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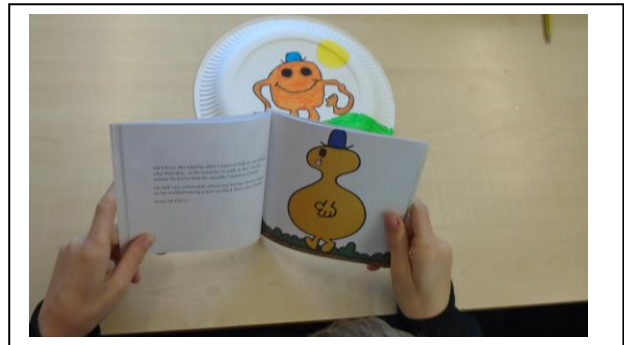
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We wish everyone a restful break. Not too much chocolate....

This term has flown by. World book day was particularly lovely. In the afternoon classes paired and read together. Following this we are going to do a Bersted Green book day in the Summer at the request of children and staff. Could you try and read to children at bedtime? Or suggest children read in bed?



Last Saturday our footballers attended a tournament against all the FAB schools we were really proud of the way the teams communicated -well done! Y5 went to the theatre to see 'Boy at the Back of the Class' - their class reader - this was very much enjoyed, and they will attend the locality 'Big Sing' too. We are in the process of booking tickets to get Y6 to Arundel Lido on the train which they look forward to. The farm visited YR and as usual uplifts us all. Barfoots will work with Y3 on healthy eating. Y4 are off to Goodwood farm. (these have all been subsidised with grants). Science day was on 12th and poetry day on 21st March.

There will be a poem and DT exhibition on 27th March at the Easter cake sale so parents and children can see the showcased work/learning.

Bersted Green is 10 years old in September. To celebrate we will take the whole school on a trip which will be really exciting. **Parent Governor** - we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a great opportunity to support the school and develop priorities. If interested, please ask in the office for a pack. THANKYOU!!



Topics after Easter break are:

YR - Ground and air;

Y1 - Wonderful water and seasonal changes (we really hope for less rain) Y2 - Beware of the dragon....

Y3 - Are bugs important?

Y4 - Can poetry inspire your imagination? Y5 - Development of castles Y6 - Lady of Shallot

Report on Year 5 Theatre Trip by Aimee M of Owl Class.

Last week all of Year 5 got to go to Chichester Festival Theatre to see "The Boy at the Back of the Class." We studied this book as part of our topic Islamic Civilisations. We all left school on a big coach and when we got to the theatre there were lots of other coaches too. The first thing we saw was Mrs Canter and Mrs Rogers waiting for us. (They had the tickets!) We were all sat together in the middle of the theatre, and it was packed with children from all different schools. Mrs Rogers didn't think we were all going to fit in, but we did.

The first thing that happened was that it went really dark. We were all really excited and then it started..... IT WAS FABULOUS! It was just like the book. It was hilarious when Brendan The Bully got told off, he was such a great actor. However, it was really upsetting when Ahmet got picked on. The Coldstream Guard was extremely funny when he told Tom 'Alright Son!' when Tom kept telling him how to do his job! If you have never been to Chichester Festival Theatre, then I deeply recommend that you go because the story really comes to life.

Growing week - After the Easter holiday we would be very grateful for any plants you may have spare that we can grow. We will have growing club as well as children watering at lunch time and wanting to plant their own gardens.

Coats - children spend time outside playing and they do need a coat in school.

Internet safety and social media - please check your children's accounts every week - some have several accounts. Children are using their phones to send inappropriate messages to their friends and people they don't know. We have to all explain that this is wrong and causes problems.

Car park - please do not cross the car park as you bring or collect your children as staff are arriving or leaving and this isn't safe.

Attendance - as a school our attendance is not quite where it should be. We would really appreciate a big effort to help us to improve this. Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.

If a child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as 'PA' or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). This is very concerning!

School will reward classes each week with the best attendance and also children who improve their individual attendance.



Staffing - Mrs Burrows and Mrs Brookes are moving to work in nurseries after Easter. As always this is sad, but we congratulate them. We will rejig some staff members to support children's learning.

A few Science day pictures



Thankyou!! - We would like to thank our community for their recent support in helping families when we apply to grants - Bognor Rotary Club, Bersted Parish Council and Cash for Kids. Bognor Rotary Club also hear children to read every week which has made an amazing difference to children's fluency, confidence and in turn, progress.

Community/Co-opted Governor - Does the community have a governor? We have a vacancy and would be delighted if you knew someone we could possibly ask. Please do have a think.



Dates for your diary

Easter cake sale. Poem and <u>DT exhibition on</u> Wednesday 27 th March, Donations welcomed.
End of term Thursday 28 th March Easter holidays
Beginning of term Monday 15 th April
Dance House for our dance troop in Worthing Wednesday 24 th April (information to be sent soon)
SATs week 13th to 17th May
May half-term 27 th to 31 st May
Film-night Wednesday 22 nd May (information to be sent soon)
Year 6 swimming starts Wednesday 22 nd May- 15 th July and including.
Wednesday 5 th June - activities led by our sports partnership.
Bersted Green Book Day - Tuesday 11 th June (dress as a character or wear pj's in support of reading at bedtime)
Year 1 Wetlands Wildlife Trust Thursday 20 th June (information to be sent soon)
Year 6 Residential Thursday 20 th June - Friday 21 st June
Year 4 Goodwood Farm Thursday 20 th June (information to be sent soon)
Y2 Multi activity day at The Arena 2 nd July
KS2 sports day in the morning (information to be sent soon)
Year 6 Solar Harbour Tuesday 9 th July (information to be sent soon)
KS1 sports day in the afternoon (information to be sent soon)
End of year disco 18 th July (information to be sent soon)
End of term Friday 19 th July Childrens picnic with stalls run by children (information to be sent soon)
School inset days 22 nd and 23 rd July no children to attend.

