



# Newsletter



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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”



**Congratulations.** Well done to Poppy, Lola, Elin, Dominic, Hayden, Max and Ellis for being recognised by their class teachers for excellent work and attitude to learning last week.

### Values

This week our value in focus is Respect. We welcomed Reverend Alison who led our assembly on Monday and continue to look at different Acts of Giving from the 40 Acts for lent.

### Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
<b>Hercules – Reception</b>	Addition, ordering, measuring in strides	Dinosaur facts & stories. News
<b>Hercules – Year 1</b>	Graphs, measuring in metres, ordering	Dinosaur facts & stories. Instruction writing
<b>Hercules – Letters &amp; Sounds - Reception</b>	ure blending and segmenting 2 syllable words	
<b>Hercules – Letters &amp; Sounds - Year 1</b>	Writing dictated sentences. ee/ea oy/oi ir/er blending and segmenting	
<b>Pegasus</b>	Data collection	Grammar and information texts
<b>Phoenix Years 3+4</b>	Time	Adverts
<b>Chameleon Years 5 + Yr 6</b>	Writing about mythical creatures	Finding the area of different polygons

### What will Mrs Vousden be up to this week?

This week Mrs Vousden will be with us Thursday and Friday afternoon. On Monday she attended a Wiltshire Headteacher conference and on Wednesday she worked with another school on school improvement issues.

## **Parents' Forum – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

We are going through a busy period of change at the moment, and the governors would like to give parents an opportunity to share their views and discuss key issues with them. They have therefore arranged this meeting and invite you all to come along to discuss the future of our lovely school over tea and cake with staff, governors and the PTA. We will cover the following areas, and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions.

Feedback from the Parental Questionnaire

Wraparound Care

Staff Recruitment

Parent Governor Elections

PTA

We do hope you will be able to attend. To make sure that there is enough cake to go round, please could you let Mrs Howe know if you would like to come along!

### **Headteacher Recruitment**

This process is well under way – expect an announcement on Friday!

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Many thanks to all those who completed a questionnaire for their child. We have had 35 responses out of a possible 90, and will be looking at how we can act on your comments over the coming days, weeks and months. Please see the attached overview.

We recognise that this is an uncertain time and take on board some of the concerns raised about not knowing who the next headteacher will be, or how we will provide Before and After School Care. Please be reassured that these issues are in hand and we will have more news for you very soon!

In the meantime, thanks once again for your comments.

## **Wrap Around Care – Before and After School Care & Clubs**

**Early Morning Club** - Having reviewed a variety of options, we have arranged for a company known to Lea and Garsdon School called Grassroots Sports Academy to run our early morning club from 7.45am until 8.40am at a cost of £2.50 per session. As at present, breakfast will not be provided, and thus to avoid confusion the club has been renamed! That said, your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at the beginning of the session if necessary. The club will be a fun start to the day and will include sporting activities plus other options will be available for those children who prefer a slower start to the morning.

As we have had to seek alternative PE coaches to cover our teachers' PPA time on Tuesday and Friday afternoons as well, we are going to use Grassroots for this provision also, and they have agreed to continue our two after school sports clubs as follows:

**KS2 Football Club** - Football club will return to Tuesdays from Term 5, and I am pleased to say that Grassroots are able to provide two coaches for this club so that it can take place on the village playing field. Football club will start on 24 April 2018.

**Multi-skills Club for Years 1 – 4** - This will start on Friday 27 April and will take place on the school playground.

Booking forms for the Early Morning, Football, and Multi-skills clubs will be available shortly. All places will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

**After School Club** - We are well on our way to organising After School Care for September and hope to give you details of this very soon. It is expected that this will run from Monday to Thursday as per our current arrangements, and will be based here on site. In the meantime we will continue to work closely with the KSM ASC and the community bus to ensure that parents are supported with their child care needs, which are a priority for us.

### **Book Fair**

A big thank you to all those parents and staff who gave their time to run the book sale after school over the last week. Over £400 of books were sold and we hope our children enjoy reading them. As a bonus, the school will receive £244 worth of books!

### **Lindy Hop Presentation – Thursday 15 March at 2.40 pm**

We have rearranged our Lindy Hop workshop for this Thursday (15 March), and would like to invite you to come in at 2.40 pm to see what the children have learned. Not to be missed!

### **Mrs Hutchins' Tea Party**

We will be celebrating Mrs Hutchins' time at school with a Tea Party on **Thursday 29 March** from 2.30 pm and you are all invited! If you would like to contribute to a leaving present for her, there is a collection in the School Office.

### **PTA notes**

#### **Mother's Day Gifts**

Thank you so much for donating such lovely Mother's Day gifts – we hope all our mums were thoroughly spoilt on the day! We raised £61.94 for PTA funds.

### **Paper Letters sent out this Week**

- Yr 5 Visit to Sheldon School Letter
- Phoenix Visit to Stonehenge Letter
- Hercules & Pegasus Visit to Bristol Zoo Letter

### **Dates for the Diary** (new dates in red)

Wed 14 March	Year 5 visit to Sheldon School
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Lindy Hop Workshop – <b>presentation to parents at 2.40pm</b> <b>Deadline: Parent Governor Election Nominations</b>
Sat 17 March	Scarecrow Quiz at the Village Hall, tickets £7.50 from School Office – <b>hurry if you want tickets, it's almost sold out!</b>
Mon 19 March	Phoenix visit to Stonehenge Chameleon Anglo Saxon Day <b>Parents' Forum, Cherry Hall, 7.30pm</b>
Wed 21 March	Kington Tots' Easter Egg Hunt in School Chameleon Sharing Assembly, 2.30 pm

Thu 22 March	Board of Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm
Mon 26 March	Easter Service at St Peter's, 2.30 pm
Tue 27 March	Pegasus Sharing Assembly, 2.30pm
Wed 28 March	Hercules & Pegasus Classes to Bristol Zoo
Thu 29 March	Break up for Easter – Easter Egg Hunt in school time Tea Party for Mrs Hutchins, 2.30 pm Cherry Hall – all welcome!
Mon 16 April	Back to School for Term 5

We are continually looking at ways to improve and develop the school. If you have any ideas please let us know and we will see if we can incorporate them into our plans for improvement.