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Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've reached the end of Term 3 and it is difficult to believe that we are already half-way through the school year. Although this term is traditionally a quieter term, there has been some fantastic learning going on throughout the school. I'm especially been impressed with Year 3 and their topic on Palm Oil production and its impact on the orang-utans of Borneo. It's so important that the children learn about the dangers to our natural world and how we can each do our bit. Read more about this on our [Year 3 page](#).



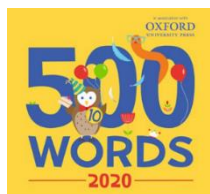
Whilst on the subject of the environment, I'm very pleased that we have now received the Eco-School Bronze Award. I'd like to say a huge thank you to our Eco-Council and please do visit the [Eco-Schools](#) page of our website to learn more about what is going on around the school.

World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up and Miss Allison and Mrs Haynes are busy making plans to celebrate this event. We'll have more detail about this day in our next newsletter but thought that you'd like to know before half-term that, as part of the day, we are inviting children to, once again, dress up as a favoured book character.



500 Words Competition



Remember that to enter, children have to write a short story of no more than 500 words and it can be about anything they like. More information can be found on the BBC Radio 2 website [here](#) and, if any children wish to share their stories with us, we'd love to publish them on our school website as well. Keep them coming in, we love reading them and we'll publish them all on the school website after the 500 words competition has closed.

Corona Virus (COVID-19)

There may be some understandable concern in our community about the Coronavirus but I would just like to reassure all parents and friends of the school that we continue to follow guidance and advice from Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>) and the Local Authority Health Protection Team.

Over the next couple of months we will be welcoming visitors from other countries but please be assured that the health and safety of our children is our highest priority and we are continually monitoring and reviewing the situation.



Parental Consultations

Following discussion at the November meeting of the Parent Council, it was agreed that we would trial having an early-evening slot for those parents who struggled to attend during the day. We will be keeping an aspect of our 'day consultations' as some parents find these convenient although we will be having slots around morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

	Morning Slot	Afternoon Slot	Evening Slot
Year 1	Thursday 19 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Thursday 19 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm
Year 2	Tuesday 17 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Tuesday 17 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm
Year 3	Monday 16 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Monday 16 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm
Year 4	Wednesday 11 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Wednesday 11 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm
Year 5	Tuesday 10 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Tuesday 10 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm
Year 6	Monday 9 th March 8.30am to 10.30am	Monday 9 th March 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 18 th March 4pm to 7pm

Term Dates (2020-2021)

We know that parents like to have plenty of advanced notice of term dates and we have now set the terms dates for the next academic year. You'll notice that we've continued to keep the two days added to the October half-term as we appreciate that some families may take this opportunity to take a short holiday. We have also added two days to the May half-term break for the same reason.

All term dates can be found on the [Term Dates](#) page of our school website.

- **Term 1:** Wednesday 2nd Sept to Friday 23rd Oct
- **Term 2:** Wednesday 4th Nov to Friday 18th Dec
- **Term 3:** Monday 4th Jan to Friday 12th Feb
- **Term 4:** Monday 22nd Feb to Thursday 1st April
- **Term 5:** Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May
- **Term 6:** Wednesday 9th June to Wednesday 21st July

Don't forget that this newsletter and all previous newsletters can also be found on the [Headteacher Newsletter](#) section of our school website.

With best wishes



Latest Blog Posts

Below are links to some of our blog posts in the past week

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

We love to read your comments on them so please keep them coming.

11th February 2020



What Makes You Unique?

Mrs Smith and a number of pupils in Year 6 have been working extremely hard during lunchtimes, art lessons and at home to create some truly unique and personal art pieces.

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Posting Our Letters

Year One were very excited to write letters to their families. In their letters they have explained that they will be taking their pets home for the holiday.

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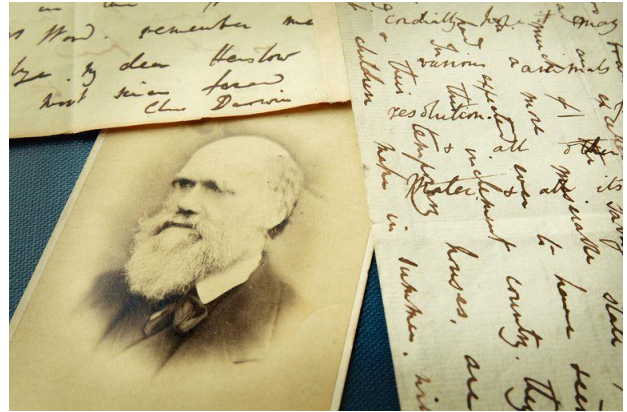


Soul – Swimming Star

Soul has been swimming at a high level for a long time and all his hard work and dedication is paying off!

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Darwin Diaries

Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin and, this week, have been writing a letter in the style of Charles Darwin.

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Online Safety

As part of online safety week Year One have shared the story 'Once upon a time... online' and discussed the issue of asking permission to use the internet.

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Pilgrim's Hospice Book Sale

On Thursday 15th February, one of our old friends Mrs Evans came in with two of her colleagues from Pilgrims Hospice and they held a book fair in 6NA.

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Tutu Trouble

On Wednesday 12th February, Year 4 had the opportunity to go to the Gulbenkian Theatre to see a performance called Tutu Trouble. The story, told mainly through dance, was about a dog and a girl who find a magical tutu in a box in the woods.

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15th February 2020



Year 3 learn about Palm Oil

For a Christmas present, the adults in Year 3 adopted an orangutan for the children. Since then, they have wanted to help to stop the production of unsustainable palm oil in order to save the orangutans in Borneo becoming extinct.

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Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 24th February	<i>Science Week (all week)</i>		
Tuesday 25th February	Rocks Workshop for 3SA	Year 4 Workshop	
Wednesday 26th February	Rocks Workshop for 3HA		
Thursday 27th February	Year 4 Workshop		
Friday 28th February			
Monday 2nd March	Secondary Admissions: National Offer Day	Japanese Students Visiting	
Tuesday 3rd March			
Wednesday 4th March		Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 2)	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Cross Country Competition	1.30pm: Relax Kids Parent Workshop
Friday 6th March			
Monday 9th March	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>		
Tuesday 10th March			
Wednesday 11th March			
Thursday 12th March	Kent School Games Quickstick Competition	Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 3)	
Friday 13th March			
Monday 16th March	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>		
Tuesday 17th March			
Wednesday 18th March		Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 4)	
Thursday 19th March			1.30pm: Relax Kids Parent Workshop
Friday 20th March			