

Newsletter 14th February 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

500 Words Writing Competition

To all our amazing authors in our school, there is an exciting writing competition run by the BBC. 500 Words is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years old on 12th June 2020 and is a full time resident of the UK.

The competition celebrates imagination and creativity – not spelling and grammar! – so all children of all abilities are invited to enter.

Just imagine if one of you won this competition! All information and inspiration of how to enter can be found at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/59TwKqqLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/submit-a-story>

The closing date is the 27th February at 8pm.

This is a competition you enter at home. If you write a story for a writing competition then please share it with me as I'd love to read it!

Mrs Smith

Relax into Reading Borrow a book

We have lots of amazing authors in our 'Relax into Reading' library, such as...



We also have a lot of chapter books, non-fiction books and picture books for you to borrow. If it has this label then you can take it home:

Relax into Reading

Borrow one book every week for free!

Write your name, class and the book on the form in the library. If you have not finished your book in one week then write your name on the list again.

Take it home and enjoy!

Other Children's News

What a fabulous Modern Foreign Languages Day when we all came to school dressed as tourists or in a traditional costume. Everyone enjoyed activities from a variety of countries including **Italy, France, Germany, Greece, China and Brazil**, whilst reception children had a Chinese themed day. At break time a snack of a croissant was provided and many parents and grandparents of different Countries supported us on the day. A huge thank you to everyone but especially Madam Stevens for organising it all and a special thanks to Christine Soong at

Astwood House for donating fortune cookies to Reception classes during our Chinese New Year.

Year six all met Max the dog for a lesson in safer dog handling. Year 5 and 6 were also pleased to welcome Simon Gallagher (West Mercia Police), who delivered a lesson on internet safety. We took a group of boys for the Boy's Sports Hall Athletics last week who came six overall. Thank you to Mrs Smart for taking them and well done boys.

PTA

We still have Calendars for sale 2020 for £1.00 available from the school office.

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday March 19th at 7:30 in the Oddies. We will be chatting about the sponsored event and the Summer fete, all welcome.

Pyjama Drama

Booking is now open for next half term's Pyjama Drama after school club. It is for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and is on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons 3—4pm. The 6 week block costs £25, commencing on Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26^h February 2020. Places are offered on a first come first served basis. If you have previously completed an online registration form simply, make a BACS payment to secure your current place (Pyjama Drama, 09-01-28, 29102892). If your child does not currently attend and you would like to request a new place, please email donna@pyjamadrama.com stating which day your child would like to attend. Have a great week and a lovely half term break. Donna

School Trips and Events Consent

We are trying to go paperless and to encourage up to date information to be stored at all times on ParentPay and within school. From now on, you will be required to use ParentPay for trip consent as well as paying for the trip itself. If your child has an upcoming trip, you **MUST** go into ParentPay to update your emergency contact details, medical information and any allergies or medical needs your child may have as well as notifying the school office.

Cleaner required 2 hours a day 3:30-5:30pm Monday to Friday.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Open Door Mrs Yarnold

Wednesday 26th February 9-10 am

Useful Dates

Friday 14th February 3pm – School closes for mid Spring term

Monday 24th February 9am – School opens

Monday 24th February – Swimming for 3S

Wednesday 26th February – Head Teacher's Open Door 9am-10am

Nut Allergies!

May I remind you that due to allergies we ask that you ensure your child does not bring any nuts in their lunchbox. This includes Peanut Butter and Nutella.

Parking

Please do not park on the staff car park when dropping your child at Astwood Smile's before and after school care. Children are not permitted on the car park for safety reasons, not even to walk through from Popes Lane. Only parents who have been given a permit are allowed to use the disabled bay which has direct access to the school building without danger. This rule is a health and safety rule and should be adhered to. Please take care when parking not to block residents' driveways or park on the pavements.

Finally don't forget our 'Walking Bus' facility which leaves from Astwood Smiles Nursery Car Park at 8.40am each morning and we ask any parents using this facility to volunteer on the rota to escort the children to school. Children can be dropped at Astwood Smiles from 8.30 onwards. Please ask at the school office if you require further information. Many thanks.

World Book Day

The date for World Book Day will be Tuesday 3rd March (due to Forest School for many children on Thursday 5th March). Children can dress up as a character from their favourite book. In our school this year, we have had a big push on learning new vocabulary. The more words you know, the more you can do. All children are to choose an interesting word to teach your classmates and write it onto card that will be provided. This World Book Day we will have lots of fun activities to do with the stories we are reading in our classes plus we all get to learn more than 30 new words. We will use the words you write on your card to help with our reading in school.

Enjoy finding the most interesting and useful words.
Mrs Smith

Request from Reception and School Council

If anyone has any leftover outdoor paint (bright colour) that we could use to paint our 'Friendship Bench' in the KS2 playground we would be very grateful



Shrove Tuesday

On the 25th February AIP will be offering pancakes as a pudding.

Sports Stars After School Clubs

Sports Stars will be delivering the following clubs after half term.

Wednesday – Football Club years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday – Football Club year 1, 2 and 3

Thursday – Gymnastics Club years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Friday – Fitness with Jenny Baylis – years 3, 4, 5 and 6

To book onto these clubs please visit www.fdcsport.co.uk and select bookings and the club you require. Any enquiries please contact Jamie on 07810420787.

Dear Forest School Clubbers

I hope you have enjoyed the first six weeks back at Forest School club. We have been busy making bird feeders using seeds, oats and lard. We have been very creative and used apples, pine cones and empty drink cartons. Forest School Club (years 2-6) returns Wednesday 26th February to Wednesday 1st April 2020 for 6 weeks. The fee for this term is £48. Payment for Forest School Club can be made either in cash or by bacs transfer to the following account, with your children's initial and surname as reference:

Sort Code: 09-01-29

Account No: 26088644

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information. I look forward to seeing you all back at Forest School Club on Wednesday.

Amber D'Aniello

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards, Debbie Yarnold (Head Teacher)

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