

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2026



News From The Office...

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening this week whereby you had the opportunity to look at your child's work and ask any questions about your child's progress.

We have also changed the way in which we let you know what the children have been doing weekly, this used to be through X but we now send this through Arbor to ensure this is a better form of communication. Please pass on your thoughts and comments to your child's class teacher as I would really appreciate the feedback.

Please be aware that there are many lovely events happening this term which are all listed on this newsletter.

As always, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any queries at all.

Yours sincerely

Natasha Kelly



World Book Day...

Mr Husband writes...

World Book Day is this Thursday 5th March! As part of the celebrations, this year we will be hosting two activities to promote reading for pleasure across Rise Park.

On Thursday morning, there will be a Swap Shop in every year group across school. Children are invited to bring in a book of their own that has been loved, used and must be one that they are happy to permanently exchange for another child's pre-loved book.

We will also be dressing up, where we encourage children to become characters (or authors!) from their favourite stories! As usual, there is no expectation for families to go out and buy cos-

tumes. Please see links sent out previously that highlight cost-effective ideas from this year's World Book Day website.

Please remember that if you did not spend your World Book Day book token at our most recent Book Fair, these can be redeemed for a free £1.00 book from this year's selection at participating retailers.

Finally, due to their trip, Year 1 will be undertaking the same activities listed above, but these will go ahead on Friday 6th March instead.

We are looking forward to seeing Rise Park come alive with a love of books this Thursday!

Special points of Interest:

- **News from the Office**
- **World Book Day**
- **Parental Engagement**
- **Online Safety**
- **Easter Competition**
- **School Council**
- **Community Theme Week**
- **Dates for your Diary**

Parental Events...

Mrs Lamb writes...

What an incredibly busy year we have had so far! We still have lots more on offer for parents to get involved in school life with their children. Our family cooking sessions have started and are being enjoyed by everyone! We still have a couple of spaces if you would like to join us this half term. The sessions are held on a Monday 3:30-4:30 and cost just £2 per family.

Our Mother's Day events will begin the week beginning 24th March. The booking system will be out very soon so please look out for it. Please ensure you book onto the event if you would like to take part with your child.

We have a wonderful new workshop for parents all about the early years. If you have a child in nursery or a toddler at home, why not join us for lots of fun activities. The workshop will start on Thursday 13th March at 9:15-10:45am and cover the following topics:

Week 1 (13/3) - Nursery Rhymes and early maths

Week 2 (20/3) - PSED

Week 3 (27/3) - music session from Rainbow Stripes

Week 4 (3/4) - phonics

Week 5 (24/4) - football session from Owen McDaid football coaching

Week 6 (1/5) - painting

Week 7 (8/5) - library visit to Southglade library.

Week 8 (15/5) - cooking session

This is a fabulous opportunity for your children to meet and socialise with other children and learn lots of new things.

Our coffee mornings which include a free hot and cold breakfast for parents will continue however, they will no longer be held every month. They will be held once every half term and the next one will be on Friday 25th April. It would be lovely to see you there.

If you would like any support for your family regarding your child's behaviour, sleep, eating or any other difficulties, please call in for a chat.

PHSE Update

Mrs Gray writes This term in PSHE, children will be exploring the **Dreams and Goals** or **Healthy Me** units from the Jigsaw PSHE scheme. In *Dreams and Goals*, pupils will think about their aspirations, learn how to set realistic goals, understand the importance of perseverance, and reflect on how to overcome challenges positively. They will also explore teamwork, resilience and how to celebrate success. In *Healthy Me*, children will focus on physical and emotional wellbeing, learning about healthy lifestyles, making safe and informed choices, understanding how to manage peer pressure, and recognising how to

keep themselves safe both online and offline. We continue to ensure our PSHE provision is fully aligned with statutory guidance and reflects any current changes. As always, our learning is carefully tailored to meet the needs of our pupils and to reflect the priorities of each class and cohort. If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning in PSHE, staff are always very happy to discuss this with you.

Easter Competition...

Mrs Mee writes...

This year's annual Easter competition will take place on Friday 27th March. You should have already received a letter explaining the competition for your child's year group. Nursery children have been asked to decorate a hard boiled egg, Reception children have been asked to create an Easter Bonnet, KS1 (years 1 and 2) have been asked to create an Easter garden and KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been set the challenge of creating an Easter extravaganza! If you need any ideas, please speak to the staff in your child's year group or have a look at the photos of previous entries on the letter.

Due to the brilliant fundraising success we had last year, we will also be holding an Easter Egg raffle. Raffle tickets are £1.00 per strip and all money raised will go back into the school to buy lovely

things for our children. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle (any size) it would be hugely appreciated. Last year we had over 50 eggs! If you would like any additional tickers, please see the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Parking

Please be mindful of how and where you park outside of school. I have had a number of complaints from residents whereby people have doubled parked or parked on yellow lines near school. I appreciate that parking is limited and this makes it difficult, however, please can you be considerate of residents. Similarly, parking is not allowed in the school car park unless you have a blue badge which must be on display. Again, I appreciate your support with this matter.

Healthy Packed lunch

We would like to remind families of the importance of providing children with a healthy, balanced packed lunch each day. Nutritious food helps pupils to stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the afternoon. A well-balanced packed lunch might include fruit or vegetables, a source of protein such as lean meat, egg, beans or hummus, a starchy option like wholegrain bread, wraps, pasta or rice, and a dairy item such as yoghurt or cheese.

Please avoid including sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks in lunchboxes. Water or milk are the healthiest drink choices for school.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting positive, healthy eating habits for all of our children.

**Dates For Your Diary....**

5th March– Year 1 Wollaton Hall Trip

9th March - Year 1&2 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm

10th March - Nursery Mothers Day Breakfast - 8.15am-8.45am

10th March - Year 3&4 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm

11th March - Reception Mothers Day Breakfast - 8.15am-8.45am

12th March - Year 5&6 Mothers Day Event - 3.30pm-4.00pm

13th March—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Programme

17th March - Reception Writing Parent Workshop 15.15pm-16.00pm

20th March - Comic Relief

23rd March—Safer Internet Day

23rd March - Year 6 Eyam Trip

24th March - Year 4 Great Orchestra Experience
(more details to follow)

26th March - Coffee Morning

30th March—Easter Holidays

13th April— Back at School



RISE PARK ONLINE SAFETY

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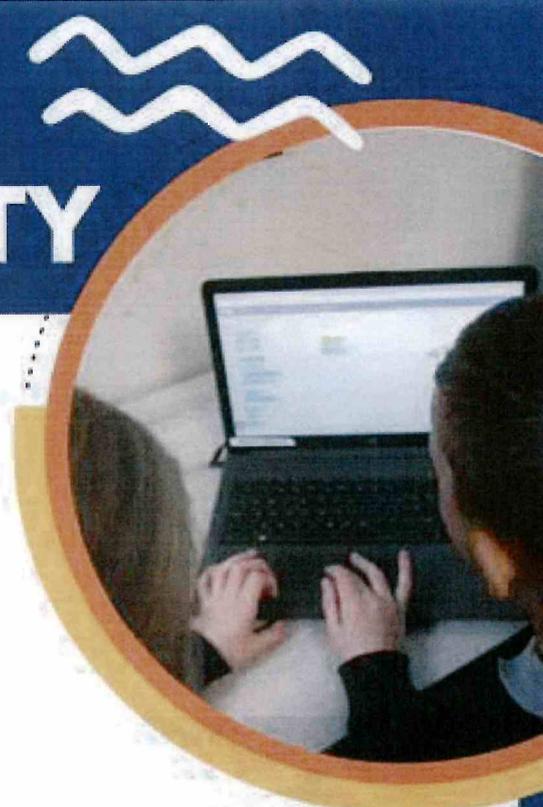
SAFER INTERNET DAY

This term, Rise Parkers will join children across the country in marking Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'Exploring Safe and Responsible Use of AI'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

Activities in years 1-6 will help children to understand and identify AI tools and smart tech around them, as well considering positive and negative uses of AI technology.

Keep a look out for school updates showing what we got up to for Safer Internet Day!



WHAT IS AI?

From summaries on search engines, to voice assistants and photo editing tools, AI powered features are being added to many of the apps and devices we use day-to-day.

Look out for information and warnings notifying you where AI technology is in use or where content has been created using AI. Help your child to recognise these too.

Remember, AI can make some tasks simpler but may also collect data about you and your family, or share unreliable information, so consider how to use it safely and responsibly.

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER

Even with parental controls in place, using connected devices puts us at risk exposure to inappropriate content, unwanted collection of data and harmful/false information. That said, the internet can also be an amazing way of accessing learning and entertainment!

Spending **time together online** with your child can help you understand how they are using technology and discuss the bad parts about life online.

Talk about your own experiences and find other opportunities to get the conversation started, like stories in the news. Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that they see or experience online.

For more information and guidance on supporting your children online, please see these resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://bit.ly/TECHSAFE>