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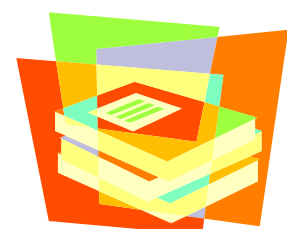
A significant event in the move towards spring this week was that the Belmont Glacier (a firm fixture on the Black Dog car park since Christmas) has finally melted. Not only that but lambs are visible in the fields at lower levels and the spring flowers so long awaited are just about ready to burst together. Not before time, the sun's had a bit of warmth in it; and we have actually had to open a window once or twice!

Spring brings its own promise of new beginnings—we start to think of all the things we're going to sort out this year as the nights begin to lengthen. Miss Briggs too has been thinking about the future. She has not been blessed with good health for a number of years and as a result has decided to take time out of the profession to try to improve that situation. She will be leaving us at Easter. Miss Briggs has been a valued member of our school team for the last 10 years and we will of course be sorry to lose her services. I know that you will join me in wishing her every success in her future career choice. Mrs Nuttall will be replacing Miss Briggs for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Rigby is on the road to recovery and is hoping to return in the not too distant future. I will be writing to Year 1 parents as soon as arrangements are confirmed. Just a quick reminder that school finishes on **Thursday 1st April at 1:30 p.m.** and re-opens on **Thursday 15th April**. I'd like to wish you all a happy and Holy Easter holiday.

Our prayers have been with the pupils who have just recently made their First Confession. The next Sacrament the children are preparing for is Confirmation which will take place on Sunday 23rd May 2010. Please think about them at this special time.



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair we raised just over £600 on which the school will get commission. This money will be spent on new books for school. So thank you once again for your support and also thank you to the staff and pupils who helped to run the book fair



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Congratulations to Gianluca and Carla our new head boy and girl. We are sure that you will both lead our school setting a good example to all. Thank you to Jack and Caitlyn our retiring head boy and girl



Thank you to all the hard working members of the P.T.F.A, your work does not go unnoticed. The P.T.F.A are in need of new members so if you can help please do. Contact any of the current members or let us know in school and we'll pass the message on.

Year 4 have been learning how to play the violin this term. There will be a performance in school for their parents on Monday 29th March. Further details to follow shortly.



We are still collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's, Tesco, Nestle Cereal box tops and Flora. These vouchers do make a big difference to the resources which we can purchase for school, so please keep collecting.

Year 3 had a brilliant trip to the Jewish Museum in Manchester last week. The children learnt about the Jewish faith and then were able to learn all about the Passover Meal.



World Book Day

Well done to everyone who took part in world Book Day we had a variety of fantastic costumes.

After a very eventful and colourful parade winners were chosen from each class. Each winner received a £5 gift voucher to spend at the book fair.

Year 6 Alicia The Mad Hatter

Year 5 Lloyd Willie Wonka

Year 4 Amelia Pharaoh

Year 3 Lois Little Match Girl

Year 2 Flynn Saucepan Man

Year 1 Harry Fantastic Mr Fox

Reception Billy The Hungry Caterpillar

Friday 23rd April is St. George's day—as you know. We're giving you plenty of warning so there's absolutely no excuse to join in the fun—We're having a damsels, dragons and knights in shining armour day! A themed lunch will also be available on the day. More details to follow about the lunch menu!

Search For A Star

Well Done to all the children who took part in today's auditions. The children through to the next round are Storm and Caitlin, Carla and Gabrielle and Lois. Good Luck to you all!



Travel plan update

We're almost ready to submit our plan just a few bits and pieces left.

Through our surveys of both pupils, parents and staff it became apparent that many of our pupils are intimidated by poor parking at the beginning and end of school. We all know that children's awareness of space is different than adults. They cannot judge distances or speeds as we can, often when cars are badly parked, children cannot see to cross safely. Many children, especially the younger ones, are startled when vehicles move onto and away from the kerb—they simply don't anticipate that as we do. PC Mark and PC Simon have been doing a wonderful job supporting our children with their "Pupils on Patrol" initiative. This High visibility operation is not to "catch" or embarrass anyone, but just to remind all drivers that we need to work hard to keep our children safe. I know that not one of you would ever want to intentionally harm a child but difficulties do occur. During the week, our Year 3 children, returning from a school visit, were forced to walk as a class, in the road as the pavement was blocked with vehicles and wheelie bins.

The Pupils on Patrol operation will continue for some time yet, but on its completion Police officers and traffic wardens will continue to monitor the situation. At this point I'm assured by PC Simon that offenders will be dealt with "with the full force of the law" and friendly advice will become penalty points and fines. As ever, a huge thank you to the vast majority of you all who try always to work with us in keeping our children safe.



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