

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break and hope that the holiday proved to be an enjoyable and relaxing one. Happy New Year to you all!

## Questionnaires

We would like to thank all of our parents who took the trouble to complete and return our questionnaire forms. We received responses from over 65% of parents in each class and as such all children will now be eligible to wear their own clothes as promised, next week on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Your views about our school really do matter to us and we intend to review your responses very carefully. We will inform you about the results from the replies we received as soon as possible.



## Spellbinder

Yesterday we received a visit from the Spellbinder. This year stories were themed on 'Stories From Distant Lands'. The children appeared to really enjoy the visit and thoroughly enjoyed interacting at various times throughout the performance. Children will now use what they have observed from the visit to help develop their own literacy and storytelling skills.



## Y4 Forest Skills

Our Year 4 children are in the process of undertaking a series of forest school style activities over the next few weeks. Our Year 5 children will be engaging in the initiative soon after the half term break.

## Merlin Homework

Following a successful pilot with our current Year 6 children we will be rolling out access to our ICT learning platform to the rest of KS2 next week. Merlin is a secure site where children can sign on to their class page to have access to homework, class photos, selected letters, curriculum based websites and discussion.

Each child will have their own user name and password and will be shown how to log on by their class teacher at school. Details of children's log on details will be

placed in children's home/school link books.

We expect the children to use the site responsibly and all comments left on discussion pages will be monitored by teachers. Unacceptable usage will result in the privilege being withdrawn.

This is still in the early stages of development but we hope you and your children will find this a useful addition to what is already being provided. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding Merlin.

## DIARY DATES

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January Year 2 assembly 9.15am
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January FoWS Sunday Lunch
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 4 assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 assembly 9.15am
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February FoWS disco
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February last day of term
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February half term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February children arrive back
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February parents' forum 2.30pm
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Open afternoon
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March parents' evening
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March parents' evening
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March Reception 'People who care for us' assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Year 1 assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 assembly 9.15am
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March End of term
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March FoWS Easter disco
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April Easter holiday
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April children arrive back