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NEWSLETTER 15

19th March 2021

Dates for the Diary

Staff training days (school closed) – Friday 18th June & Monday 21st June

Parent consultations – 30th and 31st March

Class Photos- Friday 21st May (to be confirmed)

End of Spring Term- Thursday 1st April

Start of Summer Term- Monday 19th April

May Day Holiday- Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 31st May

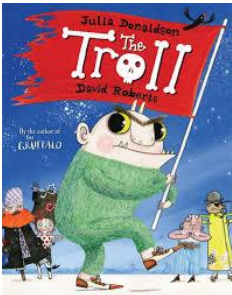
End of Summer Term- Friday 23 July

Attendance figures for this week:

97.2% (99.0% in Reception)

Unless avoidable through illness, please make sure your child is in school and on time every day.

Hello everyone

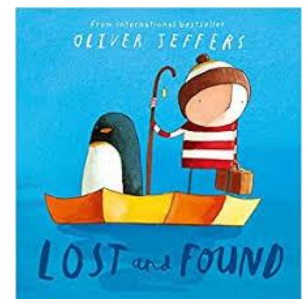
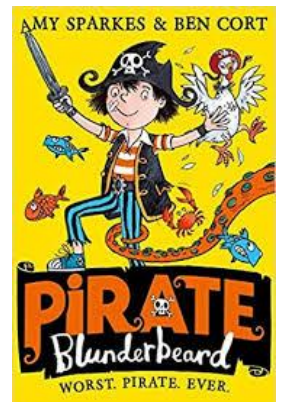


Millions of stories have been told over the years and that's why, when it comes to children writing their own, we share some with them so they can borrow ideas for themes, plots and characters! That way they can all succeed with creating their own either by imitating a story they've read, innovating a story by changing parts of the story or completely inventing their own.

Reception are very busy learning about the world around us and are creating a story to go with this theme. They have been reading Lost and Found and exploring animals and habitats within the Arctic and

Antarctica. Year 1 have been reading the troll and have been very busy making their own papier mache troll faces that they are then going to write a story about; I wonder what will happen to them? Year 2 have been reading all sorts of whacky and wonderful pirate stories in preparation to create their own adventure story for children in Year 1 and Reception to read. Ask your child if they can retell the class story maker using lots of expression and actions!

Best wishes
Mr Pope



Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultations

Consultations will be taking place again using Schoolcloud video conferencing on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March. For full details of how to book an appointment online please see the email sent to parents on 16th March. Please note the closing date for making an online appointment is 3.00pm Monday 29th March.

Covid-19 Testing for Families

Please see the attached leaflet from Public Health Dorset with advice on home testing.

Summer to Autumn Term Menu (Does not apply to those children receiving the special diet menus)

The new menu for the summer and autumn term is now online and available for parents to book their child's school meals for April and onwards up until October half term. As the current menu bookings end on Thursday 1st April please book your child's new meals as soon as possible to ensure they have a meal ordered when they return after the Easter holiday.

Start & End of the school day

To help with congestion and business at gates and in the playground, please try to arrive as close as possible to your child's allocated drop off and pick up time. Also, please could children stand with their adult whilst waiting.

During lockdown, the roads have been a lot quieter than usual. As the school run starts again, we want to keep all children safe and well as they travel to school. Over the last few months, there have been less vehicles on the road. We anticipate the roads will become busier when schools reopen fully, so now may be a good opportunity to remind your child about the importance of being aware of their safety, however they are using the road (as a pedestrian, cyclist, on a scooter or as a passenger). This is especially important if they are beginning to make this journey independently.

Why not spend a few moments looking at the "Tales of the Road" with your child, helping to remind them about staying safe. [Tales of the Road \(think.gov.uk\)](http://think.gov.uk) The interactive booklet can be viewed online, just follow the instructions on page 2 to navigate to the sections relevant to your child, or if you wish you can print a copy. If you would like to look at additional resources to help discuss road safety with your child, visit [Education resources – THINK!](#)

If you've been staying at home, with only maybe the odd trip to the shops or to care for a vulnerable loved one, the chances are you may feel a little nervous getting back on the road yourself. Please have a look at this leaflet to ensure you are as safe as possible. [DWFRS-Back-on-the-Road-4.pdf \(dwfire.org.uk\)](#)

Please remember as the school runs start again for all children, the roads around the school can become busy with vehicles such as cars and buses as well as children walking, biking and scooting. Please take extra care, both as a pedestrian or a driver, and be aware of the many other, very young road users around the school during drop off and pick up. We understand the pressure when dropping off and picking up children; most people are considerate when parking and understand the risks of blocking the road for other road users, but there have been a few issues in the past when emergency service vehicles have not been able to get easy access to school premises. Please watch this video for further guidance on driving with emergency vehicles. [Blue Light Aware \(YouTube\)](#)

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