

## Friday News 14.03.2025

This week we welcomed Year 5 parents in to watch their class assembly. We were really proud of North America as they managed and led the assembly exceptionally well. Well-done North America. It has also been a very exciting week in Antarctica class as on Wednesday the chicks started to hatch. All 10 eggs have now successfully hatched and are being cared for by the children and staff in Antarctica. This is always such a special time of year and the older pupils in school remember very fondly of when they had the chicks in their class. Another sign that spring is definitely on its way!

### Early Birds and T-Birds

Please be advised that Early Birds and T-Birds is very popular at the moment and the majority of the sessions are reaching capacity. Please book early to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to use a session that you have booked, please contact the school office at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel the session and you will not be charged.

### PTFA

Following Arwen's departure from the PTFA, there have not been any parents who have come forward to lead the group. I know there are many who would like to support fund raising activities but are reluctant to take on the role that Arwen held. As a school PTFA is considered a charity, it is separate to the school and the school's finance systems. It would therefore need a group of 3 or more people who are willing to take on the key roles of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. The school will support anyone who is willing to take up these roles by being part of the wider committee but we cannot be the ones who are running the PTFA as it needs to run separately from the school finances.

Please see this helpful article where the members of a PTFA talk about how they work as a group. <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/what-do-ptas-do-and-why-should-you-join-one-pta-members-answer-your-questions/>

If you are interested in forming a group to restart the PTFA, please come to the school office to arrange a meeting, we would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

### Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day next Friday the 21st March.

To celebrate and raise some funds for Red Nose Day we are inviting pupils to wear red accessories with their normal school uniform. This could be: a red nose, red face paint, red hair, red hairbands, red trainers, red socks. Please keep to your normal school uniform for everything else, polo, jumper and trousers. Suggested donation of 50p. All monies raised to go to the Red Nose Day charity. We look forward to seeing all the extra red in school on Friday.

### Parents' Evening

Please book your Parents' Evening slot if you haven't already done so.

### Key dates

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening 1 **YR-Y5 only**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 1 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 6 Class Assembly.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parents Evening 2 - all year groups

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Last Day of term

Happy weekend everyone!

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*“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”*

MATTHEW 19:14