



Photos: Year 5 on Bikeability, learning road safety

Year 5 children have been taking a cycle proficiency course this week – you might have seen them arriving with bikes or out and about cycling. They worked with Hampshire Bikeability Trainers, initially on the playground to practise control. They then progressed to going out to Upham Street, to learn how to follow the highway code and safely make a push off start and negotiate hazards such as parked cars. They then cycled up and down the hill and used some of the junctions to practise how to turn left and right. This is really important learning for all of them to understand how to safely cycle as a ‘road user’ as well as really good exercise too – I’m sure they all slept well afterwards!

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Mon**
- Thurs 5 March** – World Book Day, dressing up (if you want)
- Tues 10 March** – 4pm-6.30pm Parents Evening
- Thurs 12 March** – pm Some children from Y5&6 to Cluster Vocal Festival at Thornden Hall, 6.30pm performance to parents
- Thurs 19 March** – 4.30pm-7.30pm Parents Evening
- Fri 27 March** - 9am Easter Service, drop-off at Blessed Mary Church
- Fri 27 March** – pm FUS Easter Egg Hunt (timings nearer time)
- Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April** Easter Holidays
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April** – First Day Back of Summer Term

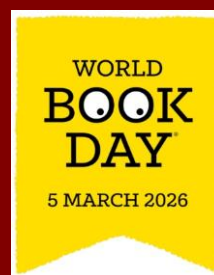
**World Book Day – Next Thursday!**

It is World Book Day next Thursday (5 March) and we are keen to have a dressing up day. If children would like to dress up (they don’t have to), they can pick a character from any book, film or story. Many children don’t like dressing up which is why we try not to do this sort of activity too often. There are lots of ideas online if you are struggling – especially on the world book day website! Please note there is no donation or money needed. Children will also bring home a book token on the day.

Please remember the costume needs to be suitable for a day at school – i.e. outside play / going to the toilet / weather etc.



**Dressing up ideas**



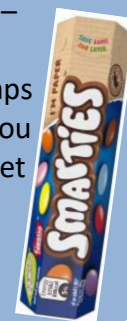
INSET Days left for 25/26  
• Fri 22 May

**Check you haven’t missed these communications this week:**

**None**

**FUS Fundraising Idea**

We sent the children home today with something which could be a fundraising idea. They will have each taken a tube of smarties home. The smarties are a nice treat to just enjoy (for those of you who might be challenging yourself for Lent why not keep them as a goal to work towards). The tube is the important part – to try to fill with some coins and then hand the completed one back into school. The idea is that the children could help to ‘earn’ the money, perhaps by doing a few jobs around the house or for family and friends. Many of you will remember this last year and really got behind it. If you would like to get involved, just hand the tube (and coins) back to the office by the Easter holidays – so plenty of time!



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### Parents Evenings

We have parents Evenings coming up soon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-6.30pm and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm-7.30pm. These will be available to book within the Arbor app from 6pm today (Fri 27<sup>th</sup>).

### Thanks for the Pancakes!

Thanks to FUS for providing the pancakes on Friday afternoon before half term. A lovely treat which the children really enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who came in to help serve and organise everything!

### Might Affect Cooked Lunches

Please note that there will be a small change to lunches next week. Following the change in lunch provider, they will no longer make ketchup available on Fridays with the fish options, just so this isn't a surprise.

### Challenges for Lent

We have moved into the Christian time of Lent which is a period often used for self-reflection and self-growth. We have explored in worship this week how this time remembers how Jesus went into the wilderness to work out what he was going to do. He suffered during this time but kept going nevertheless so I have set the children a challenge this week to try to follow this example and give a bit more perseverance than they might normally – perhaps during some work that's quite hard, to not give up or to spend longer doing something. Each week over the next few weeks they will be set a similar challenge. In Friday worships, they will individually reflect on if they think they have completed this challenge and they can award themselves a sticker if they feel they have. Here is this week's perseverance sticker:



### Visitors to Dormice Class



On Tuesday, the children enjoyed a visit from two police officers. They came in and talked about what the police do, which is really useful as many children can be frightened by the police. They also visited the police car parked in the car park and really enjoyed hearing the siren!

On Wednesday, Flo's Dad came in to talk about Chinese New Year and how they celebrate this as a family. This was really lovely for the children to all learn about this important festival and the part it plays in their friend's life. You might remember in the last newsletter I described how we teach spirituality and this is a good example of going 'through the door' to explore aspects of someone else's life. Thank you so much to Mr Lau for coming in and visiting.

