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March Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents

Apologies for this late edition of our monthly newsletter. I hope it finds you well and looking forward to warmer, brighter days.

FODS Easter Fair and Bingo night

The Easter Fair is on the last day of term Thursday 3rd April and is sure to be as successful as ever. The children enjoy running the fair as much as eating its content! Details of timings can be seen here and communications about stalls etc...have been sent out.

Please note this is the last day of term and school finishes at 3:30 when the fair will then start. Please ensure your child knows how they are getting home on the day.

Also, look out for posters and emails from FODS as this poster has a 'live' booking link with information about the stalls and jarbola.

It's the final countdown to the 2nd FODS Bingo night, to be held at the village hall **Saturday 22nd March**. There are still a few tickets left so get in touch with events.fods@gmail.com if you, or anyone you know, would like to come - all are very welcome!



There are hundreds and hundreds of pounds worth of prizes to be won! If it is anything like last year it will be great fun!

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that Parents Evening bookings are now 'live' and can be booked through the Arbor App.

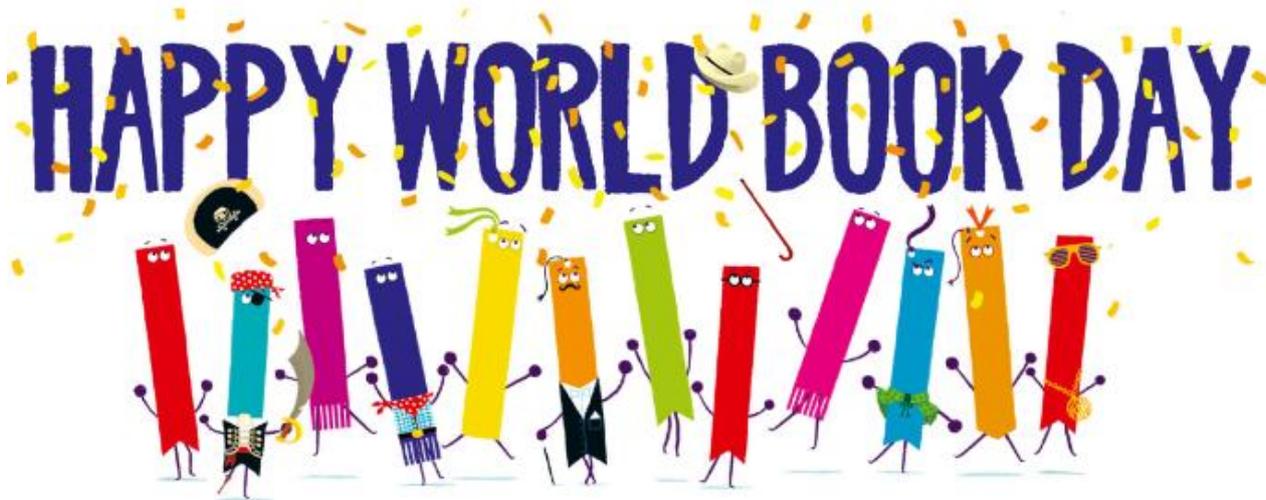
Wednesday 19th March 3:40 – 6:30

Thursday 20th March 3:40 – 6:30

Roving bookshop will be in school until 7 on Thursday 20th March – this will give parents a chance to visit the bookshop and perhaps meet the visiting author, Kieran Larwood.

<https://kmlarwood.com/>





World Book Day 2025

Although the recognised World Book day was last week, as previously communicated our celebration of reading will be on Thursday 20th March. This is when The Roving Bookshop returns. We will have our own book day – the theme this year being ‘Non- Fiction’.

Miss Jones and our librarian, Mrs Daniells led an assembly on reading for pleasure and explaining more about our special book day and the theme.

*“Yesterday in assembly we announced this year's theme for our World Book Day celebrations: **FACTUAL BOOKS**. This could be our easiest theme yet! Whatever interest your child has there is a very good chance that a book has been written on that topic/hobby e.g. football, tigers, space, the great outdoors, bees, gymnastics, robots, Taylor Swift.”*

More information about the bookshop will go to classes the week beginning 17th March.

We will give every child a £1 book token on the 20th March, which they can all use to buy special £1 World Book Day books at the Roving Bookshop on the day.

Spring Dig Day: Saturday 29th March

Task 65

Autumn / Spring
Community paint / dig days

- Support the actions in Landscape Strategy plan #2
- Plant more pollinator friendly plants
- Plant an orchard
- Build more compost bins
- Make a bug bank
- Develop the wildlife / nature reserve
- Plant more trees
- Make signs to show what our wildlife is
- Re-paint children's toilets
- Support the allotment
- Plant more spring bulbs
- Plant classrooms and corridors in school

DIG FOR DROXFORD

Vision: Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully!

In October we held a very successful dig day in school. So much was achieved in the grounds and also inside the school on a very community spirited, tea / coffee, biscuits / pizza laden day!

On [Saturday 29th March \(anytime between 9-3\)](#) we are planning the same but with more attention to plants, shrubs and flowers this time. We will also have some painting inside and outside of school – potentially a classroom and also the sheds outside.

This project forms part of the bigger picture for the children to learn and play outdoors and forms a big part of the school's philosophy in engaging with wildlife and enhancing the learning environment which the children feel very strongly about.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help on the day.

Thank you!

We would also like to get some spring cleaning done around the school site in the form of painting and clearing and reorganising of sheds, therefore if you aren't green fingered and wish to help there may be other things you could help with.

Lunch, tea, biscuits, cake and child care provided free of charge!!!



Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day... <https://www.comicrelief.com/>



This will be a non-school uniform day – children can dress red and donate £1 for the Comic Relief charity please.

This Red Nose Day, let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big and feeling good with Comic Relief. Whether you give a few quid or give your all, let's do it together and support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer. Red Nose Day 2025.

Go big. Give big. Feel good.

Wear red on the day!!!! Wear a red nose for a worthy cause!

Fun-filled and full of laughter, there is a serious point to our iconic little Red Noses. The money raised from their sale can change people's lives. It's that simple. Year after year, our famous Red Noses remind us that even the littlest of things can make a huge difference.

We will be selling Red Noses in school by the end of the week. They cost £2 each – please ensure your child brings the correct money to school

And finally...

As you may have heard....Jarbola is back at the Easter Fair...again!:



The children will have the opportunity to come into the hall to buy a jar from the Jarbola stall. This is a good opportunity to reuse any of those plastic toys hanging around in bedrooms and / or put in an interesting surprise or two for the lucky winner. Sweets must be pre-wrapped and remember no nut products including jars used (which must be thoroughly cleaned please – no pickled onions!)

Remember, for a £1 ticket, everyone is a winner!

Children can bring them in now and I will store them in a safe place. The Learning Base with the most filled jars brought in by Wednesday 2nd April will win a prize!

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