



## Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### World Book Day

Thanks to all staff, parents and pupils for making such a fabulous effort for World Book Day on Monday. The children and staff looked amazing and it was a lovely celebration of reading through the school. Alongside this, sales from the book fair have meant that the school now has £686.31 to spend on Scholastic books. Thank you!

### Road safety person update - update

I have been told that our application for a crossing person will not be accepted as we have a "safe crossing point" already. I have raised this with our county counsellor who has said that she will follow it up – we may have to go rogue after all.

### More signs I am getting old

Okay, so we have already covered the whole eyebrow situation. The next sign is that my oldest son will be 18 years old on Monday – an adult...well, sort of an adult anyway.

The latest sign is more disturbing; Mrs Tutt seems to have a "thing" for BBC TV's Monty Don. It started with watching Gardener's World on iplayer. Then she would skip past the non-Monty sections. Most recently Gardener's World magazines have begun to appear around the house – tellingly she only appears to buy the editions which have Monty draped across the cover. What worries me is that I am clearly failing to compete with a man who is almost 20 years older than me. Yesterday it dawned on me – if you zoom in on any image of that man, underneath his foppishly unkempt, tousled hair are a pair of quite beautifully maintained eyebrows.

### Nuts

Please remember we are a nut-free school. Recently we have had two incidents of parents including a bag of nuts in their children's lunch boxes. If something contains nuts (a bag of nuts clearly falls into this category), it must not come to school – we have children with serious allergies who will suffer a very serious and potentially life-threatening reaction to them. Nuts can also be a choking hazard for young children.

If in doubt, if it comes from a health food shop/supermarket and has lots of random bits in, or is available as a pub snack, it is not appropriate for a child's lunch box. Better still, always read the label to double check, as nuts can appear in some quite random packaged foods. This is incredibly important so please be vigilant.

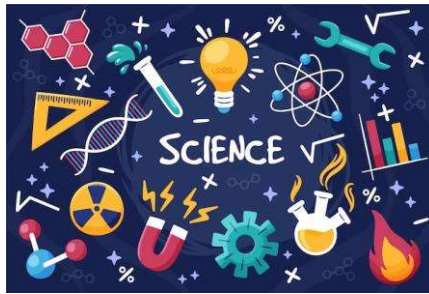
### Maths information session for parents

I wanted to publicly thank the team who helped on Wednesday, and especially Mr Wyke for delivering the learning with such aplomb. I hope those who attended found this useful. The Maths team are making the resources shared at the meeting available on the school website next week.



## Shared science on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and careers to our shared science event from 2.30pm - 3.20pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Come and see the science taught across the school.



## Visits to the Amelia Scott

Children have been visiting our new town library over the last few weeks, and here is a photo of Dormouse Class enjoying the fantastic new facility when they visited on Tuesday. Please do take a visit to see for yourselves.



## Snowy weather

As always, if the snow returns we will message as early as we can to let you know any impact it may have on the running of the school. If it is genuinely unsafe or goes against advice for staff who live a fair distance away to travel to school, some classes may need to close, but the weather would have to be pretty bad for this to be the case.

## Vacancy for a Teaching Assistant

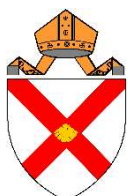
Please visit the Kent Teach website if you are interested in joining our lovely team as one of our Teaching Assistants.

## Easter holiday activities

If you are looking for activities for your child in the Easter holidays Newlife Church is running an Easter Holiday Club from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at New Life Church, Speldhurst Road, Southborough, TN4 OJA. It will be full of games, craft and stories from the bible. Steve, who regularly does assemblies for us, is leading it along with a team of others.

It is for any children in school years 1 to 6 and runs from 10am to 12.15 each day. Book in at: [newlifechurchoonline.co.uk/easter-holiday-club](http://newlifechurchoonline.co.uk/easter-holiday-club)

## Teacher strikes by members of the National Education Union (NEU)



Please read the letter I sent out earlier today as it includes all the information about the impact of the strikes next week.

### Dates for the diary

Here are some dates for the remainder of the term ahead.

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Shared science learning – 2pm (parents welcome to attend)                           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March | NEU planned strike days   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Year 5 led church service – Y5 parents welcome to attend                            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Easter RE day   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March                    | Last day of term – member of our governing board will be on the gate in the morning |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April                    | Children return to school<br>Year 6 leave for their residential week                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May                       | Bank holiday  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                       | INSET day – school closed for children  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Bank holiday (coronation)   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Year 6 SATs week begins   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Half term week begins   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Children return to school   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September                 | INSET day   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September                 | Children return to school<br>New Reception children stay and play                   |

Kindest regards,  
John Tutt

