



Spring Term 2019

February 25th 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last half term seems to have flown by. EYFS have been to the Ancient House Museum, children have been indoor bowling, Y5/6 have learned how to apply first aid, OneLife have been running weekly sessions about healthy lifestyles in Y3/4, we have had a swimming gala, a tractor came to school and it has snowed!

It is no wonder we were all in need of a half term break.

We would like to thank all of you who came to parents' evening and the Y6 SATS information session. There will be mid-term reports coming out for Y6 after half term.



On the last Friday of the half term, Y5/6 had First Aid workshops where they learned about what to do in an emergency, how to call for help and to get the emergency services and how to bandage wounds. They may need a little more practice with their bandaging!

Our thanks to Ollie from TCFA for running these free workshops for us.



On Monday February 11th, a group of children took part in a swimming gala against 14 other schools. They did exceptionally well coming in 5th place overall. Well done to all our swimmers and thank you to Mr Bishop for accompanying them.

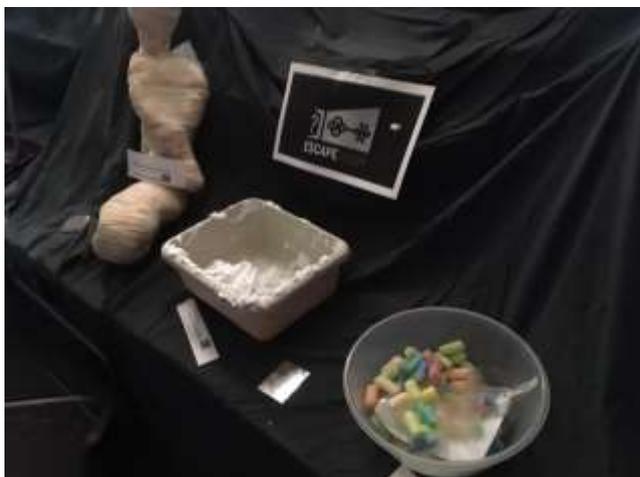
Mrs Page and I have been taking groups of children from Y5 and EYFS out to the Forest area in school for Forest School sessions. The children have all really enjoyed these this term and have built dens, done weaving, made pictures from natural materials and dyes, whittled as well as having toasted marshmallows over a fire. We will be working with new groups of children this half term.



Our grateful thanks to Mya Gonzalez from the RAF Mildenhall's Spouses Association who came and presented the school with a cheque for £250. This money, together with another kind donation of £100 from QNT sports, has gone towards new books for Key Stage 1. This has been put to very good use and the children are really enjoying their new books.



Escape room –some of our year 6 children were solving maths problems in an escape room style activity with Mr Tingey. The only catch was that they had to work fast to release me from my office! Fortunately they showed excellent teamwork as well as great mathematical reasoning and set me free so that I was able to get home for the half term holiday.



A big well done to Y3/4 who have been swimming over the last term and a half. They were complimented by the bus driver for being one of the nicest schools he drives and on how polite and well behaved they were.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Bellingham [formerly Mrs Lock] back from her maternity leave. She will be working on Mondays and Thursdays in Y3/4.

Mrs Page will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We are pleased to tell you that her role as EYFS lead will be taken on by Mrs Locke who will be ably supported by Mrs Fancy and all the EYFS team. Mrs Page's teaching responsibility will be covered by Mrs Locke and Mrs Clarke, both of whom are obviously well known to the children.

Some reminders for next half term:

We are still in Winter Uniform until the beginning of the summer term and children should have a coat in school please. We appreciate that it is unseasonably warm at the moment but we also know this could change any day.

All uniform and PE kit to be clearly named. We have had bags full of lost property over the last half term and would like to get rid of having lost property altogether.

Dinner money MUST be paid in advance of your child having a school dinner. All dinner money arrears must be paid before your child can have a school dinner again.

On a personal note, thank you all for your concern regarding my crutches. They are only a temporary addition as I have damaged the ligaments in my knee. I hope to be off them very soon.

I hope you all managed to have a lovely, restful half term – the weather was certainly an added bonus. I am sure that this half term will be as busy and productive as the last.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Esom'.

Sally Esom

Headteacher