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SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 11 February – Genevieve Smith, Harvey Thompson, Finley Kirwin, Noah Summers, Keelan Gilbert, Imogen Thorn, Alex Dziadulewicz, Imogen Crichton-Moody, Isla Hickman, Aimee Sheerin, Hazel Holden, Esme Brett, Bella Thewlis, Arman Chahal, Ferne Pickering, Amber Ford, Maddie Tyler, Phoebe Freeman, Ava-Mai Skelley, Yasmin Walby, Charlize Court, Anya Shipton, Charlie Witherbed, Eryn Hoey, Josh Dalton & Lilly Grant.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE:

COVID - As you may be aware, the Government changed the rules on regarding Covid on Thursday 24 February.

The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test or developing symptoms has been removed. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people to minimise the risk of passing the infection to others. Many people may no longer be infectious after 5 days and so as previously, if people have no temperature and negative LFD tests on day 5 and 6 the risk of them being infectious greatly reduces and so they can safely return to normal routines.

Close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended. This is regardless of vaccination status.

As a school being part of WeST, we will be adopting the following for the month of March:

- Children/members of staff who test positive should not attend school in March even if they are asymptomatic or feel well enough to attend, given the potential risk to others;
- Any members of the school community that tests positive cannot visit the school (e.g. a parent to drop off their child or a sibling who has tested positive briefly being onsite with their family to drop a family member to school);
- If your child develops symptoms in school, we will be in contact with you to request that you come and collect your child and follow the latest guidance around isolation;
- We will update you further throughout March in readiness to move to the next phase of the government's plan in April.

Thank you for your continued support as we seek to keep the school community as safe as possible for the next month.

UKRAINE - I want to let you know that I have talked to the children, this afternoon about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This was part of my plan for our first school assembly but teachers also reported to me that children are talking about in class and are worried about the conflict.

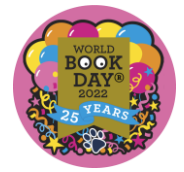
I have therefore talked to the children at an age appropriate level about the invasion, the impact on people in the Ukraine and how the world has responded by imposing sanctions on Russia. I also shared with them about how our democracy helps to keep us safe in the UK and how far away the conflict is from the UK. I stated that people feel shocked and upset by what they hear in the news but we don't need to be scared for our own safety.

Finally, I have asked the children to talk to an adult if they hear something that worries them regarding the conflict. I know that some people of our community have family members in countries that are closer to the conflict which may result in your children coming home with additional questions today.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER – As we have now approached half term, we appreciate some parents/carers may be purchasing new uniform for their children. As a reminder, please remember the following items are NOT part of our school uniform: trainers, boots, coloured socks, make up, nail varnish and jewellery with the exception of watches and stud earrings. We will be asking children to remove any jewellery, apart from stud earrings and will not accept any responsibility for loss. Children not able to remove earrings will need to cover them with tape. If they are not able to do so, they will miss PE.

MENU CHANGE – Starting next week, jacket potatoes will now also be available on every Monday along with the usual Tuesday and Thursday.

WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2022 – A reminder that World Book Day is Thursda. Dress up as your favourite book character or in normal mufti and don't forget to spend your £1.00 book day voucher! No mufti money is needed.



RED NOSE DAY: FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022 – Our school council have come up with the following suggestions for fundraising idea for this year's event. These include wearing something red or normal mufti, a cake sale and a school raffle. We will confirm exact details in the coming weeks. You can donate on ParentPay by clicking on the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6068>

CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT - On Friday 11 February, our top KS2 cross country runners embarked on an exciting opportunity at Morley Meadow Primary School in Plymstock. The 8 runners were chosen after a competitive series of year group races by Mr Clutterbuck and Miss Hocking earlier in the term. They were chosen from around 100 runners!

The children took part in a mass warm up and had some time to scout out the race course. It included a gruelling hill and part of the course was on gravel - not easy conditions at all.

Every child that competed did themselves proud, and really did their very best. The day was particularly successful for our Year 4 girls, Yasmin and Alba who came 2nd and 3rd in the Year 3/4 girls race against a massive 25 other competitors. To see not one, but two, maroon tops running towards us at the finishing line was certainly a hugely exciting moment for the Woodlands team and parents! Well done to Yasmin, Alba, Lilly, Ellie, Ruben, Daniel, Oliver and Seb representing the school brilliantly.



DIARY DATES

March 2022

Wednesday 2 March	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament @ ICC
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day 2022
Monday 7 March	Clubs restart
Tuesday 15 March	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip 2 nd instalment deadline
	Year 6 Bude Trip final instalment deadline
Wednesday 16 March	African drumming & dance workshop
Friday 18 March	Red Nose Day 2022
Monday 28 March	Last week of Clubs

April 2022

Monday 4 April	Parent Consultation Week
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring Term
	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip final instalment deadline
Monday 11 April	Easter Holidays begin
Monday 25 April	First day of the Summer Term

May 2022

Monday 2 May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 4 May	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Residential (4 May – 6 May)
Monday 9 May	KS2 test week – until Thursday 12 May
Wednesday 18 May	Foundation & Year 6 – National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 19 May	School Census Day
Monday 23 May	Year 6 Bude Residential week
Friday 27 May	Last day of the first half of Summer term
	Year 6 return from Bude
Monday 30 May	Half Term begins

