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Spring Term Issue 6

23 February 2024

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POPCORN NIGHT
 FRIDAY | 23 FEBRUARY | 5:45 PM
 Join us to watch - WONKA
£2 Entry Hotdogs & Snacks.
 Includes popcorn



For Sale £25
Cash preferred please

We have limited stock of these high quality branded umbrellas for sale. I have the same brand through The Magic Circle (of which I am a Member—have I said?) and they are very good.

On sale for £25 (cash please)

Book Fair Monday to Friday in The Lab

Book Fair will run after school every day next week in The Lab. The children may use their £1 book voucher towards your purchase. You can also use the voucher in participating book shops.

The Book Fair is cash preferred please but cards will be taken if Rob is there.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23 February 6pm Popcorn Night
 Monday 26 Feb—Friday 1 March Book fair
 Thursday 29 February Nursery Little Angel Theatre
 Monday 4 March Y6 CLC
 Thursday 7 March World Book Day
 Friday 8 March Popcorn Night
 Tuesday 12 March Y3 CLC
 Thursday 21 March Y1 Coding
 Monday 25 March Y6 Tower of London
 Tuesday 26 March 10am Reception Performance to parents
 Tuesday 26 March Jumble Sale
 Wednesday 27 March 2.45 Hat parade and Y6 Stalls
 Thursday 28 March 13.30 School Closes

Attendance for the week
 Our target is 95%+

Missing school is missing out

Year 1	96.55
Year 2	92.00
Year 3	91.06
Year 4	92.67
Year 5	87.67
Year 6	95.10
School	92.51

Well done Year 1

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



£100

Donation

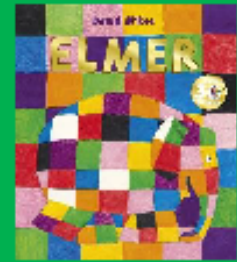




WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

At Fitzjohn's



Mon 26th Feb- Fri 1st March
Book Fair-Come and spend
your voucher in the Lab.

Keep an eye-out for classroom or door displays. Each class will choose a story to base a display on.



Thursday 7th March

Children to dress-up as their favourite book character or author.



Mon 4th- Fri 8th March

Come in and read to your child's class.
Discuss with class teachers for the best time.

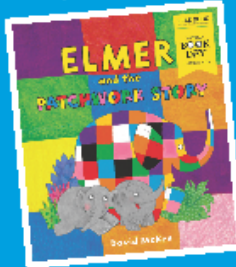
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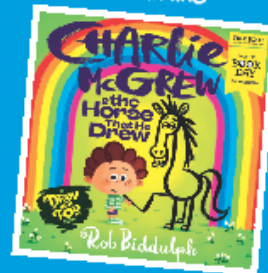
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The Fitzjohn's Spring Clean Jumble Sale is back!

Tuesday 26th March 3.15-5pm



ONLY GIVE WHAT YOU WOULD BUY



YES PLEASE:

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Toys, games, puzzles
- ✓ Backpacks, lunch bags
(clean and stain free)
- ✓ Balls, rackets, sport equipment
- ✓ Soft toys
(washed)
- ✓ Dress ups
- ✓ Bikes & scooters

NO THANK YOU:

- ⊘ Broken items / missing pieces
- ⊘ Clothes or shoes (please use the collection bin by KS2 entrance)
- ⊘ DVD
- ⊘ Party bags / magazine plastic toys
- ⊘ Used slime, play dough, putty
- ⊘ Baby toys or items

Collection starts Friday 8th March



Please clean and wash everything

ITEMS FOR AGES 3-12 YEARS ONLY



All the money raised will go towards sport, art and music at school.





VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR
2 PARENTS/CARERS
TO SERVE AS PARENT GOVERNORS ON THE GOVERNING BODY
FROM APRIL 2024

The Governing Body announces that from the start of April there will be a vacancy on the School Governing Body for 2 Parent/Carer Governors as the terms of office of two existing Parent Governors (Christina Pappas Kohle and Nick Zangwill) are ending on 31st March 2024.

Nick has indicated he is willing to stand again, Christina is stepping down after completing two terms.

The GB plays a vital role in monitoring and evaluating the work of our school and helping to continuously raise standards. We meet twice a term in the evening for a couple of hours, additionally there are two committees that meet termly that Governors can volunteer to participate in. Dates are set well in advance, and expenses such as childcare are payable. Each governor also takes responsibility for one of the classes within the school, and a particular subject, and represents their interests to the GB.

Camden offer excellent Governor training and support. A full induction will be available, as well as a chance to shadow existing Governors to familiarize yourself with the role should you wish to do this.

The GB does not and is not expected to be involved in the day-to-day operational running of the school. Commitment, enthusiasm and a genuine interest in the development of the school and the children is really what motivates successful GBs and ours is no exception.

The term of office is up to 4 years, and the election is open to all parent/carers at the school.
THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE GOVERNING BODY FOR A SUPPORT STAFF (NON TEACHING) GOVERNOR

An explanatory letter and Nomination Form can be collected from the school office. If you would prefer an electronic version, email Mike Herlihy, Clerk to the Governing Body at mike.herlihy@hotmail.co.uk

Nominations should reach Mike Herlihy by email or c/o the school by **10am on Monday 26th February 2024** . If more than 2 nominations are received there will be an election.

Please do seriously consider whether you could support the school in this way. Remember that as a member of the Governing Body you can help effect real change and enhance the life chances of all our young people.

Rob Earrey
Headteacher

This week in class	
Nursery	This week we celebrated Lunar new year. This year is the year of the dragon in the Chinese Zodiac calendar. The children made lanterns, dancing dragons and 'Happy new year' cards. Our role play area became a Chinese restaurant and the children have taken on the role of chef, waiter/waitress and customer. On Wednesday we made spring rolls, they were very tasty! In maths we used the story 'The doorbell rang', to gain an understanding of sharing and fairness. Our phoneme this week is /r/. Bertha the bus discovered a rose, robot, rainbow, rabbit and a rocket on the way to the zoo! The children also made pancakes on Monday, it was so much fun. We've had a busy week cooking!
Reception	Reception enjoyed a delayed Pancake day this Tuesday. We wrote the ingredients and what toppings we like. Our drawing club book was Mama Panya's Pancakes, so we could be transported to Kenya. We enjoyed using the atlases to find where Kenya was. In phonics we have been recapping all the phonics we learnt last term, and had a go at writing a sentence by our self in our new books. In Maths we have been learning all about the numbers 9,10. Recognizing them and spotting the smaller numbers within them. In the classroom we now have a new calm corner, which we have decorated and made to be a really 'peaceful' and 'calming' place to be.
Class 1	This week in maths we have finished looking at place value to 20. We compared and ordered numbers to 20 and used the symbols to write number sentences. In literacy we have finished off our dinosaur stories and displayed them in our new class bookshop. In science we have looked at the season of winter and went on a nice winter walk around the school. We had a lovely discussion as a class about how we can make our classroom even more inviting. The children gave some lovely ideas and we have added photos, quotes etc around our classroom. Well done for a great first week back Year 1.
Class 2	This week in Class 2, we kicked off our learning about Japan. We learnt that Japan sits north of the Equator and consists of thousands of tiny islands, although it is made up of five 'main,' large ones. We will be learning more about the geography and culture of Japan over the next few weeks, so if you learn anything at home or have any books you'd like to lend us, feel free! We are finishing off our multiplication and division unit in maths with the 10 and 5 times tables (multiplying and dividing using both) We are trying to think 'what <u>DO</u> I know' to ourselves when faced with a question that we find tricky. For example, with a question such as $9 \times ? = 18$, I <u>DO</u> know that double 9 is 18, so perhaps it could be 2 lots of 9 which equal 18. We have a trip to Keats Library on Tuesday, so please make sure all books are back by Tuesday morning. Thank you.
Class 3	We had a fantastic start to this week in Year 3, when we watched a live interview with the author Malorie Blackman, hosted by The British Library. She told us all about her childhood, her interests, and her difficulties getting her first novel published. A perfect example of perseverance and resilience! In maths, we began a new topic, length and perimeter, comparing millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. We are still revising our times tables every week, though, so they're not forgotten. In science, we learned all about the palaeontologist, Mary Anning, who discovered many fossils. We also had a fossil quiz to end our topic on rocks. In RE, we started to look at symbols and how they are important in all religions. Last but not least, we've been rehearsing for our class assembly, which will be on Monday 26th February, starting at 9.15am. Year 3 parents, please come along!
Class 4	Year 4 have had a busy week. In Maths, we have been learning to divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, using partitioning and place value counters. In Literacy, we started the week by Free Writing, showing all of the literary techniques we can use half way through year 4. We have started our new non-fiction topic on Explanation Texts. We identified and labeled the features across different texts. In RE, we have learnt about the importance of peace to Buddhists and how we can bring peacefulness into our own lives. We created beautiful watercolour art of the Buddha and enjoyed a relaxing meditation.
Class 5	This week, Class has been learning in Maths about thousandths as fractions and decimals as well as comparing and ordering decimals. In Literacy, we discussed the features of different types of recounts, focusing on diary entries. We also wrote our own diary entries on a UFO sighting! Class 5 discussed the different evidence to support that Earth is spherical and not flat. We also spoke about the concept of sacrifice in RE and talked about what was appropriate and inappropriate to share online. Lastly, we continued filming our short silent movies and some of us started making trailers for our Assembly on Friday 8th March.
Class 6	A great week of work in algebra where children have used form expressions and function machines to begin their understanding of algebraic formula. In Literacy, we are creating newspaper reports based on a wonderful book by David Weisner called Tuesday. We commenced our new topic on Science - Light - by reviewing all knowledge covered to date : did you know that light travels at 186,000 miles per second and that it takes 8m for the light from the Sun to reach us? In PSHE, we are discussing digital citizenship and how to behave responsibly online. A HUGE thank you to Ursula from National Numeracy who popped into class six on Friday to talk about Maths in the real world.

BEANO

GET YOUR FUNNY BONES WORKING!



**LAST YEAR WE ENTERED THIS AND
OUR CURRENT Y6 CLASS CAME IN
THE TOP 10!**

**PUNS OR JOKES INVOLVING BEANO
CHARACTERS GO DOWN
PARTICULARLY WELL.**

**START THINKING OF GREAT JOKES
I'LL BE GETTING YOU TO WRITE
THEM DOWN ON MONDAY!**

PRIMARY SCHOOL T-SHIRT & HOODIE SALE!

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS CREATED A NEW SITE TO BUY SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS, HOODIES AND MORE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THE FITZJOHNSNW3 LOGO REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY AND AREA, AND IS IN AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE STREET SIGN DIRECTLY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE. THE HISTORY OF THIS LOGO IS UNIQUE TO OUR LOCATION AND HISTORY. OTHER LOGOS AVAILABLE ARE THE HOUSE SIGNS OF AIR, WATER, EARTH AND FIRE AND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LOGO.

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You may all already know that everyone from Reception to Year 6 is now entitled for Free School Meals as these are being funded by the government and the Mayor of London.

What you may not know is that the school gets extra money into our account for all those children who fulfil certain criteria.

Please could everyone check on this link to see if you are entitled - if you are then we get extra money!

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Corporate Funding - can you help?

Are you working in one of the banks or one of the big tech companies (Google, Microsoft, Facebook)? We are looking to speak to parents who work there about some corporate funding opportunities for the school.

Please get in touch with:

Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): leefels79@gmail.com

or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5)

dad): nitzanyudan@hotmail.com

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These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started: [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com/) for Fitzjohn's

Thank you!



Thank a Teacher

If you want to thank anyone working in our school this is a great way of doing it. From experience I know that they are greatly appreciated and can act as a springboard to the National Teaching Awards.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

Assemblies (all at 9.15am)

Monday 26 February Y3 (note new day and date)

Friday 1 March Y6

Friday 8 March Y5 (note new date)

Friday 15 March Nursery

Tuesday 26 March Reception perform their play to parents at 10am.

School Meal Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSYDPYB>

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 4 September
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">We do not set learning for children who are taken away on holiday. They should read, keep a diary, practise their number bonds or timetables.</p>	

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Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £
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