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THIS WEEK WE ARE CELEBRATING: 'Effort & Excellence in 'Maths'	
Epping	Kyle H
Ashdown	Zac A
Burnham	Orlah B
Fleet	Erin R
Gisburn	Megan J
Wykeham	Molly O'N
Carrick	Hettie H
Newborough	Owen E

HOUSE POINT / PUPIL POINT TOTALS Each award for Excellence or Effort earns a Point for the Pupil and a Point for the House!				
	Ash	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Half way through the year ... all to play for!				
Term 3	447	391	387	417
Year	2115	1918	1705	2013
Welcome to Term 4, Have a lovely weekend, Ms Cartlidge				

Who won the Attendance Cup? We aim for +97% (National Average: 96%)	
Week Ending: 15/2/19	
Epping	99%
Ashdown	94.2%
Burnham	99%
Fleet	97.2%
Gisburn	97.7%
Wykeham	98.1%
Carrick	96.2%
Newborough	98.7%

NEXT WEEK / EVERY WEEK

Every Monday	Theme Assembly 3:00 pm in the Hall – Families Welcome.
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races – see below.
5 th , 6 th & 7 th March	Parent / Carer evenings – contact the office if you need additional information.
Every Wednesday	Parent / Carer and Toddler Group – 9:15 – 11 am. Friends from other schools welcome to join our families. Please sign in at the office.
Wednesday 6 th March	Meeting of the Learning Committee of the Governing Body – 7pm.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – please see below.
Every Thursday Morning	Lower Key Stage 2 Ukulele Lessons (10 weeks)
	Adult Art Group – 9:15 – 11 am. Please sign in at the office.
Every Friday	Celebration Assembly 3:00 pm in the Hall – Families Welcome.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Did you know that 50% of all sight loss is avoidable? A campaign has been launched which is particularly aimed at younger people as 80% of the eye's lifetime exposure to UV light is reached before the age of 18, which makes UV protection particularly important in childhood ... but 70% of children still don't wear sunglasses in the UK!

- Have sunglasses for your children and then have them wear them if the UV is moderate or high.
- All children of Primary Age should have a (free) sight test – even if you think there are no problems. (My daughter was discovered to be registered blind in one eye in a routine sight test aged 7 and she was doing well in school – Ms Cartlidge).

MOMO CHALLENGE: The anatomy of a hoax

Following a flurry of scare stories, some schools are warning parents about the ‘momo challenge’ – but fact checkers say that it is a hoax.

The character supposedly appears on WhatsApp and sets children dangerous ‘challenges’ but charities say that there have been no reports of anybody receiving messages or harming themselves as a result – in fact, any messages received now will be ‘copycat’ activity following the hysteria in the media over this false scare story.

Although there are now stories about this in most tabloids and on many websites, reputable organisations, such as The UK Safer Internet Centre have said that this is ‘fake news’. Police have stated that there are no reported instances of self-harm linked to this meme and The Samaritans have also said that there is no verified evidence ‘in this country or beyond’ linking the meme to self-harm.

The unpleasant image that you have seen is actually a photo of a sculpture from Japanese special effects company which dates back to 2016.

Although the ‘challenge’ is a hoax, the reports and warnings can still cause distress to children but The NSPCC told The Guardian Newspaper that it had actually had more calls from newspapers than from concerned parents.

What Should Parents / Carers do?

The Police suggest that rather than focusing on this specific meme, parents could use the opportunity to further educate children about internet safety, as well as having an open conversation about what children are accessing. ‘This is merely a current, attention-grabbing example of the minefield that is online communication for kids’ write The Police Service in a Facebook post.

But parents and carers should also take care to not share warnings that perpetuate the hoax causing unnecessary alarm.

What is the school doing?

At first we hoped to ignore this hoax but the frenzy on social media had now made this impossible. Yesterday (Thursday) some teachers had to respond to questions raised by pupils in order to reassure them. We have now been contacted by many families and find that many pupils are discussing this situation, interestingly they are mostly telling us that their awareness of this meme is largely due to warnings from adults. Ms Cartlidge is speaking to all of Key Stage 2 today (Friday) to try and draw a line under this. Please also be reassured that our school has the highest possible level of filtering on our laptops and iPads.

Information Sources:

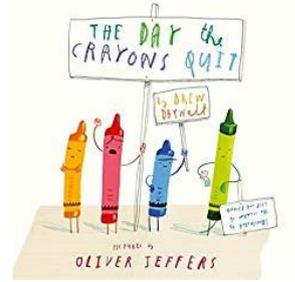
The Police
The UK Safer Internet Centre
The BBC
The NSPCC
The Samaritans
The Guardian Newspaper
Geek Dad podcast
Snopes (Fact-Checking website)

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day the whole school shall be exploring the text...

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers.



This is a brilliant story about different crayons being upset that they are only used to draw the same old objects. For example, Red Crayon says, “I wear myself out colouring fire engines, apples, strawberries and everything else that is RED!”

If you already have this story at home, please could your child bring it in on Monday 4th and keep it at school for the week (please don't go out and buy one especially though). Your child's teacher will plan a range of engaging activities linked to this book. We shall also be enjoying another whole school read where each teacher reads a story and children can choose any story they want to hear.

Dressing up – to celebrate the book your child can come to school wearing all their favourite colour (like a crayon).

Welcoming parents - In the afternoon children will be thinking about mindfulness while colouring. We would like to invite you to join your child, in their classroom, at 2.45 to relax and colour. Please sign in at the office first.

We love to read and are looking forward to this event.

Miss Aries – Reading Lead

NOTICES

- The Lunchtime Supervisors Award for Spring Term 1 went to Fleet with 22 awards.
- To make space for the Dynamic Data Home Learning Challenges that are coming in, most of the models from the Christmas Home Learning Challenge have now been moved to Stowe classroom, please feel free to collect yours whenever you can.
- Red noses are on sale in the library at 8.30 and 12.30 - £1.25 while stocks last.
- Shrove Tuesday – Our annual inter house pancake races will be held in the playground on Tuesday 5th March at 11.00am. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch.
- Please remind your children to eat their own food from their own lunchboxes and not to swap or give food away – it is very sweet that they do this but we do have a number of children with food allergies.
- On that subject, we do have a pupil who has been diagnosed as being very allergic to Kiwi fruit and so we will be going 'Kiwi and Nut Free' – thank you for your support.
- Reminder – no mobile phones to be used on site please and they must be handed in if you are in school for a meeting or to attend a group.
- Unwelcome visitors – the warm weather seems to have brought about a surge in cases of head lice – please use the weekend to check and treat heads. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

LOOKING FORWARD

Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – full information in next week’s newsletter but do make a date for the end of the day when we are asking families to join a ‘danceathon’!
Friday 22 nd March	Poetry Performance Assembly – 2:45 pm (World Poetry Day 21 st).
Monday 1 st April	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Performance – 2:45pm.
Wednesday 3 rd April	Superstars Tea
Friday 5 th April	Open Afternoon, Celebration Assembly, Last day of Term 4.

STANDING NOTICES

FAMILY FORUM contact e-mail reminder – familyforum@southfieldprimary.info for ANY general questions, comments or suggestions about school. Please remember that we also have a suggestion box (for pupils and families) placed in the front entrance. Please state if the suggestion or comment has a specific audience (e.g. School Council, FOSS, School Governors, Mrs Reed, and Ms Cartlidge etc.) This box is checked weekly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING – items can be purchased from the Online Uniform Shop, please visit <https://shoponline.co.uk/collections/southfield-primary-academy-brackley>
Items will be delivered to the school free of charge or delivered directly to your home for a small charge.

**** Remember that we are a nut-free school, no packed lunches should contain nuts, thank you for your understanding. ****