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## Newsletter 26 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **Class News**

- Nursery - have been on a Spring walk looking at Spring flowers, exploring frozen flowers and making flower potions
- Reception - there has been great excitement with the arrival of some caterpillars which we have been observing and will watch grow into butterflies!
- Y1 - have enjoyed writing riddles about animals this week as part of National Poetry Day to share with Reception. They have also loved making animal face masks!
- Y2 - really enjoyed their WOW Day this week and sewing their puppets
- Y3 - have enjoyed learning about the abstract expressionist Jackson Pollock during art lessons this week
- Y4 - have had great fun planning our own playscripts
- Y5 - had a wonderful day at Paultons Park today!
- Y6 - really enjoyed their cricket WOW Day!

Dear Parents,

Wow, what a week! We can only express our immense gratitude to all the parents for their offers of support this week to ensure all our children were able to have a hot lunch, you were all amazing! The St Ives community showed what a truly incredible community it is. We are extremely lucky, thank you!

The Year 5's have had an amazing day learning all about Forces at Paultons Park. They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing their learning first hand on some of the rides!

A huge well done to the Year 5/6 football team who successfully beat Radipole Primary in the quarter final, they now progress to the next stage on Monday, good luck!

**Don't forget to book your parent consultation via School Cloud for next week.**

**Reminder that there will be no school led clubs next week – all school led clubs have now finished.**

### **Covid-19**

We are continuing to see an increase in cases in school. Please be extra vigilant.

Whilst the Government announced the ceasing of testing for Covid-19, the school would encourage families if anyone in their household tests positive, to inform the school and test your child daily prior to attending school. Should your child test positive for Covid-19 you will be required to keep them off school until at least Day 5. If your child produces a negative LFT on Day 5 they can return to school and thereafter until day 10 when they can return. Day 1 being the day *after* a positive test.

### **Value of the week – Manners**

We have enjoyed discussing in assembly time our Picture News question 'Is there still a place for letters in today's world?', we had some very interesting debates.

### **Online Safety**

According to recent Ofcom research, 7 out of 10 people in the UK received a suspicious text to their mobile phone last year. Almost half



(44%) of those say they get such a message every week. Banks and consumer watchdogs alike are warning of an increase in attempted phone scams, which frequently target more vulnerable groups: the elderly and, of course, young people.

Scammers' tricks have become more sophisticated in the digital age: now they can convincingly pretend to represent our bank, our health services or even our loved ones. Stay wise to their rapidly evolving schemes and protect yourself – and your family – with today's guide to phone scams

### **Subject Update – English**

This Monday was World Poetry Day. At school, each class are celebrating the occasion by putting on poetry performances of a learned by heart poem to their Key Stage in assembly before Easter. Learning and reading poetry is extremely valuable for children. Not only can it transport them to new worlds, it can introduce them to different writers, subjects and styles, as well as developing interpretation skills, understanding their emotions and of course it inspires creativity. Because of the importance that learning poetry can offer, that is why we listen to different poems frequently in school, as well as reading them to the children and learning a half termly poem as a class based on our theme or other subjects. Ask the children what poem they are learning this half term at school and see if they will perform it to you at home.

### **Dates for Diary**

All children who are signed up for Rocksteady, please arrive for a 9.00am start

#### **March**

- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations (Nursery 2, Reception – Year 6)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Sculpture Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Y1 Sculpture Day
- Y4 Football Tournament
- 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - KS2 Mini Medics

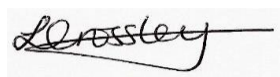
#### **April**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Cross Country
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Bushcraft Days YR-Y6
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Parent Consultations
- 7<sup>th</sup> - SISA Disco KS1 4:30-5:15pm/KS2 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term – 1:15pm finish

Just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school, therefore products containing nuts must not be brought into school please. We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.

Also, should your child be unwell with sickness or diarrhoea they are unable to return to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

