

# Headteacher Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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Key Dates:				
21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February parents'	4 <sup>th</sup> March Year 1 visit to Sea			
evening	City museum			
22 <sup>nd</sup> February Great Fire of	7 <sup>th</sup> March World Book Day			
London workshop for year 2	dress up			

Communications this week:				
Y1 Trip to Sea City Museum	Parents Guide to SEN			
New Jacket Potato Menu	Y2 Dress Up Day			
Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing	Governors Needed			

# Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term I can't believe we are half-way through another academic year! The children did some fantastic writing all about Chinese New Year this week and it was wonderful hearing children's first hand experiences in my assembly on Tuesday. We sent out an email yesterday with different breathing techniques we have been teaching the children and using with all classes across the school, we have found this really supports children in being calm and ready for learning.

The children are loving 'Make the Rules' day today, thank you once again to our amazing HSPTA for organising such fantastic events and days for the children!

# Library

Please see the attached poster about events over half term at Chandler's Ford library.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Please do remember to book your parents' evenings on Arbor which are after half term on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Pine Road Closures**

A reminder that there are further roadworks when we return after half term between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February where there will be a road closure between Cuckoo Bushes Lane and Hiltingbury Road. The road will be open outside of working hours.

#### **Keepers Kitchen**

I had a wonderful time celebrating with our children that were chosen for Keepers Kitchen this half term. I was so proud of how they always remember our three rules of being Safe, Kind and Ready, displaying these behaviours day in, day out.

Jesse - Cherry Class	Rocco - Beech Class	Sena - Spruce Class
Arthur - Plum Class	Zaki - Chestnut Class	Hashir - Holly Class
Noah - Apple Class	Clarisse - Hazel Class	Owen - Cedar Class

## Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

## Year R

A busy week for the last week of the half term in Year R. We have really enjoyed our RE learning this week. We have been sharing a variety of stories and thinking about what we can learn from the stories. Thank you for all of the Seesaw contributions from home, the children have been thoroughly engaged in the stories they have been talking about. We read the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and thought about the important learning that comes from this story. We then learnt about how some Christians believe that Jesus is a story teller and some of the important learning through the parables that he told. The children have all tried really hard with their 'Exciting Writing' this week, showing what they can achieve independently. We hope you all have a lovely half term!

# Year 1

This week the children have loved finishing their sculptures inspired by David Rogers 'Big Bug' sculptures. It was wonderful to see all the classes engaged in the sessions and explaining the key facts they have remembered about him.

It has been a busy half term and the children have worked incredibly hard on their phonics, reading and maths. It has been great to see that some are showing curiosity about the weather, weather patterns and the temperature in our Geography sessions.

The children have loved their 'Make the rules' day. They also loved a little disco at the end of the day.

# Year 2

Make the rules ... what an exciting way to end a busy half term! It was wonderful to see the children joining in with a fun filled final day after all their hard work this term. This week, the children have been summarising their learning to apply their knowledge in a range of contexts. We have been impressed with their writing where they have remembered to identify sentence boundaries, include expanded noun phrases to describe and even add suffixes to their writing. Their survival afternoon was a real success and we were so impressed with their team work skills to ensure they avoided the cold and wet. We look forward to welcoming the children back to launch our topic 'London's Burning' after half term. Please do look out for a separate communication about a 1666 dress up day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Wishing you a wonderful half term break.

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# Learners of the Week – This week we are incredibly proud of ....

# Year R People Who Help Us!







Have a wonderful half term! Kind regards

Phillippa Longman

