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Newsletter No. 7

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children have been very busy over the last few weeks and some of the work that they are producing is absolutely super. Do look on our Twitter page as we try to capture a range of children's work to share with you all.

I am always delighted when the children proudly bring along work to share with me in my office ranging from marvellous explanations in year 6 science about the evolution of the peppered moth to drawings and captions about Chinese New Year in Reception, including learning how to use Chinese characters to write their own name. They are so confident in explaining what they have done to be successful in their learning and are often able to identify what they need to do to make it even better next time. I'm definitely going to have to get some more Headteacher stickers for them at this rate!

Everybody enjoyed the visit from author Matty Long, earlier this term and year 2 have produced some wonderful artwork based on his characters from book *The Salty Dogs*. We've even managed to secure a place for Belby in the crew based on lovely designs by the children for his outfit! Matty was very impressed by the enthusiasm, knowledge and behaviour shown by our children and happily stayed long over his allocated time to sign books for the many patient children who stayed to purchase them at the end of the day.

We have been overwhelmed with excellent ideas for the design of our mini moo 'Belle The Bellbird Cow', and we have been able to successfully incorporate ideas from several different designs to come up with the final one. In assembly this week, Friday 7th February, we will be able to reveal the finished cow, before she is shipped off to be prepared to take her place in the Cow Trail in Cambridge. We will be awarding a small gift to the children of the winning designs on Friday too. A huge thank you must go to Miss Osborn who has painted Belle and taken overall responsibility for the exciting project!

Please be aware that for PE lessons, children can only take part if they have the appropriate clothing so please support them by ensuring that they have a full PE kit (Shorts and tee shirt for indoors/ joggers and sweatshirt for outdoors) including a change of shoes and accompanying plastic bag. Unless their PE kit has got exceptionally dirty e.g. during the tag rugby sessions, the kit can remain in school for a half term. We still have plenty of children who repeatedly have no PE kit in school and we do not enough spare kit in school, which means that they are missing out on important curriculum learning time. As always children with pierced ears must either remove them the morning of PE days or send in tape to cover them up. As discussed at Parent Forum last week, if your child does not have their PE kit, a written message will be sent home as a reminder.

Keep an eye on upcoming diary dates which are both on the newsletter and the website calendar!

With kind regards

Mrs Kendall | Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 6th January	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Thursday 9th January	Whole school pantomime—Cinderella
Friday 24th January	FABS event—Quiz night
Thursday 30th January	Parent Forum 6pm
Mon 17th Feb.—Friday 21st Feb.	Half term holiday
Friday 28th February	KS1 Disco 5—6pm KS2 Disco 6:30—8pm
Friday 20th March	NO Celebration assembly—Bellbirds Got Talent Show! FABS event Family Springo
Wednesday 25th March	Full reports home for pupils in Y1—Y6
Monday 24th March	Y3 School trip to Colchester Y2 Great Fire of London workshop day
Thursday 26th March	Parent consultation—morning 8—11am (Note—change of date)
Tuesday 31st March	Parent consultation—evening 3:40—7pm
Wednesday 1st April	Easter breakfast LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Thursday/ Friday 2/3 rd April	INSET day—SCHOOL CLOSED