



Issue 3, 14th February 2020

News Round-up

The first few weeks of 2020 have whizzed by and it won't be long before we're enjoying warmer weather and lighter evenings. We have enjoyed a wide variety of different learning experiences across the school this half term and there are more to follow in the next.



In order for us to carry on having visitors into school and arranging trips that enhance the children's learning, we do often have to ask for parent contributions to help cover the cost. We do try to keep the cost to parents as low as

possible each time and we thank you for your support. These trips and visits would not be able to take place without support from parents and carers.

At the end of this newsletter you will find an updated list of diary dates for this academic year. We always try to give parents as much advance notice as possible and hope this information is helpful. However, if any of these dates have to be unavoidably changed, we will inform you as soon as we become aware.

CALENDAR

24 th February	Children return to school – doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.50am Year 1 Toy Story Dress-up Day Red Group Family Learning 'Busy Bags' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
25 th February	Mr Stapylton's Group visiting Hampton Court
26 th February	Purple & Blue Group Family Learning 'Busy Bags' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
28 th February	Year 4 Indoor Athletics Tournament – 1.30pm-3.00pm FRoGS Year 1 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
2 nd March	Year 4 Chocolate Workshop with Chocolate Education
3 rd March	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-5.30pm
4 th March	Year 2 Trip to Brooklands Museum
5 th March	Parents' Evening – 6.00pm-8.00pm Year 3 Good Food Challenge Workshop – 9.00am-12.30pm
6 th March	Dress-up Day for World Book Day Year 6 Trip to Ufton Court
10 th March	Year 5/6 Football Match vs Meadowvale – 3.15pm-5.15pm
11 th March	Year 3 Trip to Reading Museum Year 6 visit to St Michael's Church for Easter Workshop

Keeping Safe During Half Term

During the break, your children will probably want to more time than usual in front of their screens. We are all aware of the risks associated with this, not only in terms of who and what they might access but also as children are increasingly developing addictions to their screens. If you need help or advice about online safety for your child or how to talk to them about it, the NSPCC is a great source of information: [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



Can we help? Get in touch...

Does your child have a recognised educational need? Do you feel your child's needs are being met in school? If you have any concerns or questions and would like to arrange a meeting with Mrs Watson (SENCo), please get in touch with the school office.

World Book Day 2020

On Friday 6th March 2020 we will be having a dress-up day for World Book Day. The children can come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The children in Year 6 have their trip to Ufton Court on that day so will need to come into school in their uniform.

Consideration for our Neighbours

We are disappointed to once again have to ask parents and carers to be more considerate of our neighbours when parking your cars for collection or drop-off. There are two large public car parks nearby with ample spaces for those who have to drive their children to school. It is not fair for those who live near our school both in Wordsworth and Cunworth Court to have their garages and homes obstructed by the few who choose to park their cars inconsiderately.



Cars on the School Site



Unfortunately there are still a few parents and carers who are driving onto the school site to drop off or collect children. We would like to remind you all that our site has limited access and parking for **staff only**. It has also been reported that the speed of some vehicles has been excessively inappropriate. Please be mindful of the very small people who are walking on the crossings and pathways and help us to ensure everyone's continued safety.

Feathers and Fur Workshop

On Wednesday 8th January, Year 2 welcomed the animals and staff from the Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre. The children were delighted to see the animals and the visit linked well with the topic work they have been doing this half term.



Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre has a collection of hawks, falcons and owls that are used to allow people to experience these amazing birds. The Centre is based at Ladd's Garden Village in Reading and is FREE to visit, offering a variety of amazing opportunities from hands-on sessions to hawk walks and owl hours. More information can be found on their website: [Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre - Berkshire](https://www.feathersandfur.co.uk/)



Fred in the Shed

Year 6 children enjoyed a visit from the 'Fred in the Shed' Magic Show on Thursday 9th January, linking with their work based on 'The Nowhere Emporium'. The children enjoyed the visit and workshop and it was an excellent start to their topic work.



A Welcome for Mr Wilkins

As you may have noticed around school, we have now welcomed our new site controller, Mr Wilkins to our Great Hollands team. He works alongside Mr Helyer to continue to keep our school a GREAT place to learn. Please give him a wave if you happen to see him on the playground!

School Council visit to Mayor's Chambers

On Thursday 23rd January, members of our school council were invited to visit the Bracknell Forest Council Chamber and to meet the mayor, Councillor Pauline McKenzie. The children had prepared questions to ask the Mayor and were able to use the microphones, just like real council members. They each had a turn of sitting in the Mayor's seat and 'controlling the council' and to wear the Mayor's chain. The children learned about how the Mayor is elected, what she does and also what the Council does. They learned a great deal and enjoyed the visit immensely.



Year 3 Mad Science Day

The children in Year 3 had a day filled with lots of different science experiments to start off their topic work for this half term. They were able to come into school dressed as a 'mad scientist' if they wished and enjoyed a range of different science-based activities throughout the day.

Year 5 Highwayman Artwork

Year 5 children have displayed their artistic talents in some of their work for 'The Highwayman' topic. They used charcoal to create some fantastic artwork. Well done Year 5!



Family Learning

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend any of our Family Learning sessions this half term. The children love having their grown-up in school and sharing some time taking part in fun activities together. We have more sessions arranged for next half-term. Please see the list of dates at the end of this newsletter for the most up to date information.

Special Visitor at the Book Fair

Our book fair was an outstanding success this week and we had a very special visitor. Clifford the Big Red Dog came along to say hello to the children and see the books we had on sale. He even visited the Reception classes and popped in to say a quick hello during assembly!



PE News

A selection of our Year 2 children travelled to Floreat Montague Park Primary School in Wokingham last month for the annual Dodgeball Tournament. The children put in a fantastic effort and Rory's team finished level on points with one of the other teams. This resulted in a play-off match, which was won 4-2 by Rory's team, meaning that they won the Tournament overall!

Our Year 3 team travelled to Evendons for their Dodgeball Tournament and despite having to make a couple of last minute team changes, Lucas' team were the winners, beating the Evendons team into second place by just one point!

All our teams should be incredibly proud of both the results and their conduct in representing our school. Both the other schools have already issued return challenges for next year, which our teams have gladly accepted.



Frogs News

Firstly, the FRoGS would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who helped out with our Valentines discos yesterday. Our discos are very popular and the children enjoy them immensely. We will update you with our total during next half term.

Our next event is the **Year 1 Cake Sale on 28th February**. We will be asking Year 1 children to bring donations of cakes that we can sell in the playground after school. The Reception class cake sale last month raised £155... Can Year 1 beat their total?

Don't forget we also have our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday 11th April. Leaflets with more information will be coming home nearer the time.

If you are interested in joining the FRoGS and or even just helping at any of our events, please get in touch by email to frogspta@gmail.com

We hope you all have a relaxing and safe half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school and ready to learn on **Monday 24th February**.

**Academic Year 2019/2020****FEBRUARY 2020**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st	HALF TERM
Monday 24th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
	Year 1 Toy Story Dress-Up Day
	Red Group Family Learning 'Busy Bags' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Tuesday 25 th	Mr Stapylton's Group visiting Hampton Court
Wednesday 26 th	Purple & Blue Group Family Learning 'Busy Bags' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 28 th	Year 4 Indoor Athletics Tournament – 1.30pm-3.00pm
	FRoGS Year 1 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm

MARCH 2020

Monday 2 nd	Year 4 Chocolate Workshop with Chocolate Education
Tuesday 3 rd	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 Trip to Brooklands Museum
Thursday 5 th	Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm
	Year 3 Good Food Challenge Workshop – 9.00am-12.30pm
Friday 6 th	Year 6 Trip to Ufton Court
	Dress-up Day for World Book Day – dress as a character from your favourite book
Tuesday 10 th	Year 5/6 Football Match vs Meadowvale – 3.15pm-5.15pm
Wednesday 11 th	Year 3 Trip to Reading Museum
	Year 6 to St Michael's Church for Easter Workshop
Thursday 12 th	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament – timings TBC
Friday 13 th	Reptile Encounters visiting Reception children
	Year 1 Dodgeball Tournament at Evendons – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament – timings TBC
Wednesday 18 th	Reception Height, Weight and Hearing Screening
Thursday 19 th	
Monday 23 rd	Year 3 Dodgeball at Floreat Montague Park Primary, Wokingham – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	Year 1 Dodgeball at Floreat Montague Park Primary, Wokingham – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 5 Carnival of Coding Workshop
	Year 6 SATs Meeting – 2.45pm and 6.00pm
Friday 27 th	FRoGS Year 2 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
	Year 2 Mrs Armitage Mini Gallery – 2.30pm-3.00pm
Monday 30 th	1KF Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
	Year 5/6 Football Match vs Wildridings Primary – 3.15pm-5.15pm
Tuesday 31 st	1LH Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm

APRIL 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents
Thursday 2 nd	Year 6 Greek Day
Friday 3rd	End of Spring Term, school finishes at 2.15pm
Saturday 11 th	FRoGS Easter Egg Hunt – 10.00am-12.00pm
Monday 20th	Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 1 visit to Mill Pond
Friday 24 th	FRoGS Year 3 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
MAY 2020	
Friday 1 st – Friday 29 th	KS1 SATs Testing
Monday 4 th	Year 3 Benchball at Floreat Montague Park Primary, Wokingham – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 Benchball at Floreat Montague Park Primary, Wokingham – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 to Science Museum for 'It Takes Guts' Workshop
Friday 8th	May Bank Holiday
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th	SATs WEEK
Friday 15 th	Paul Nolan WW2 Author Visit
Monday 18 th	Year 5 Trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 19 th	Class Photos
Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Pond Dipping at Pinewood
Friday 22 nd	FRoGS Year 4 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Monday 25th	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th	HALF TERM
JUNE 2020	
Monday 1st	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Tuesday 9 th	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament – timings TBC
Monday 8 th – Friday 26 th	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 th	FRoGS Great Hollands Got Talent – Round 1 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 11 th	Year 2 Benchball at Floreat Montague Park Primary, Wokingham – 1.30pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 6' – 9.00am-10.30am FRoGS Summer Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Friday 19 th	Year 6 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 7' – 9.00am-10.30am
Wednesday 24 th	FRoGS Great Hollands Got Talent – Round 2 3.30pm-5.00pm
Friday 26 th	FRoGS Year 5 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 30 th	Kwik-Cricket Tournament – timings TBC

JULY 2020

Wednesday 1 st	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Thursday 2 nd	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools
	Evening viewing of Exhibition 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 3 rd	Nursery Family Learning: Transition to Reception – 9.00am-10.30am
	AM viewing of School Exhibition 8.00am – 8.45am
	Sports Day (to include Exhibition viewing at lunch time)
Saturday 4 th	FROGS Summer Fair – 12.00pm-3.00pm
Monday 6 th	Back up Sports Day
Tuesday 7 th	Kwik-Cricket Tournament – timings TBC
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Production – Parent Performances timings TBC
Friday 10 th	FROGS Year 6 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
	Y6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am
	Y6 Prom – timings TBC
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Condover Hall and Year 6 Activity Week
Thursday 16 th	Nursery last day of Term
Friday 17th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

What's on:
More than just books

Happy Chinese New Year 2020
Year of the Rat

ZOOLAB PRESENTS
CHINESE NEW YEAR'S ANIMALS

Bracknell Library
Thursday 20 February 2020
11am-12noon

Hands-on workshop with some of the animals of the Chinese calendar. Fun, safe and educational!

Ticket: £3 per child (+ one adult free)
Booking is essential. Go to Eventbrite and look for "Chinese New Year at Bracknell Library".

[bracknell-forest.gov.uk/
libraries](http://bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries)

We've come a long way since Shhhhh!

Bracknell
Forest
Council

Feedback Form

Please let us know your thoughts on school life... You can tell us anything, for example:

Well done, I really like...

Please pass on my thanks to...

My child says it is really good when...

I would like more information on...

Can I have some help with...

I am unhappy about...

Please try to improve by...

I can help in the school with...



My child is in Year _____

Name: _____ (optional)