

Newsletter – February 2020

February half term marks the half term point of the school year and also the end of my first year as the Head of School. It has been a really enjoyable time since I took over from Mr. Arnold last February and I look forward to many more positive times. Thank you to all of your support during this first year.



You cannot have missed the recent stormy weather that has battered the country. Not only have we had huge downfalls of rain to deal with, but the storm winds have also taken their toll in the school grounds and this half term, one of the sheds on the playground was the victim of some very large gusts of wind. With the wet weather set to continue can we please ask you to make sure your children continue to bring their coats with them every day.

New Baby

A HUGE congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kay for the safe arrival of their baby boy. Zephaniah was born on the 24th February and everyone at school is delighted for them. We look forward to meeting Zeph in the near future.



Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for each year group. Thank you for making sure that you have called the office to let us know if your child is going to be absent.

Year Group	% attendance
YR	95.7%
Y1	92.14%
Y2	98.09%
Y3	98.59%
Y4	95.62%
Y5	96.28%
Y6	96.13%

Brixton Village Competition

I recently met with Liz Hitchens from the Brixton Community Association and one of the things we discussed was the new village website which is being set up as a source of support and information for the people of the village and the surrounding area. It will also be an invaluable source of information for people visiting or looking to move to the area and so we feel that this is a valuable project for the school, to support.

The school have been asked to help with the set up by staging a competition to design the logo for the website and each child will have received a letter with guidance and also a blank form for their entry designs.

We look forward to seeing the sort of designs that the children come up with.

Rights Respecting

In 1989, governments across the world promised that every child would have the same rights when they adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The convention tells everyone what they must do to make sure that every child can grow, learn, be safe, can be listened to and treated fairly.





There are 43 articles relating to children's rights in the charter and we are continuing to work on these rights at school.

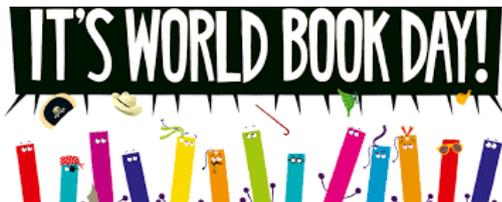
Article 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

For more information you can visit the following website.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World Book Day is coming up and we will be celebrating this day by doing activities linked to reading. As always, we would like to encourage children to dress up as book characters for the day and this is something that we know they enjoy doing.



Can we also ask for some 'Extreme Reading' photos to be sent into school to make a new display in our library. We want to see photos of books being read in unusual places. We would obviously like to see extreme reading by the children, but it is always nice to see the parents / carers joining in so please feel free to take part and let us see the results. We will also be encouraging all of the staff to take part too!

Just make sure you choose a safe place to take your photo but be as creative as you can. If you are unable to print your picture, please let us know and we will be happy to help and also, please make sure your photos are named.

The children will also receive a World Book Day £1 token which will entitle them to get a free £1 book or money off a book costing £2.99 or more.

To help foster the love of reading and sharing a book with children, I would like to ask for volunteers who may like to join our bank of '**Mystery Readers**'. If you have a favourite children's story and can offer 15/20 minutes to read that book to a class / group of children, we would love to add you to our list. The idea would be that you would be invited on a day and time that suits you, but the children wouldn't know who was coming to read them a story – hence the '**Mystery Reader**'. The children would love this and we hope that you would too!

Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school office. Please state what is your preferred time and day of the week so that we can try to fit around what is best for you.

Athletics Team

Well done to the children who attended the latest sporting competition at Ivybridge Community College before half term. The athletics meeting, involving other local schools, was a really good event and the team did many different events. In the end, they came 2nd overall which is very impressive for a school of our size.

Achieve4All After School Clubs



Bookings will be made directly with Achieve4All through their website as last term.

<https://achieve4all.co.uk/>

If you would like to book a place on one of these clubs for the coming term, please visit their website and



make the booking directly with them. **This facility is open from now.** Use the 'Book a Club' drop down menu to secure a place. These clubs will be managed by Achieve4All.

We are offering 3 after school sports clubs with Achieve4All.

Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	KS1 and KS2 Football Club
Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2 Street Surfing
Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Multi Skills Sports Club

Dates

March	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Brixton Village logo competition deadline
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief
Wb 16 th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term.
April	
Tuesday 14 th April	New term begins
Thursday 23 rd April	Class Photos

We will let you know of additional dates as they are added to the school diary.

Regards

Adrian Clements

Head of School

Mystery Reader				
I would like to be added to the list of volunteers for 'Mystery Reader' .				
1. I would like to volunteer to read in ...				
Rosen	Potter	Dahl	Morpurgo	
2. My preferred day of the week would be ...				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3. My preferred time of day would be ...				
morning		afternoon		
Preferred time				
Thank you				
Name (PRINT)				
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