

# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers



**This Week**

This week the children attended 2 assemblies. The first focused on Careers Week and what the children want to do when they grow up. I discussed lots of different jobs and what they entail. We also discussed why it is so important to attend school and how this can help us achieve our dreams.

Our second assembly introduced the children to Chinese New Year. We discussed where China is and the dates that it is celebrated. The children learnt how it is celebrated and listened to me reading them story of Chinese New Year. After Half Term the children will take part in more activities relating to this topic.

To support our Careers Week assembly the children had visitors from different professions talk to them this week. Our visitors included Firemen (for Year 2), Dentists (whole school), a Nurse (whole school) and a Policeman (whole school).

Yesterday we had three visitors from My Dentist in Old Road to speak to the children about their jobs. We had Lauren, who was a Treatment Co-Ordinator, a Dentist called Diyang and a Dental Nurse Lois. They explained to the children what they each did in their jobs and then spoke to the children about the correct way to brush your teeth. They finished with a game where the children had to guess how much sugar was in a choice of chocolate bars, sweets and drinks. The children were very engaged and enjoyed listening to our visitors.

The Firemen will be returning after Half Term to visit Year 1. Thank you to all the professionals for giving their time to the children free of charge.

**Parents Approaching Parents**

I would like to repeat my request that parents should not approach other parents about school related matters. If you have a situation, please come to the office and make an appointment to see me. This will enable me to investigate any situations and provide a resolution without having raised voices and shouting in front of the children on the school premises.

**Half Term**

We break for half term next Friday 13th February. School will finish at 3pm as usual. Monday 23rd February is a Non Pupil Day, so all children are expected to return on Tuesday 24th February.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher



Key Dates	
February	
23rd Feb	Non Pupil Day
24th & 25th	Chinese Cultural Day
March	
2nd-6th	World Book Week
4th	Bible Story Drama Session
5th	World Book Day
10th	Year 1 Visit St James Church
17th & 19th	Ramayana Indian Dance Workshop
20th	Red Nose Day
Menu	WC 24th February February–Wk 2

**Attendance**

The class winners this week were Kingfishers in first place, followed by Squirrels and Ducklings.

Well done to all classes but especially Kingfishers whose reward will be extra time in the adventure

### Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following:

**Relief Mid Day Assistants**

**Parent Governors**

**Volunteer Readers**

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.

### **Head Teacher's Surgery**

I hold a surgery every Thursday afternoon. If you would like to see me to discuss any issues, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

### **World Book Week 2nd-6th March**

The children will be undertaking lots of exciting activities during World Book Week.



The 5th March is World Book Day and I would like to invite all the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you are unable to provide a costume due to funding issues, please feel free to send your child to school in normal clothes.

### Reminders

#### **Reception Year Spare Clothes**

Reception are very low on spare bottoms such as trousers and joggers. If you have any spare bottoms you are willing to donate, we would be most grateful.

#### Toys

A reminder that no toys or items such as bag charms are to be brought into school.

Thank you for your support.

### **Dates for your Diary**

5th March	World Book Day
20th March	Red Nose Day
24th & 26th March	Parents' Evenings (details to follow)
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March
Easter Break	Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April
Back to School	Monday 13th April
4th May	Bank Holiday
25th—29th May	Half Term
1st June	Non Pupil Day
22nd June	Sports Day
23rd June	Reserve Sports Day
20th July	Non Pupil Day
21st July—31st August	Summer Break

### **Reducing our Carbon Footprint**



Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

#### **THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS**



- Use your heating controls to take charge of your heating.
- Change to low energy lightbulbs.
- When renewing appliances, buy an energy efficient appliance.

**FREE crafts, stories, songs and fun  
for nursery and primary school age children**

**Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times**

# MESSY PANCAKE PARTY



**St James' Church, Beatrice Road,  
Clacton-on-Sea**

**3pm SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Book your space: [messychurch@stjamesclacton.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@stjamesclacton.org.uk)**