

“Where Every Child Matters”

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March Newsletter

Note from the Head

I hope that everyone had a fabulous break last week - what glorious weather we are having! Ideal for getting out and about, having fun in the sun.



I shall be leaving at Easter to resume my role as Deputy Head at South Wootton Junior School. I have enjoyed my time as Head of the Federation and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and I would like to wish all the children all the very best for the future.

On behalf the Governors I am pleased to confirm we have found an experienced head, Ms Paula Jones to lead us through the summer term. Ms Jones will be in some days during this half term to ensure a smooth transition.

Keeping your children safe online

We take every opportunity to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe, what to do if they see or hear something which concerns them online, reminding them about recommended ages for playing games such as Fortnite and using social media apps such as Facebook and Snapchat. We talk about internet safety in class discussions and PHSE lessons, in ICT lessons and in whole school assemblies. The Friday before half term was National Internet Safety Day, and the children participated in activities around keeping themselves safe online.

It is vital that parents are aware of the risks of their children being online and keep yourselves informed about how to protect your children. We try to help with this as much as possible. Current trends which school are particularly worried about are Momo - in which children are

sent a scary face through Whatsapp and asked to add a contact; Tik Tok where children post videos of themselves dancing or performing to music - but has been used as a platform for grooming and music can be very sexually explicit or inappropriate; and Fortnite the online game where children are messaging each other and have sent or received inappropriate messages and images. These are very real safeguarding concerns. Please find links on the next page which you may find helpful.

If you would like support from school on any of these matters, please let us know. We have also attached an information sheet about Momo.

Useful sites

Information about Momo

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

Top Tips for Parents

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/safer-internet-day-2019-top-tips-parents-and-carers>

PS4 - how to set up family management

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/get-help/help-library/my-account/parental-controls/family-management/>

The Breck Foundation is a charity founded by Lorin LaFave after the tragic loss of her 14 year old son Breck Bednar through internet grooming. It is a self-funding charity, raising awareness of playing safe whilst using the internet.

<http://www.breckfoundation.org/>

There are also a number of useful links to Online Safety information on the Federation website.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as a book character for £1 voluntary donation and any money raised will be donated to a charity yet to be decided. Find out more at <https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day>. Any children not wanting to dress up as a book character should be in school uniform.



Red Nose Day-Comic Relief

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Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March and we are asking the children to come into school wearing an item of red clothing, or all red if they want! We are asking for a £1.00 voluntary donation for Comic Relief. Thank you.

PFA News

Thursday 21st March- Non uniform day tbc (in exchange for Easter prizes)
Monday 25th March -1pm- Easter Bingo
Monday 25th March -Easter decorating egg competition
Saturday 11th May - Jumble Sale 10am-12noon
Friday 10th May -'Bags 2 School' to be in school
Saturday 15th June 12-4 - 'Jolly Day'



Lego Tokens

We are collecting Lego tokens from the EDP and its associated newspapers. Thank you so much for your help with collecting the book tokens earlier this year. We did so well, we had over 1,000 and we'd like to try and do the same this time!



Mothering Sunday Service- Titchwell Church

This will take place at Titchwell Church on Sunday 31st March at 10.00am. We are asking for children who would like to read, hand out posies and help do the collection. Please contact Sharon in the office if your child would like to take part.

Swimming

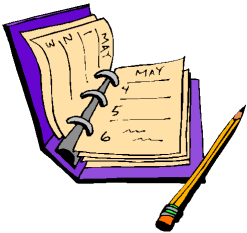
The whole school will start swimming/gym during the Summer Term, starting on Monday 29th April. The session will be just after lunch. KS2 will swim for the first half of the term and KS1 do gym then they will swap after Spring Bank Holiday week. Letter to follow with further details.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Johanna Bland

Acting Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates



Thursday 7th March: World Book Day and special lunch menu

Monday 11th March: Science Week starts

Tuesday 12th March: Science Café and Samphire Class Assembly starting at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th March: Science Day at Docking

Wednesday 13th March: Yr 5 Cosmos Science Roadshow

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th March: Tempest Photography (group photos)

Tuesday 2nd April: Whole School visit to the White Horse, Menu Competition

Wednesday 3rd April: Brancaster Parents Forum – 2.30pm

Friday 5th April: Easter Break begins

Tuesday 23rd April: School returns

Monday 29th April – Swimming APHS afternoon

Tuesday 30th April – Thrift Class Assembly

Wednesday 1st May- Crucial Crew Yr 6 –King's Lynn Fire Station

Friday 3rd May – Smithdon Cluster 'Bootleg Beatles'

Thursday 20th June – Samphire Class Assembly