



Message from Mrs Crocker

Unsurprisingly, for such a short half term, the end of the half term has come around very quickly! Despite being such a short half term, we've managed to pack a lot into it for the children in both school and preschool. Oak Class enjoyed their trip to the Spaceguard Centre in Knighton and Year 1 and 2 had a fascinating trip to the Hereford Waterworks Museum. We've also had Huw Evans in school who taught the older children more about School of Sanctuary and this week there have been various celebrations for the Chinese New Year – including some delicious Chinese themed school lunches produced by Farmhouse Kitchen aka Verity Price.

Parent/Adults helpers needed!

If you have any spare time – or know anyone who does – there are a couple of areas we're looking for some support with.

Lunchtimes – on a Tues and Thurs we're looking for an extra pair of hands to help serving food, clearing the hall and monitoring the children whilst they eat.

Trip to Hay – on Wed 6th March the whole school will be going to Hay! We're looking for a few volunteers on this day to help out.

Please get in touch if you are interested.

Preschool Term Dates / Welcome Su!

On the whole preschool's dates largely follow the school's calendar. However, there are a few days across the year when there is a need to close preschool (but not the school). At the start of this Spring Term the preschool staff and myself had a very productive 'staff only' day. It was such a useful and important day and we really felt the benefits of having more time together as a staff group to plan, discuss and do other 'behind the scenes' work. Therefore, we have decided to have another 'staff only' day at the start of the summer term (Monday 8th April). Preschool will also finish a little earlier at the end of the academic year, so preschool children's last day will be Wednesday July 17th.

I also wanted to warmly welcome Su Snaith who has joined the preschool team on Wednesdays. She is Forest School Trained, has many years experience and a wonderful addition to preschool!

Happy Half Term!

I hope everyone enjoys their half term. Mr Crocker, Daisy, Monty and I are very excited to be exploring the Baltic countries; Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia next week. The weather looks quite a bit chillier than the UK, so we'll need to pack our thermals! The weather here looks a little mixed – but hopefully it will allow everyone the chance to enjoy some time outside and have a good rest!

Pre school News

It's been a busy half term in preschool with the children exploring Winter, with daily walks in different directions across the surrounding fields sometimes getting as far as the stream or to play under the oak tree and occasionally meeting up with farmer Royston on his quad bike or tractor adding more excitement to our walk! During forest school we have lit the fire, with all children now aware of our fire safety rules, there has been various warm foods cooked to sustain us in the cold.

This week we have celebrated The Lunar New Year, with chopstick making and using various Chinese spices added to our red playdoh and Chinese lantern making.

Just a reminder, please can wellies, waterproofs, hats, gloves and a complete change of clothes be left in a bag on your child's peg for the half term. On a sessional basis a child's size rucksack would be very helpful for lunchbox and drink.

Our welly walks are to restart on Tuesday March 5th 9.15 am to 11.00am all parents/ carers with children under 5 are welcome to join us on our daily walk and enjoy hot chocolate and toast back in preschool with some circle time songs to close the session.

Thank you for your kindness to staff at Christmas and have a lovely half term break.

Dates for diaries

Tuesday March 5th - Welly walk 9.15-11.00am

Wednesday March 20th - Preschool trip to Rockyfold Farm (lambing visit) further details to follow.

Monday 8th April- Preschool closed- Staff training/planning day

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 12 th Feb-Friday 16 th Feb	HALF TERM
Weds 28 th Feb	Oak class Gloucester Mosque visit
Tues 5 th March	Acorn class Safari trip
Tues 5 th March	9:15- 11:00 Welly walk for Preschool, 0-4yrs and adults
Weds 6 th March	Whole school trip to Hay on Wye for World Book Day Following the trip, we invite you to join us for a delightful afternoon on the same day, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm , for pancakes 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.

Thurs 7 th March	World book day- dressing up, school based activities.
Tues 12 th March	Sapling Viking trip
Weds 13 th March	Parents' Evening 3-6pm
Thurs 14 th March	Sapling Class Parents – Residential Meeting 3:00 – 3:45pm
Weds 20 th March	Preschool farm trip
Fri 22 nd Mar	Flexi-school children IN school today Whole school drumming workshop
Mon 25th March-Fri 5th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 8 th April	School Children first day back of summer term. Preschool closed
Tues 9 th April	Preschool first day of summer term