



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

Psychologist, Cliff Arnall, has been credited with identifying an event called 'Blue Monday'. It is believed that a holiday company asked him to calculate the most depressing day of the year. Following his studies, this was deemed to be the third Monday in January. On that basis, 'Blue Monday' took place at the beginning of this week. We can confirm that this certainly wasn't representative of the mood in School, with our children continuing to bounce into School and enjoy all that the day had to offer. We are glad, for anyone who happened to suffer with the effects of 'Blue Monday', that it has now passed!

Our core value for January remains 'Honesty'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. *'Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God'* John 3 verse 21.

With best wishes

Sharon Saunders and Hannah Browning

Co-Headteachers



GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Book certificates last week.

YEAR R

Sofia B
Lucy C
Mats B
James R

YEAR 1

Aiden H-U
Lyra W
Amelia L
Austin P

YEAR 2

Lilly T
Lois W
Felix B
Annie L

YEAR 3

Chayila M
Jack A
Michael C

Silver Birch Whole Class—
excellent engagement with
Sevenoaks School
Drama workshop

YEAR 4

Eva F
Christian S
Amelie H
Lexi A

YEAR 5

Olivia Y
Isla S
Amonie J
Tabitha S-M

YEAR 6

Sonika T-R
Oscar G
Stefan VdM
Cici W
Georgia W



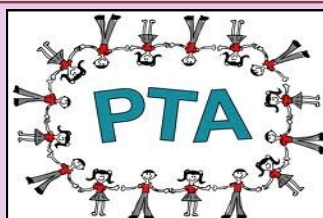
COVID UPDATE

We can confirm that we have cases of COVID in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 6.

On occasions when the numbers rise to 5 or above in any one class, the parents of the relevant class are informed.

WELCOME

The School has, this week, been delighted to welcome Mrs Ann Ferry to its ranks. Qualified teacher, Mrs Ferry, joins us on a part time basis in KS2 as a tutor.



We are sure that you will be missing the PTA section which normally appears at the end of this Newsletter. Please be assured, however, that you will hear from the PTA Committee shortly. They are in the process of creating their own Newsletter and look forward to sharing their plans with you soon.

In the interim, we wondered whether any of our parents/carers might be able to offer any storage space to the PTA. They are looking for anyone who might be able to store items such a Santa's Grotto until they are next needed. If you can help, please email the PTA at ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com

RULER PARENT WEBINAR—SAVE THE DATE

The third RULER parent webinar will be taking place on Wednesday, 2nd February at a revised, and hopefully more convenient time of 7.45pm. This will take place via Zoom and will last around 45 minutes. More details to follow next week.

YEAR 2—FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STUDIES

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous 'Florence Nightingale' workshop with Mrs Rands-Webb. This forms a part of their learning on the topic of 'Nurturing Nurses'. Their learning will culminate in the making of non-fiction books about Florence.

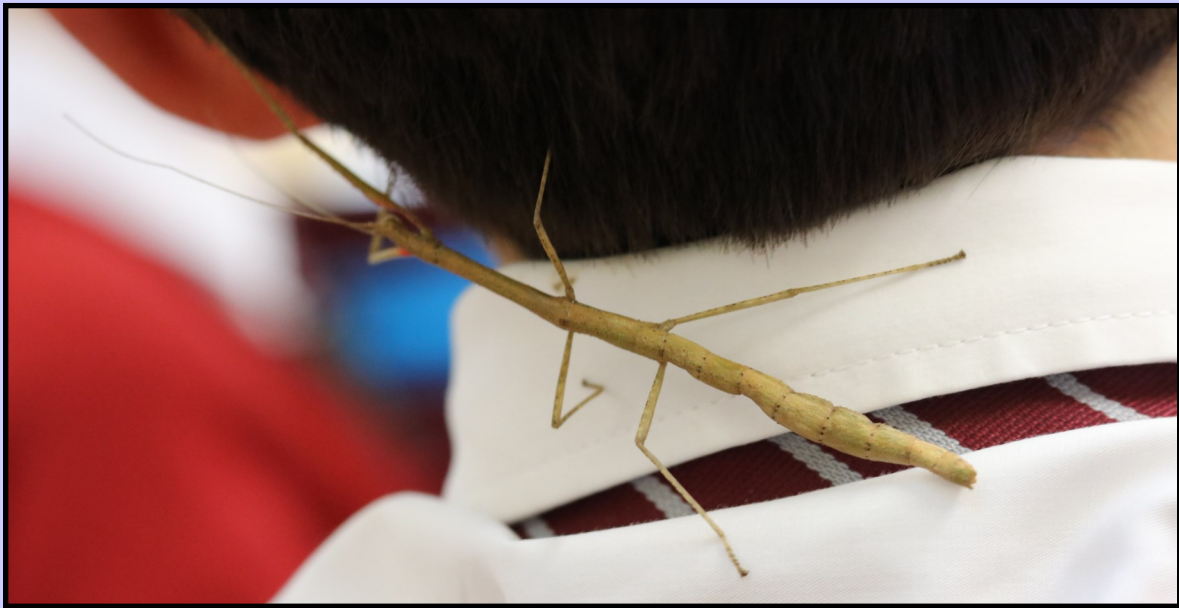


SCHOOL STICK INSECTS



During recent uncertain times, our stick insects have been ably cared for by Mrs Rands-Webb and her family. They have, this week, returned to School. Year 5 have been learning about the life cycle of stick insects and so these creatures have taken up residence in both Hawthorn and Cedar classes so the children can make their own observations. This species derives from the tropical rainforests of Vietnam and needs humidity, so each class has appointed Stick Insect Monitors to care for them. They love to eat privet, bramble and oak leaves and so the children will be busy sourcing supplies.

Each class has 3 stick insects and the children have enjoyed naming them. Cedar chose Mango, Magnet and Bobby for theirs and Hawthorn, inspired by the programme 'Death in Paradise' selected Neville, Humphrey and Florence!



PLYMOUTH DRIVE ROAD CLOSURE NEXT FRIDAY

Please be aware that we have been contacted by KCC about the temporary closure of Plymouth Drive for 'carriageway patching'. On Friday, 28th January (next Friday) the road will be closed between 9.30am and 2.30pm (except for emergency vehicles).

Should you need to drop your child off or pick them up between these times, you will be able to approach the School via the top gate.



WANTED ...

Both the Early Years and Year 1 teams have been incredibly grateful for donations of toys that parents and carers have made in recent years. Sometimes, however, we have been inundated with items, so we have come up with a new scheme!

From next week, we will clip (using pegs) pictures of the items that we would love to receive onto the fencing on the corner where the KS1 playground meets the path to the top gate. If you are able to donate the item we have requested, we would ask that you kindly take the picture off the fence and drop the item, together with the picture, into the blue drop box outside the School Office.

Thank you, as ever, for all of your generosity and support.

YEAR 2 TENNIS

Tennis coaching has started for our Year 2 children. Mulberry will be enjoying these sessions in terms 3 and 4, with Maple taking part in terms 5 and 6.

Our thanks to the tennis coaches from Sevenoaks Lawn Tennis Club.



THE BIRDS AND THE BEES



The Eco Council were thrilled to receive 4 new bird boxes for our School grounds from the RSPB. The different shapes are designed to attract different types of birds including wrens, robins, blue tits, nuthatches and swallows.

Just as the sun was sinking, Mrs Rands-Webb and Mrs Goodman went out with drills to put bird boxes up around the School grounds. They also put up 5 more bee boxes which they will shortly fill with bamboo and paper straws. The materials for these were kindly donated by Mrs Webster and they were made by last year's Eco Council children. The children are all excited to see who moves into these boxes, but will be watching from a respectful distance so as not to disturb any birds or bees.

The Eco Councillors have noticed that litter is an unsightly problem in the Rugby Club car park and so we are organising a litter pick there and around the School grounds. In the meantime, the Eco Council have invited children from across the School to make an anti-litter poster to be put up on the railings. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, 2nd February.

YEAR 1—BIRD FEEDERS

Year 1 have been learning about seasonal change. This week, they looked at how some birds migrate to warmer climates. The children started to consider the plight of the birds that stay here through our winter and thought about ways that they could help them during these cold months. The children went on to make bird feeders which they took home to hang in their gardens. We know that they will now be watching with interest to see which birds come and visit the feeders.



DIARY DATES

All diary dates can also be found on the Lady Boswell's website under Parents>Calendar.

| TERM 3 —DIARY DATES | | TERM 4—DIARY DATES | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | Parent Prayer Meetings—Fridays at 2.30pm—meet at School Office | | Parent Prayer Meetings—Fridays at 2.30pm—meet at School Office |
| | Term 3 swimming —Copper Beech, Sycamore and Holly Classes | | Term 4 swimming—Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly Classes |
| 17/1/22 | Primary School Application process closes | 21/2/22 | Inset Day |
| 24/1/22 | Schools Club start | 22/2/22 | School Book Fortnight starts—more information to follow |
| 26/1/22 | Chestnut Class Parent Consultations | 2/3/22 | 9.10am Lent Service led by Year 5—Year 5 parents/carers invited to |
| 28/1/22 | Plymouth Drive road closure between 9.30am and 2.30pm | 3/3/22 | World Book Day—more information to follow |
| 2/2/22 | 7.45pm RULER Parent Webinar—details to follow | 3/3/22 | Vision & NCMP Screening for Year R and Year 6 children |
| 4/2/22 | TT Rock Stars NSPCC Numbers Day—see Parentmail of 19/1/22 | 4, 7 & 8/3/22 | Travelling Book Fair—more information to follow |
| 11/2/22 | Last day of Term 3 | 10/3/22 | Bentley Photographic—Class Photos |
| | | 25/3/22 | 9.10am Mothers' Day Service led by Year 1—more information to follow |
| | | 25/3/22 | School clubs finish |
| | | 30/3/22 | 9.15am KS2 Easter Service at School. More information to follow |
| | | 1/4/22 | 'Break the Rules Day' - more information to follow |
| | | 1/4/22 | Last day of Term 4 |



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