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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome the author Jim Beckett into school. He talked to children from Reception to year 4. This was a really engaging session which I believe the children found very entertaining.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and children queuing for signed copies of the books at the end of the day and I am delighted to be told that the children are already enjoying their new books during our Drop and Read session this morning.

Anything which promotes love and enjoyment of reading is a positive!

Like many schools we have been impacted by staff sickness this week. Due to this I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching English in both Squirrel and Otter Classes, where we were exploring limericks. I have to say that I was impressed by many of their ideas. To be honest it was lovely to get back into class...

This week Mr Meaney from The Weald worked with Hedgehog class, where he will be leading PE sessions over the next few weeks. It is a great opportunity for us all to benefit from Mr Meaney's expertise and the session looked like great fun, enhanced by the fact the sun even came out for a while!

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs Newbold

World Book Day

A special date for your diaries.

Ahead of this event we are planning a whole school focus on the stories of Roald Dahl. This will be in the lead up to Key Stage 2's visit to see the BFG performed at Chichester Festival Theatre and hopefully Key Stage 1's visit to see the Enormous Crocodile in Brighton.

We would like to celebrate World Book Day on the 6th March with a Roald Dahl Theme. His books are filled with so many wonderful and some disgusting characters and we would love it if the children and of course staff came dressed as these!

I look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with!



Cross Country and Running Club

Thankyou to Mrs MacDonald for leading a lunchtime running club. It is fabulous that so many children have joined in. We are looking forward to our children competing in a cross country event at Christ's Hospital next week. Please do ensure that they have appropriate footwear for the conditions!

It is great that we are enhancing our club offer at lunchtimes which now includes Choir. Tag Rugby will begin again next Friday. Children do need to bring a change of clothes for this as they tend to get very muddy!!

Dates

February

Tuesday 3rd – Cross Country event at Christ's Hospital (selected children have been informed)

Wednesday 4th – Year 5 and 6 Basketball Festival at The Weald (selected children have been informed)

Thursday 12th – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 13th – INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 23rd – Children back in school

Friday 27th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

March

Friday 13th – Year 5 Bikeability session (details to follow)

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Thursday 19th - KS2 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see the BFG (details to follow)

Friday 20th – Class photos

Tuesday 24th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Wednesday 25th – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 27th – Break up for Easter

April

Monday 13th – Children back in school

May

Friday 22nd – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

Monday 1st – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd – Children back in school