

Friday 8th February 2019

Park Street Newsletter

What a busy week! The wet weather has not put a dampener on the school this week and we've enjoyed particular gusto with our two singing assemblies and a visit from Shirley (Great St. Mary's). Please do talk to your child about their favourite buildings in Cambridge and the rest of the world – they had so many ideas in Thursday's assembly.

I managed to smash a window in the KS2 playground while demonstrating my (awful!) football skills. This has caused much laughter and embarrassment!

The children have just returned from a successful Fire Alarm Evacuation. I must say, and all staff will reiterate, **the pupils performed superbly** when walking to the Green and then onto the Maypole due to the wet weather.

Well done to everyone who has been taking assessments this week – our year 6s are getting used to the format and timings in preparation for SATs. They are feeling a lot more confident! Well done. Class 3 continue to learn about habitats and discovered a worrying lack of wildlife on the school premises. We've contacted the RSPB about getting their advice on making the school site more attractive to birds. Class 4 have been writing their science fiction stories – they certainly do have excellent imaginations. Class 1/2 have enjoyed their perform workshops – despite class 2 missing the final few minutes due to the fire alarm!

Reading books

Miss Du Toit has reorganised the reading books in class 1 and 2. She's delighted to have a complete set of Beast Quest and Rainbow Fairy books for class 2 and 3. Next week Miss Du Toit will be training all staff on the levelling system, reading records and supporting reading at home. As such, we'll be asking for all pupils to return any reading diaries – so we can issue (and use) new ones after half term. Any school books lurking at home that are not being used would be most welcome as we'll sort the libraries out in the holidays.

Final thoughts

With one week left to go I hope everyone is looking forward to a decent rest at half term. Class 2 have a trip out next Thursday to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. This half term has rushed by.

We desperately need some donations of spare clothes. If you have any, please bring them into the office, thank you. And lastly, a huge thank you from the staff for all your support and assistance with making this term so positive.

Kind regards to all,
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