

## Captain's Close Newsletter

05 February 2016

### **Hello Everyone**

What a great 5 weeks we've had...some great work on our building character project, including a really active whole school assembly.

Swallows and the choir had a fantastic experience at Young Voices and we're gearing up for the Midsummer Night's Dream at The Curve...get your tickets before they sell out.

Then there's Robins' chance to shine at De Montfort Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup>. All these children will be preparing their portfolios to attain an accredited Arts Award and this will support our work towards making sure children's enthusiasms promoted across all areas of our curriculum.

I know our gymnasts are also busy getting ready for their events and our Change for Life Club is really getting going too.

What's great to see is how the children are working across the school with each other to support learning and really contribute to whole school life. This will support our aim that children have a real sense of responsibility for and pride in their learning.

Hopefully we will see some of you through the course of events next week. We are really enjoying sharing our work with more of you and it is great that so many of you have been taking advantage of all the opportunities we've had to share events, or changes to our work, or even ways to support children at home.

Thank you for all your positive partnerships.

### **WORDS FOR LIFE**

<http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/>

This is a very supportive website for parents with loads of advice for supporting children's communications skills.

### **Entrance Gates to Car Park**

We always politely request that the school car park is not used by parents for drop off and collection at the beginning and end of the day. In line with other schools and Safeguarding considerations, we do not encourage children walking across the car park.

In line with this we are closing the gates during children's arrival at school and at the end of the day to maximise children's safety at these times. As always, please consider the needs of local residents when you are parking around school and ensure driveways are free and there is always room for safe passage of other vehicles (especially emergency vehicle access).

### **Medicines**

Our administration of medicines policy only allows us to provide for administering prescribed medicines except for instances on trips and residential etc. when we can act in loco parentis.

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### **Letters and Newsletters by e mail.**

As previously outlined, this newsletter will be distributed by email. If you need to update your details, please sign up at the office. If you wish to receive paper letters, please sign up at the Office and this can be arranged. If you do not receive correspondence, please contact the office who can check your contact details.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Coffee morning will now be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, NOT Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

### **SCHOOL DISCO – THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**KS1 – 6-7PM**

**KS2 - 7-8.15PM**

Ticket money and completed permission slips in sealed envelopes clearly marked for the attention of FOACC –Disco Tickets can be handed into the school office.

The official tickets will be sent out two days before the disco.

### **SPELLINGS**

We've been using some fantastic new spelling resources in school to help develop our children's confidence with spelling in Years 2-6 in relation to the raised expectations of the English curriculum. We're already seeing signs of improvement across the classes, which is great. Alongside the learning that the children complete in their practice books at school, they also have a spelling log book which they will use to record words that they are personally aiming to spell successfully by the end of a week's learning. The children know that they are expected to bring these spelling log books home every night to practice the words they are recording in the 'speed spell' and 'log and learn' sections, and these lists can be added to every day. We greatly appreciate your support in helping your child to improve their spelling of these words through the week. The spelling booklet that was given out at parents evening has many useful suggestions for fun activities or games that you can use to help your child learn these words.

Thank you. Miss G.

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### Dates for your diary

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and chat all parents welcome 9-9:30
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices assembly 9 am
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to School
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Owls/Sparrows learning event 6:30 pm
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Longfield
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	STEM parliament
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parliament trip to the Houses of Parliament
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	RSC/The Curve performance and rehearsals (Swallows)
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	DSAT Parliament children visit the Houses of Parliament
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Well-being parliament
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	DSAT Arts festival De Montfort Hall(Robins)
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	DSAT pupil IT Conference
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy/Learning Parliament
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter service 9 am
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term : Travelling by Tuba visit school

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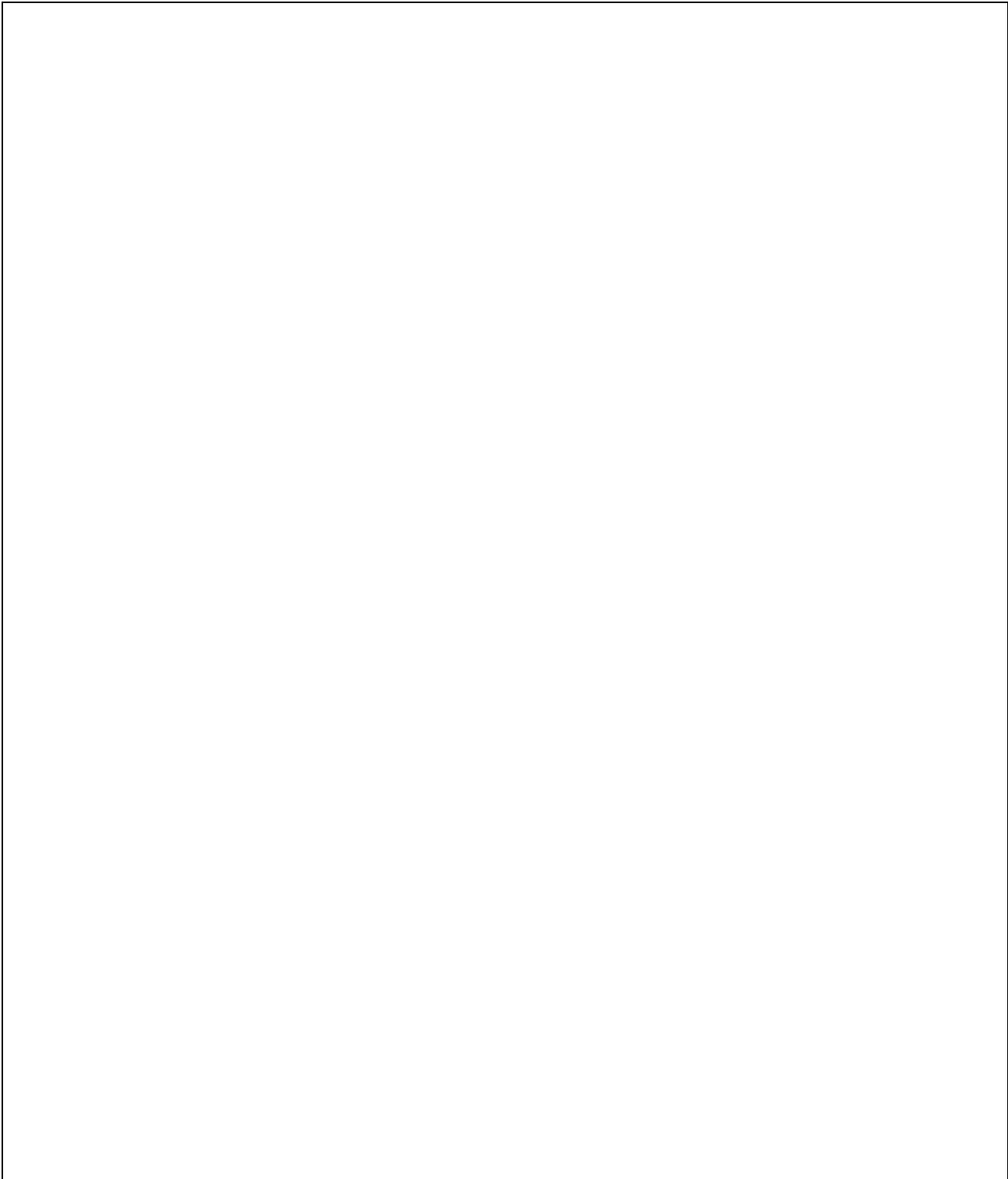
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