



Message from Mrs Crocker

Although Christmas feels a long time ago now, the first half of this Spring Term has flown by! There's been plenty going on, from trips to Caerphilly Castle, raising money by bringing in unwanted clothing, to a fabulous parent coming in with his miniature steam engine to support Sapling's 'History of the Railways' topic. We were also thrilled to hear about an ex-Michaelchurch pupil, Steven Williams, who received an MBE for services to Disabled Children and Local Communities in Western Uganda. It really shows that attending a tiny, rural village school is no barrier to achieving great things in the wider world.

Attendance

Well done to Oak Class who (for the second time running!) got the half-termly certificate for the highest whole class attendance!!

Parents Evenings – Wed 26th February – 3pm – 6pm (and a few more the following week for Miss Cook)

We strongly encourage you to attend these parents meetings. It's so important to continue the excellent communication we have and it really benefits all the children. We appreciate your time and commitment!

World Book Day Events

We are very excited about our plans to celebrate World Book Day.

On **Wednesday, 5th March**, the children will embark on an exciting journey to Hay on Wye, visiting various bookshops.

Following the trip, we invite you to join us for a delightful afternoon, from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm, for cakes and a special book-sharing session in the school hall. Parents are encouraged to participate and share a book with their child or children, fostering a love for reading within our school community.

Thursday, 6th March - the much-anticipated **dressing-up part of World Book Day** will take place in school and preschool!

Fuelling Futures: A Fun, Family-Friendly Healthy Eating Workshop! – Thursday 27th March - 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Please come along for an informative and (hopefully!) helpful informal gathering with a focus on healthy eating that will include ideas for healthy lunchboxes amongst other things!

Preschool News

There has been lots of fun over the last couple of weeks exploring on our daily walks, the children have enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles, walking in muddy streams sometimes losing wellies as they stroll along! Playing hide and seek in the boggy reed beds and this week exploring down the woods, as one child remarked this is magical!

During our storytelling week the children used their imagination, creative and language skills to tell their own stories which we all enjoyed.

The children are given kindness hearts to place in a jar, these hearts are for kind acts such as helping to put the toys back where they belong, using independent skills, good listening skills, helping each other or a grown up and when jar is full the children choose a trip on the minibus, as this jar is getting full after half term we will decide where we go and an email will be sent out.

Thank you for your continued support especially with providing changes of clothes, please could you pack spare socks as we seem to be having lots of wet feet!!

Have a lovely half term break,

Julie and Beth

Black Hill Arts Events, Longtown and Craswall

Our local Village Halls will be hosting crafty creative workshops for kids and teens over two weekends in March. Start with a free printmaking session in Longtown on Saturday morning, 14th March. Then there's a choice of playing with clay or exploring wool crafts on Saturday 22nd March in Craswall or Longtown. The charity Jamie's Farm (Rowlestone) are offering free green woodworking experiences on the 22nd too. Join the launch party on Friday 14th in Longtown Village Hall from 5pm to find out more, with live music and a pop-up restaurant and bar.

<https://www.blackhillartsevents.com/>



Finally...!

Happy Valentines Day and happy half term! I hope everyone has a relaxing and well-deserved rest! It's been such a great half term and we look forward to everything next half term brings!

Louise Crocker