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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a great start back it has been after half term! All of the children have really hit the ground running again since we came back last Monday. I'm sure the weather getting slightly better has helped cheer everyone up!

We've got lots to look forward to across the schools for the rest of this half term, even though there is now only three weeks left until the Easter Holidays.

I'm very happy to report that Blakeney have now got their new minibus. A big thank you to their PTFA for supporting this as it will directly benefit all of the children in the Federation.

Thank you to those of you who completed the summer school consultation. I will write to you all with an update about this next week. I will also provide an update next week about the Parent Governor vacancy at the Federation.

I hope you enjoy reading this months newsletter for your school. And, as ever, thank you for all of your support of our fantastic schools.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

11th & 12th March	Parents Evenings
14th March	PTFA Quiz – Blakeney Harbour Rooms
23rd March	Samphire Trip to Harry Potter Studios
27th March	Easter Egg Hunt
27th – 13th April	Easter Holidays
14th April	Back to School

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy March everyone - it is officially Spring!

Our new gardening club held its inaugural weeding session this week. Our aim is to keep the flower beds in the playground tidy but still welcoming to insects. We will be planting lots of herbs and pollinator friendly plants along with some vegetables to harvest in the autumn for our soup making session. It was lovely to see the children digging in the dirt and once we have the playground areas under control, we will then focus our efforts on the plantation.

Yesterday's World Book Day was a lot of fun too. The children looked amazing and we all enjoyed a wonderful story time session in the playground at the end of the day. It is those whole school times where the advantages of a small school are so obvious and we all feel very grateful for our school community. Please do look at the photographs on Class Dojo-you will see lots of happy faces.

Our Parent Consultations are scheduled for next week. If you are yet to return the slips, please do so and we can timetable an appointment for you. It would be good to see as many of you as possible but we are equally happy to arrange a phone conversation should this be more convenient.

Also next week is the PTFA Quiz. This takes place on the 14th March at the Harbour rooms. Thank you to all those who have already booked a place or have offered raffle tickets prizes. It will be a fun evening but if you are unable to attend, it is still possible to buy a raffle ticket. These are £1 each and can be purchased from the office.

This will be our final newsletter of this term as our last day is Friday 27th March and ends with our Easter Service and Egg Hunt. This will begin at 2pm at St Nicholas Church and the children will lead the service. Each class will join in with songs, poems and readings. We will then head to the plantation where the children will search for their named Easter Eggs.

CLASS NEWS - SAMPHIRE

On March 23rd, our class will take an exciting trip to the Warner Brothers studios to visit Harry Potter World. This is a big undertaking, financially and logistically and I would like to thank the PTFA for funding this amazing experience. We simply cannot wait! Please read the permission letter carefully as we will need an early start and children need to be in school by 6.30am.

Much of our English learning this month will be focussed around Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We have almost finished Matilda (Y3/4) and the Lizzie and Belle Mysteries (Y5/6).

In Maths, the children in Years 3 and 4 have been amazing with their fraction learning. They have been converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. We take a break from fractions for a couple of weeks to look at mass and capacity before moving back to adding and subtracting fractions before the Easter holidays.

Years 5 and 6 have completed their learning on decimals and we will have a final few weeks of fractions and percentages before some revision. Year 6 will then begin SAT's revision and I will hold a revision club after the half term on Tuesdays.

Mr Greenaway is back this half term and we are thrilled! He will be teaching the children on Wednesday afternoons for PE and Geography, alongside Mrs Bishop.

The children may have mentioned that our Monday afternoon PE session is Indian Dance. We are learning a routine in small groups to the song Jai Ho and the children are doing really well with the timing and the dance moves themselves. We can hopefully share it with you soon and you are in for a real treat!

CLASS NEWS - HOGLETS

We have had a great start to this half-term with our trip to Strangers Hall. The children were able to showcase everything they had learnt about The Great Fire of London and experience what it would have been like living in a Tudor home, meeting various characters in role from that time and what life was like for them.

We have now started a new learning theme which is 'Homes and Houses'. We will be learning lots about our local environment and exploring the places where we live. Both Hedgehogs and Hoglets have had the opportunity to spend a lesson outside, exploring Blakeney, focussing on the human and physical features as well as the type of houses that have been built here.

In English, KS1 are now focussing on a new book called 'Ocean Meets Sky' which has been a great read and the children have been working hard at writing more independently, specifically focusing on using a wider range of vocabulary to make their writing more exciting and engaging.

Hoglets are currently learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes in Maths, and we have been so impressed with their efforts especially when it comes to remembering all those tricky names!

World Book Day was a great success this year and everyone looked amazing in their outfits, thank you for making such a great effort!