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Thursday 8th March

School Newsletter

ACADEMISATION

Last Thursday we finally Academised! We are now part of the Anglian Learning Trust. We are all feeling very positive about this and looking forward to a successful future. From a parent viewpoint, you will probably not see any visible changes as we will be keeping our identity and individuality and holding on to what makes our ethos a special one. 'Behind the scenes' there has already been an enormous amount of work that has gone in with the process and many relationships have been forged with our partners in the Trust. I believe some of the main benefits we will begin to see on children's outcomes, will be due to the collaboration with the Trust schools and the greater capacity it will bring. Please look out for a letter from Prue Rayner, who is the new Executive Primary Headteacher for the Trust.

Many thanks to all parents/carers who attended the recent parent consultations evening. I hope you found the meeting useful and enjoyed seeing your child's progress.

Mr Askew

TAG RUGBY SILVER MEDALISTS



We are all incredibly proud of our tag rugby team, after only 6 weeks of PE lessons, they managed to finish runners up out of 12 schools in the inter school championships, which was held recently at Shelford Rugby Club. They finished top of their group after successfully competing against 5 other schools and lost narrowly, to a controversial try, 0-1 in the final.

WORLD BOOK DAY

1st March was World Book Day - all the classes enjoyed special activities designed to promote a love of books. The Penguins class were treated to a reading of Ms. Rogan's favourite book "George and the Dragon". In Peacocks and Puffins, the children brought in their own favourite books to read from and gave reasons why they liked them so much. Kingfishers learned to write up and share book reviews based on their own favourites. Flamingos and Eagles worked together to create drama activities based on contrasting works of high quality literature - Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll and David Walliams. All the children received a £1 book token - spend it wisely!

SCIENCE WEEK

Next week is Science week and there are various free events going on around Cambridge for you to attend. All the events are listed online at www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events. Some of the sessions include [Insects: the World's weirdest food?](#) BBC Gastronomist Stefan Gates uses rockets, flatulence, honey and sweets to take you on a rip-roaring adventure through the world of edible insects, [Hands on with DNA and cells](#). Make fake blood and build cells with Cellular and Molecular Pathology scientists! Discover more about DNA sequence, structure and how DNA is packaged in a cell, [Schools Zone](#). Students from schools and sixth form colleges are the experts today, showing what they are investigating as part of their curriculum or after school club, [Antarctica uncovered](#). We're lifting the lid on Antarctica by inviting the public into our new Aurora Innovation Centre. Get a flavour of life on the ice - science kit, models of our ships and stations and enjoy an opportunity to chat to our people who work at the ends of the Earth.

PARENT DROP IN

Unfortunately the Family worker has had to cancel our next parent drop in session on Tuesday 13th March. We will let you know when the next session is scheduled.

Term Dates 2017 - 2018

SPRING TERM 2018

Spring Term Ends
Thursday 29 March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

Summer Term Starts
Monday 16 April 2018
 May Bank Holiday
Monday 7 May 2018
 School Ends
Friday 25 May 2018
 Half Term
28 May – 1 June 2018
 School Starts
Monday 4 June 2018
 Summer Term Ends
Friday 20 July 2018
 Training Day 4
Monday 23 July 2018
 Training Day 5
Tuesday 24 July 2018



MEAL COSTS

Years 3 - 6

£2.30 per day

£11.50 per week

£62.10 per half term

Please pay via Agora – any questions, do speak to the office.

Autumn, Spring and Summer Term 2017/2018 Diary Dates



Friday 9 th March	Kingfisher's Class Assembly – 9.15am
Friday 16 th March	Flamingo's Class Assembly – 9.15am
Friday 23 rd March	PTFA Quiz – 8pm start
Tuesday 27 th March	Parent Coffee Morning – 9.15am
Thursday 29 th March	Mad March Hair Day
Thursday 29 th March	PTFA Easter Fayre – 3.30pm
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term
Monday 16 th April	Start of Term
Thursday 3 rd May	Class photographs
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 11 th May	Peacock's Class Assembly – 9.15am
Tuesday 22 nd May	Buddha Day
Thursday 24 th May	PTFA Summer Disco
Friday 25 th May	End of Half Term
Monday 4 th June	Start of Term
Friday 15 th June	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd June	Penguins Class Assembly – 9.15am
Wednesday 27 th June	Yr 5 & 6 Kingswood residential
Friday 6 th July	Puffins Class Assembly – 9.15am
Friday 6 th July	Alternative Sports Day
Saturday 7 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre

Forest School Timetable

Penguins: 22nd February – 29th March 2018

Flamingos: 19th April – 24th May 2018

Eagles: 7th June – 19th July 2018

PTFA NEWS

Upcoming dates

PTFA Gameshow Extravaganza Pub Quiz- Friday
23rd March – 8pm start



Easter Fayre – Thursday 29th March



Summer Disco- Thursday 24th May



Summer Fayre – Saturday 7th July



Attendance Award



Well done to Kingfishers who won last week's attendance award with a fantastic total of 98%.

CLASS ATTENDANCE LEAGUE 2017 – 2018

Class	Attendance Figure	Grade
1 st : Flamingos	97%	Above National Average
2 nd : Puffins	96%	Above National Average
2 nd : Eagles	96%	Above National Average
3 rd : Peacocks	95%	Below National Average
3 rd : Kingfishers	95%	Below National Average
4 th : Penguins	94%	Below National Average