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The short and the long of it...

Shakespeare week.

It has been another fun filled and jam packed week here in school with the children taking part in a Shakespeare themed week, World Book Day and Year 4C's class assembly on Anglo-Saxon life. Parents have also been busy in school with Parents' Evenings and workshops taking place for some classes. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings this week. Remember you can continue to keep up to date with your child's progress and achievements at any time by logging on to SPTO (for learning) or school gateway (for achievements and behaviours).



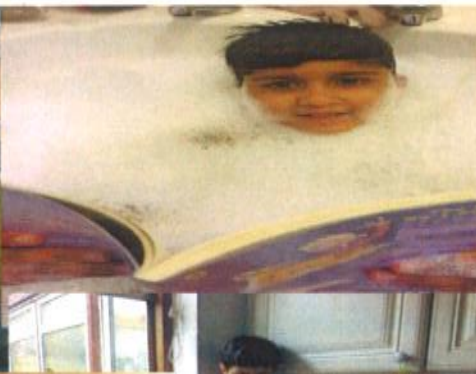
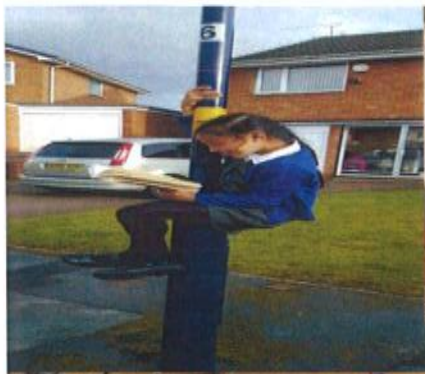
During Shakespeare week the children have enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate the life and times of Shakespeare. These included: Tudor music, plays, poems and Shakespearean phrases and insults. Who knew that 'the long and the short of it', 'too much of a good thing' and many of the sayings we use today originated from Shakespeare's work. We also kept with the Shakespearean theme for World Book Day in Year 1—6 and we saw some amazing costumes from everyday Tudor people dress to some of the interesting characters from Shakespeare's plays.

To celebrate World Book Day and raise the profile of reading in our school the children have shared books with each other and children from other classes and completed a range of reading activities in their classroom. We also held an extreme reading competition which involved children submitting photographs of themselves reading in strange and unusual places (photos overleaf). All entries were excellent and it was very difficult to choose only 2 winning entries but a big well done to Oscar (Y4) and Eleanor (Y1) for their prize winning entries.

Year 1 parents and children were treated to some phonics workshops to help with the development of early reading skills. Children and parents worked together as a team to create a phonics fishing game and there was also time for some information on the phonics check that Year 1 children will take part in later on this year. You can find the presentation slides from this session on the class pages on the school website.



Many Reception parents attended workshops on Thursday which involved making a 'book in a box' with their child. The end products are simply fantastic and are currently displayed in our library for all to enjoy. Please do go and have a look at them and see if you can spot which story each box is representing. Reception children also celebrated Mothers' day with a special Mother's day assembly. Well done and thank you to all of the parents that took the time to attend!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Attendance and Lates this week

This week's	RC	RV	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C
Attendance (%)	100	98	96.3	99	99.7	98.7	95.5	98.3	99	98.3	97	98.3	97.7
Lates (number)	3	0	3	4	4	3	3	7	5	3	0	6	9



At the end of each half term we monitor our children's attendance. Letters will be sent out to the parents of any children that have less than 93% attendance to ensure that you are aware of how much time your child has missed from school. We will then follow the following 4 stage procedure:

STAGE 1: Attendance is below 93% - Parents will receive letter 1 explaining this and offering support. Their child's attendance will continue to be monitored over the next term.

STAGE 2: If a child's attendance has not improved at this point a second letter will be sent to parents stating that illness absences will no longer be authorised without medical proof and attendance monitoring will continue.

STAGE 3: At the next half term if a child's attendance has not improved there will be a third letter inviting parents to meet with Miss Crombie to complete an Attendance Action Plan in order to identify ways in which we may work together to improve a child's attendance in school.

STAGE 4: If the Attendance Action Plan is unsuccessful in increasing a child's attendance in school we may need to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service who will consider taking legal action, including prosecution and financial fines.

Please remember under the terms of the 1996 Education Act, it is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure regular school attendance of their child. The government specifies that children who attend school less than 90% of the time are classed as 'persistent absentees' and this level of absence can have negative consequences for your child both academically and socially.



Congratulations to all the children who came to school in an active way, such as by scooter, walking or 'parking and striding', during February. Over 1200 journeys to school were active ones! **The winning class was 1 Vale with 457 active journeys**, who were presented with the Walk to School Trophy and get to keep it during this month. Let's keep up all this super activity and walking to school!



Dates for your Diary	Event
Friday 11th March—7.30pm	Quiz Night
Monday 14th March 2016– Friday 18th March 2016	Science Week
Tuesday 15th March 2016	Y6 Height and Weight Check
Wednesday 16th March 2016	Reception Hearing/Height/Weight Check
Wednesday 16th March 2016	Y2 Trip to Cadbury World
Wednesday 16th March 2016	1 Chad Trip to Back to Back Houses
Thursday 17th March 2016	KS2 Trip to Big Bang Science Fair
Thursday 17th March 2016	1 Vale Trip to Back to Back Houses

SILLY SOCK DAY

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We will be celebrating Silly Sock Day on...
Thursday 24th March

Wear your craziest, silliest, snazziest socks for the day and make a donation to Autism West Midlands to celebrate World Autism Awareness Month this April.

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QUIZ NIGHT

THEME
AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, 11th of March, 7.30pm
VENUE: **Chad Vale**
£5 per person

Tickets available from the school office

MUSIC ROUND
TASTING ROUND
TEAM CHALLENGE
PICTURE ROUND

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Teams of 4 Bring your own food and drink Prizes to be won Raffle

Adults only. No devices of any kind allowed please!

EASTER DISCO

Reception & KS1
WEDNESDAY
23RD OF MARCH
3-5PM

Popcorn
Bring fancy dress
Bag of sweets and a drink
Easter egg hunt every child wins a prize
Games, lucky dip, crafts
Make your own at home 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
Easter hat parade

Tickets
£5
Everything included!

100 tickets available

Buy your tickets at the office.
Older siblings should be collected at the usual time after school.

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Chess Club

Chess club is for children of all ages and abilities, from beginners to Grandmasters!

Chess club takes place on
Saturday 11.30am-12.45pm
At Spring Hill Library

Places are limited so please book early
See library staff for more details.