



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 7: Spring Term 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

January is finally over, and it is now hard to believe that we are only a week away from half term.

The last few weeks have been packed with Wow moments. Our children have come back from the Christmas holiday ready to work hard and have produced some amazing work across all the subjects. It was delightful to see Maple children the other day enjoying exploring their outdoors area and getting covered in mud at the same time. All the children have been enjoying building with the new den equipment during break and lunchtimes and 2 new trikes (thanks to The Friends) have just arrived and I am sure will be enjoyed by all (even I am tempted!)

We have had children attend a gymnastics festival after school and some will go to an inclusive football event next week.

Young Voices has definitely been a highlight this half term, an exhausting but magical day of singing and dancing.

The new Entrance Area- Grand Opening!

We are delighted with how smart the entrance area is looking and over the next week the snagging will be completed, and Ms Chadwick will be able to move back into her office.

We will be having a grand opening of the entrance area on **Monday 19th February at 8:45**. From this moment on the library door will no longer be in use and any late drop offs, early pick-ups will go through the new front door. If you are visiting, you will come through this entrance and sign in here.

Maple Class will from Monday 19th February come through the side gate like the rest of the school but after all the other children have gone in and they will come out of this gate before the rest of the school **at 3:10**. Please make sure you are the first parents at the gate so we can see you. We hope this slight change will not be too inconvenient, but it means the children will be first out of the gate.

We have made this decision so we can gain back and re-sort out library and quiet room.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is children's mental health week and though this is something we focus on all the time in school it is good time to focus closely on this very important area.

The theme for this year's voice is **"My Voice Matters"** and we will be having a whole school worship on Monday to launch this.

If you want to know more about this and Place2be then please click on this website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

On Friday we are asking the children to come into school wearing something that makes them happy. This could be pyjamas, joggers and a t-shirt or something bright and colourful. I know individual classes are also doing different things to help them find their voice.

Tuesday of this week is also Internet Safety Day, based around the theme, "inspiring Change." We will be discussing with the children, making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online.

Top tips for Parents can be found here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Hot Chocolate Friday made a welcome return last week. Congratulations to Jack, Archie, Seph, Albie, Alice, Patryk, Henry, Jacob, and Noah.

Attendance

There does seem to be quite a few bugs and coughs going round so thank you for letting us know that your child is off and the reason why.

Our current whole school attendance is **95.6%**.

Look Who's Talking Competition

Any children who wish to take part in the Look Who's Talking competition will be presenting their chosen subject next week. Remember they can talk for 2 minutes on a subject of their choice, and they can use props if they wish.

The Friends

The current situation of The Friends is that the charity is frozen until we can find ways forward with new people on the committee. I would however like to still hold the very popular Easter Bingo event on Wednesday 20th March so if any parents would like to help with this; setting up the hall before the event, making chocolate hampers (these would need to be made the week before) serving refreshments during the evening, calling out the Numbers! I would be most grateful so please let me know.

Dates for your Diaries

We would normally have Parents Evenings before Easter, but the term is so short we will be holding them after the Easter holiday **on Monday 15th April and Wednesday 17th April**. Details about how to book onto these will follow next half term.

World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Dress down Day for Chocolate donations	Friday 8 th March
Science Week	11 th March to 15 th March
Easter Service in Church- all welcome	Wednesday 20 th March at 9:30.
INSET Day	Friday 22 nd March

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Wood and all the staff.