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Dear Parents & Guardians,

16/01/26

We have had another busy week in school with lots of fantastic learning opportunities. The Key Stage Two children had a visit from Joffre White, and it was lovely to see so many children and parents queuing to meet the author after school! Our brilliant PTA met this week to discuss exciting fundraising opportunities to benefit all of our children; stay tuned to hear about their upcoming events. Please take some time to look at our learning updates and important events coming up in school.

Afternoon Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Reading.

Please come and join us in the afternoon for tea, coffee, and a slice of cake while we talk about the next steps in supporting your child with reading.



We will be holding a workshop focused on how you can support your child with their **Phase 3 phonics**. This session is open to all parents and carers and will provide an overview of how we implement the **Little Wandle Phonics Scheme particularly focussing on the next steps within Phase 3 phonics** to support children in becoming enthusiastic and confident readers.

There will be opportunities to ask questions, discuss the phonics scheme, and talk about the books we send home to support reading.

We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 26th January in the afternoon at 2.45pm.**

PTA logo competition

Before Christmas the PTA sent out a competition for children to design the PTA logo. Mrs Holland and Mrs Charles-Jones looked at all the entrants and had the VERY difficult job of judging the entries. They were all absolutely fantastic but the following children were shortlisted:

1st place- Thea (Y2)

Runners up: Mabel (Y2 and Molly (Y4)

A big thank you to those who entered!



Author Visit

On Thursday, KS2 were very lucky to have local author Joffre White visit for the day. The day started with a Reading Motivator Show in the hall with all of the KS2 classes, where Mr White generated lots of enthusiasm about reading, his books - Frog and Aura Boy, and the books written by some of his author friends, including Cressida Cowell and Claire Barker (who visited us in December). He then delivered a creative writing workshop to Landacre class using some pictures and prompts to spark ideas for writing. After lunch, Mr White spent time with Beacon, Puffin and Dunkery where he was asked some excellent questions about being an author and his writing processes as part of Author in the Hot Seat sessions. Before leaving the site, Mr White sold and signed some of his books/bookmarks for the children. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by KS2 and created quite a buzz of excitement throughout the day.



Big Bird Watch

Landacre Class took part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch and made fact files of their favourite bird that they spotted. The data that we sent in will count towards some fantastic research that the RSPB are creating. We were sent a certificate for taking part. This weekend Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch should children wish to take part at home.



Snack reminder

Please note that children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack for playtimes and after school care, however this needs to be either fruit or vegetables. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 are provided with a school snack, should they wish to have one. Children should not bring cereal bars or anything other than fruit/veg. Thank you for your understanding as we continually aim to be a healthy school!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs Charles-Jones

Upcoming Events

PTA Valentines Cake Competition and sale - 9th Feb
Thursday 12th Feb Tempest Class photos
PTA Mother's Day Shop - 5th and 6th March
Yr3/4/5 Spring concert Thursday 1st April 9am and 2.30pm
Spring Fling Disco - 8th May
Fathers Day Shop - 11th and 12th June
Summer Fair - 17th July
Full term dates for the year are on our website





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