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Date: 14th February 2020

Newsletter

Dear Families,



Our last week of term has been “Love”ly as we focussed on all things heart shaped. Children counted hearts, made hearts out of playdough, drew valentine cards and wrote love letters.

Next term’s topic will focus on buildings and different materials and we will design and build with different resources. In maths, children will learn to add and subtract numbers and begin to halve and double and in literacy they will read Jack and the Beanstalk and books about castles and buildings.



We hope you all have a good week’s holiday and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and raring to go on 24th Feb.

Mrs Fraser
Executive Headteacher

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Open House

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Open House session yesterday morning and the children were very happy to share their work and displays with you. Thank you to everyone who completed a parent view speech bubble.



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- Parent consultation is on 24th March. Don't forget to book your appointment on the My Child at School portal.
- P.E kits and forest school waterproofs have been sent home. Please could you check that all items are named before they come back in to school (we have a small Badbury park jumper without a name that hasn't been claimed).
- Don't forget to log in to your Interactive Learning account to look at your child's progress and to leave your comments about what your child is learning at home. It is invaluable to have both home and school observations to get a holistic overview.

Homework for the holidays

- Phonics: we will be sending home the next set of Tricky Troll words today. Please help your child to read and write these words and also to continue reading and practising the phonics we have already learnt this term.
- Maths: next term we will be starting to look at adding and subtracting numbers. Over the holidays it would help your child if you can use words such as "more" and "less".
- "This is me" book : will be coming home again for your child (encouraged by you!) to share with Mrs Dance what they have been doing in the holidays.



Free ebook library

The Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/starting-to-read-ages-4-5/> has a range of over 100 free ebooks to help you support your child's reading. The eBook collection on *Oxford Owl* is the home of tablet-friendly eBooks and activities. Easily searchable by age, series, level and book type, the eBook Collection is designed to help you find the perfect book for you to share with your child.

BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and look at the picture. Guess why this story is called *Fetch*!
- Talk about the way some dogs like to run after sticks and balls.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Ask your child to look out for words in the pictures as you enjoy the story together. Read these words for them:

Cover: Fetch

DURING READING

Enjoy the story together and encourage your child to respond to the pictures.

- Ask your child to tell you what is happening in each picture.
- Talk about what might happen next, before you turn over each page.
- Discuss anything that the story reminds your child about.

There are also some useful tips and tools about how to read the book with your child at the front of every ebook.

All you need to do is register with your email address.



See the inside back cover for more ideas.



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Outdoor shelter/gazebo appeal

The school desperately need an outdoor shelter or gazebo for the playground so that children can go outside whatever the weather—this is particularly important as the weather begins to warm up to provide some shade. If you have a shelter that you would be happy to donate or you know a friendly business who might like to donate one to the school, please let Mrs Artus know. Ideally, we would need an event shelter that is sturdy enough to withstand all elements.



Badbury Park Nursery

As you know, we will be opening a new nursery in September when the permanent building is completed. If you have not yet completed an application form for a sibling and would like a place, please ask Mrs Artus for an application form. If you have any friends or family who might need a place for their child/children, please encourage them to complete an application form as soon as possible; the allocation of places will take place after half term and we will be shortly sending out offer letters to everyone who has applied so far.

Goodbye—and welcome back!

We said thank you and goodbye to Miss Miller yesterday as she continues her studies at Ferndale Primary School for the remainder of this academic year. Mrs Critchley will be back at Badbury Park on 24th February; we are sure she will see some considerable progress in the children's learning (and a big change to the new building!).



Sport relief 13th March

The school is taking part in Sport Relief on Friday 13th March when children will challenge themselves to complete laps of the school playground (walking or running). Every child will be encouraged to take part and we are hoping that parents, friends and family can support the event by sponsoring children to do as many laps as they can manage (a sponsorship form will be sent home after half term). Could you please ensure that your child has their full PE kit and a water bottle in school on this day. Half of the money raised will go towards the official Sport Relief charity and the other half will be used to fund some new bikes for Badbury Park pupils. We would love for all sponsor monies to be back with us before Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support



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School Diary

February 2020

13th: Open House 08.30-9.00
14th: Break up for half term holiday
17th—21st February : Half term holiday—no school for pupils

March 2020

5th: World Book Day—come as your favourite character from the Story Time Phonics books
13th: Sport Relief
24th: Parents afternoon 1pm-5pm
31st : EYFS singing festival 4pm—5.15pm (details coming soon)

April 2020

3rd : Easter egg hunt and end of term
16th YR 2020 offer emails out to parents
20th: Teacher Training day—school closed

Reminder of future Teacher Training Days when the school is closed for the children:

- ✚ Monday 20th April 2020
- ✚ Monday 1st June 2020
- ✚ Wednesday 22nd July 2020