



St Botolph's Church of England Primary School



February 2020 Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Rouse

Over the last two weeks, senior leaders have visited classes and looked at the children's English books as part of the school monitoring programme. It is a privilege to observe teaching, recognise and value the many strengths and also support staff to achieve even better outcomes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their focus on children's learning and progress and also their willingness to reflect and respond to suggested improvements.

Half term holiday is nearly upon us – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February. Please keep up with reading with your child over the half term holidays and also practise stage appropriate phonics and spellings. We hope you also enjoy family time with the children, building their experiences and memories.

FRIENDS Film Night

Thank-you to the FRIENDS of St Botolph's for organising a successful Film Night with hot dogs and popcorn. It was very well supported.

Thank-you to all the volunteers that supported the children and Friends committee.

All together they raised a total of £486.08

Year 2 Class Celebration

Thank-you to Oxford and Coventry class for their class celebration from 'Down Under' this week.

They shared aspects of their Australian topic, from oceans and continents to boomerangs and digeridoos.

Thank-you to Mr Joyce, Mrs Ward and Mrs Kornfeld and the Year 2 support staff team for leading the children in their celebration.

Head lice

Please use the Half term holiday to check your child's hair for head lice and treat if required.

We ask that all long hair is tied up throughout the school day.

Labels

Please ensure all items of clothing, including PE kits, are clearly labelled.

Lost items which are labelled with the child's name are much easier to return to their owner than unnamed items.

Year 3 Story Café

Thank-you to the parents and friends that joined the children in the recent Year 3 Story Café which included making a map of the UK with string or rope.

A reminder to Year 5 parents and friends that Year 5 Story Café is on Wednesday 26th February

World Book Day

National World Book Day is Thursday 5th March.

On Friday 6th March, we will be celebrating with a Book Character Day Dress Up day.

Why not visit the National Book Voucher website for activities and Book Character Ideas?

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



On the 4th February, Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. The day was enjoyed by all, especially experiencing the cinema show based on 'How to become an astronaut.' It has really helped the children with their science topic.

Last month's Attendance (January 2020)

Class	Attended	Auth	Unauth	Mins Late
Ely	93.52%	4.22%	2.26%	162
Peterborough	97.5%	2.32%	0.18%	21
Leicester	98.64%	1.27%	0.09%	73
Lincoln	98.36%	1.55%	0.09%	142
Coventry	97.42%	1.92%	0.67%	79
Oxford	96.42%	1.75%	1.33%	175
Norwich	98.39%	1.52%	0.09%	50
Wells	97.86%	1.79%	0.36%	77
Chester	98.22%	1.16%	0.17%	24
York	96.61%	3.21%	0.17%	71
Derby	96.17%	3.08%	0.75%	90
Salisbury	96.09%	3.15%	0.77%	27
Durham	98.21%	1.19%	0.6%	93
Exeter	96.81%	2.5%	0.69%	231
Totals (408 pupils)	97.21%	2.21%	0.58%	1315

January's attendance is above average at 97.2%.

Well done, keep it up!

Diary Dates

Monday 17th February – Half term

Wednesday 26th February – Year 5
Story Café

Monday 2nd March – Year 5
Bikeability Begins

Monday 16th March – Last week of
clubs

Wednesday 18th March – Year 1
Story Café

Thursday 26th March – Easter Discos

Monday 30th March – Year 4 Class
Celebration 6pm and Early Years
Bikeability begins

Wednesday 1st April – Year 4 Anglo
Saxons Village Trip

**Friday 3rd April – Staff Training Day –
school closed**

**Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April
– Easter Holidays**

Monday 20th April – First day back