

Newsletter – Friday 9th February 2024



Message from Miss Harris

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous term it has been! It's been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning and being immersed in so many fantastic experiences.

There have also been lots of trips this term, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! It fills me with pride to hear the adults arrive back from every trip full of praise for our children and keen to share how engaged they were in the activities and how well they represented the school.

The Year 1 children came back full of excitement after their visit to Windsor Castle and it was wonderful to hear all about their workshop where they were able to recreate the King's coronation!

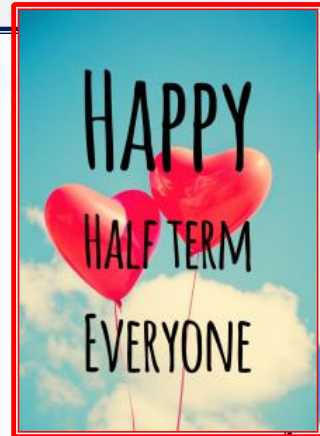
Year 4 had the opportunity to visit the STEAM Museum which allowed them to explore life in Swindon during the time of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and experience life on the railways – the children had the opportunity to be a passenger, a signal person and even an engine driver!

The Year 5 children had an incredible time on their science trip – a highlight was definitely the Exploration Zone where the children were able to explore a range of hands-on activities!

In school, Reception and Year 2 have had some wonderful experiences this term. Reception's Explorer Day was a fabulous way of exploring their topic and immersing the children in the life of an archaeologist. Meanwhile in Year 2, they experienced life as a Victorian child, which was very different to school life now! The children had to practice handwriting and times tables using chalk, which was very tricky, but they did enjoy taking part in Victorian games!

Finally, it has been wonderful to see Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 excelling in their cricket sessions this term. They have shown such fabulous skills and we look forward to developing these further – especially now that teachers have also had (a very active!) training session to ensure that we can continue to deliver these sessions to all children.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.



Update from The White Horse Federation

Paul Smith (CEO of The White Horse Federation Trust) will be standing down as our Chief Executive.

Under Paul Smith's leadership, the Trust has made great progress with the delivery of a powerful new strategy dedicated to enabling every pupil to fulfil their full potential and the establishment of a strong and effective central team focused on supporting all our schools.

During Paul's tenure over the last 18 months, the Trust has opened an Associate College of the National Institute of Teaching; been appointed an attendance hub by the Department for Education; and overseen 18 positive Ofsted inspections.

To ensure stability for our staff and pupils and seamless continuity for the ongoing improvements, the Board has appointed Simon Cowley (Director of Primary) and Daniel Smith (Director of Secondary) as interim Co-CEOs to lead the Trust whilst a comprehensive search for a new CEO is carried out.

WOW Moment!



This term, Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in the Wiltshire Dance Festival at the Wyvern Theatre. Since September, the children have been working hard to learn an incredible dance, which they performed in front of a packed crowd! It was a very proud moment for all of us as we watched them wow the audience with their amazing dance! It was also wonderful to see the support and encouragement that our children gave as they watched the other performances. It was definitely an experience that the children will treasure for a long time to come.

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them

Will have better general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will improve their communication skills

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will have reduced stress levels

Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve their test results



Arbor Parent Portal



The Arbor Parent Portal will be live from Monday 19th February. The app will allow you to send and receive messages to and from school, all news and updates will be sent via the app and you will also be able to use it to book parents evening appointments.

Please note that the school is no longer using Schoop so if you need to report an absence or contact the school, please call on 01793 534710 or email admin@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 19th February	Term 4 starts
Monday 19th February	Arbor Parent Portal goes live
Tuesday 27th February	Year 6 football match - Rodbourne vs Moredon
Wednesday 6th March	Mother's Day Shop
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Reception class trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Friday 8th March	Mother's Day Stay and Play in Nursery, Preschool and Reception – 8:30am
Thursday 14th March	Year 4 Parent Meeting for the Multiplication Tables Check
Wednesday 20th March	Coffee morning for parents of children with SEND with Swindon SEND Information, Advice and Support Service – 9am
Thursday 21st March	Reception children at Make A Noise Festival – 4:30pm
Thursday 21st March	Year 2 class trip to Clevedon
Monday 25th March	Elite Dance Group attending The Great Big Dance Off
Tuesday 26th March	Year 4 Class Assembly – 2:45pm
Tuesday 26th March	Easter Disco
Wednesday 27th March	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting for SATs
Thursday 28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App



We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

