents and carers to ensure your children are in school on time every day.

As a reminder, doors open at 08:45 with registers taken at 08:55. Anything between 08:55 and 09:00 is recorded as 'L' (late), from 09:00 onwards is recorded as 'U' (late after registers closed).

Individual attendance letters have been issued to some children today. If you are in receipt, please do read and respond accordingly. If attendance figures do not improve, you may be subject to a Notice To Improve (NTI) from the Local Authority which can, ultimately, end in a fine and / or court proceeding.

#### Parental Contacts

We must have a minimum of two emergency contacts per child. Please send me (Emily) your chosen contacts and / or pop to see me in the office to check those we have on file.

#### ParentPay Debts

Please settle all ParentPay debts over £25.