



Larch Newsletter Spring 2

3rd March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Please find below the key dates and information for the current half term.

Diary dates

Thursday 5 March	World book day (children may dress as a character from a book or with an 'under the sea' theme)
Wednesday 11 March	Class photos (please ensure children are wearing their full uniform, including ties, jumper etc)
Friday 13 March	Sports Relief (further details to follow)
Tuesday 17 March	Year 5 trip to Wixams Academy to watch Hairspray the Musical (further details to follow)
Wednesday 18 March	Open Air Mission workshop (Pilgrim's Progress) for Year 5
Tuesday 24 March	School prospectus photos (please ensure children are wearing their full uniform, including ties, jumper etc)
Thursday 26 March	Childnet workshops – internet safety parent workshops (further details to follow)
Tuesday 31st March	Year 5 trip to the John Bunyan Museum
Friday 3 April	Last day of term

Homework

Please support your child to complete and hand in their homework. All homework is due on Wednesdays, with weekly spelling tests taking place the same day. New homework and spellings are given out on Wednesday too.

Topic homework – please see the attached homework grid for this half term.

PE

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but please ensure that PE kits are in school every day. Some PE lessons are outdoors so kits must include black jogging bottoms and a red sweatshirt, as well as trainers. Please make sure that all items are clearly named.

Please ensure that all children with pierced ears either remove their earrings or have their own medical tape in their PE bag.

Music workshops

This half term, Larch will be taking part in a music workshop on Thursday mornings (the World Book Day session will be rearranged). An external music teacher will lead these sessions and the children will be exploring music composition. Children have already enjoyed their first session and are generating some great ideas for their own class song.

Hairspray the Musical

Year 5 have been invited to watch Hairspray the Musical at Wixams Academy on Tuesday 17th March. We will eat our lunch at school before heading over to watch the older children's performance. A letter will follow with more information on this shortly.

Open Air Mission

We are really fortunate to be able to receive a second visit from the Open Air Mission team on Wednesday 18th March. The session will focus on the Pilgrim's Progress and we will find out more about Bunyan's Bedford. This will take place at school during the morning session.

Snack and water bottles

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day. Children may bring a healthy snack e.g. fruit/veg for break time. Please remember that we are a nut free school, so snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats must all be free from nuts.

School uniform

A polite reminder that although children are allowed to change into trainers for play times (their responsibility), they must wear black school shoes at all other times. Please also ensure that that your child wears the full Wixams Tree uniform, including tie, jumper/cardigan. All items of uniform should be clearly named. Long hair should be tied up and nails should be free from polish.

Perform drama workshops

On Monday 24th February, some of the younger year groups received a visit from [Perform](#). The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Around The World](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Around The World*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Around The World* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Wixams Tree Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 16th March. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **WTPS160320** or book online at perform.org.uk.

PSHE and Science

Next term, we will be looking at puberty as part of our PSHE and Science units of work. We are currently using the 1decision scheme of work to support our PSHE curriculum which uses a range of videos and discussion topics to explore key themes. More information will be sent out later this term to outline the content that will be covered.

I hope this information will be useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Miss Bygraves