

Full newsletter next week. Don't forget to check the website for updates!

We have returned from half-term refreshed and ready for **STEAM** with our **'Elements of Change'** project launching this week. Children across the school will be exploring the **natural world** through the study of ecology, living species and their habitats. There will be a focus on the impact of human activity on the planet and beyond; how we need to adjust and change our behaviour to sustain our future on Earth. Miss Sampson has introduced KS2 children to the elements of the Periodic Table so look out for some tricky homework: it may be time to brush off the chemistry cobwebs and get involved. KS1 children are buzzing with facts about 'bee business' and children across the school are already out and about at workshops, museums, gardens, laboratories and rehearsals in preparation for the exhibition on the **24th March**. Save the date and look out for the flyer which will include the opportunity to attend talks by visiting scientists.

It is **World Book Day** on **Thursday 2nd March** and we will celebrate the **20th anniversary of the event** with our natural theme. Pooh Bear and his friends will be searching for honey and going on exciting reading picnics in EYFS and KS1. Watch out for those bees! There will be a hullabaloo in KS2 with a multitude of exciting reading activities to help us discover and enjoy Kipling's fantastic classic 'The Jungle Book'. Of course we will all be dressing up as our favourite characters and both staff and children will be sharing books across the school. Please look out for the **WBD letter attached to this email**. We hope you can join us to take part or support your child in some way. Thank you to all of the **mystery readers** who have visited us this week already!

Lockable scooter racks have been installed in the infant and junior buildings. The school received a grant from TFL to encourage families to walk or scoot to school by providing a more secure solution for storage. Please make good use of them!

Significant changes to Nursery funding in Camden are being made which will have a series impact on some our children and families. You may be aware that the Government is reducing Camden's early years funding and as a result of this, Camden Council can no longer continue to provide their current enhanced early years offer. Please see further details regarding this change of provision in the leaflet attached. The school is currently surveying parents so that we can plan Nursery provision for September 2017. If you have any concerns please **contact Maria Lewis**. The school will be scheduling meetings for prospective Nursery parents as part of the consultation.

We look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening on the **14th and 15th March**, when there will be an opportunity for you find out about your child's progress and share your ideas and views to support further school improvement. You will receive an email for the online booking system next week. If you require any support with using this system or have any queries please contact Maria Lewis the Family Support Worker, who will be available to assist you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer
Headteacher



Date & Time	Event
Tuesday 28th February	Year 2 Stay & Learn
Wednesday 1st March	Year 1 Trip - Kew Gardens
Wednesday 1st March	Year 2 Trip - Grant Museum of Zoology
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Thursday 9th March, 9.10am	Year 2 SATS Workshop
Friday 10th March, 9.10am	EYFS Maths Workshop
Monday 13th March, 3.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th March, 3.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th March	Year 5 Trip - Planetarium
Tuesday 14th March, 9.10am	Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop
Thursday 16th March, 9.10am	EYFS Fine Motor Workshop
Monday 20th - Friday 24th March	STEAM Week
Tuesday 28th March	Eggshibition & Easter Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 29th - Friday 24th March	Year 5 Residential Trip
Friday 31st March	Last day of term (2.30pm close)
Monday 3rd - Monday 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS



Ted & Earl's Attendance



Target: 96%



We are aiming for record-breaking attendance this half term. The children will continue to collect attendance tokens and Ted and Earl are on the lookout for those children coming to school every day, on time. Will your class overtake the current reigning champions? It takes a whole class to reach attendance goals.

PTA Quiz Night

Please mark your diaries if you haven't already, we hope to see you at the Parent & Carer Quiz night on **Thursday 9th March**, £4 entry with food included. Come as a team or we can add you to a team on the night itself.

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The sign of the week is *bear*.

