

Dates for your
diary:

14 February finish
for half term break

17-21 February
Half term.

24 February term
restarts

26 February –
POTA meeting, in
Library at 7.30pm

6 March—World
Book Day—
Children can come
to school dressed
as a 'Fantasy' book
character.

22 March—Open
Morning

28 March Class AT
(reception) Assem-
bly to parents—
2.00pm

28 March Class AT
Mothers Day Tea
Party

31 March, 1 April &
2 April Parent Con-
sultation meetings
after school—times
to be advised.

4 April Break Up
for Eater Holidays
at 1.30pm

7 April—21 April
incl Easter Break

22 April Start of
Summer Term.

Mr Vaughan's Update

I'm sure we can all agree that the last half-term has been one of the wettest. Lets hope the next half-term will be better and especially drier.

This half-term I am sure

will be as busy as ever for the children, but has some important events for parents too. Saturday 22nd March will see an open morning for parents, a chance for all parents to view the school.

In the last week we will also have our 2nd parent consultation meetings of the year and a chance to catch up with your child's teacher, look out for details in the near future.

Class AS

We have been busy in Class AS preparing for our class assembly that we performed to the parents on February 7th. The theme was about Goals which is this half term's SEAL topic. The children whole heartedly threw themselves into the activities which included reciting and acting out a poem; acting out a small drama; reading their own goals to the audience; choreographing dance moves to fit to the music and performing these moves whilst singing the song. I was very proud of all the children.



As part of our topic entitled 'Picture the Past', we have been studying some of Pablo Picasso's art work. The children have made their own versions of his self portrait; their own self portraits; Picasso-style portraits and their versions of paintings from his 'Rose' and 'Blue periods'.



Stars of the week

Class AT: Elliot Pearce, Jonno

Fletcher, Flynn

Bramble

Class GH/MB: Jess Dilling

Class MR/HC: Ellie Kimber, Beth Selby

Class AS: William Lisney-Sinfield, Ellie Bowden, Skye Howlett, Livvy

Barton, Shannon Hammersley

Class CW: Nicolai Soltan, Anya Yeld, Amy Sunderland, Olly Lees

Class RT: George Manley, Frankie Roberts, Benedict Teague

Class JM: Ellie Howlett, Ben Clemens

Team points update—Spring Term

Red : 1243

Blue : 1092

Green : 1243

Yellow: 1195

Class AT

Class AT has looking at 'What We Wear', and the children have been finding out about tartan and the different designs there are. They have gone on to create their own tartan designs.

One design, LJ's, has been chosen as the 'Popleford Tartan' and we replicated it on a website where you can design tartans! The colours represent the surroundings of Newton Popleford.

Blues - for the River Otter and the brook

Grey - for the pebbles

Green - for the grass, fields, trees and plants

Yellow - for the King Alfred Daffodils



A drama company, Theatre Bugs, visited to work with the class this week. The children were involved in activities that linked to our topic. They had to think of what to wear for different weather conditions.



Please see Class AT's page on the school website for more reports.

Messages for Parents:

***Please can parents remember that sick children should not be brought into school. Any child who has been sick (or had any other sort of tummy upset) need to be kept off school for 48hours. This is in line with current NHS guidelines and they say is especially important at this time of year when the Norovirus is prevalent.**

***A last reminder to parents to return any outstanding data collection forms. It is very important that we keep up-to-date contact information on file. If we have not received your form by Monday 24 February we will have to assume that previous information is still correct.**