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Today I would like to take the opportunity to share some of the highlights of the last few weeks. It has been a really busy fortnight since the last newsletter, and there have been lots of exciting things to share. Please go onto the PTA facebook page where further pictures will be posted.



On Friday 24th, the whole school celebrated Chinese New Year. Here are pictures from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2's dragon dance. Year 3 and 4 worked together to write the story of the Willow Pattern, and then painted a Willow Pattern Plate – in a few weeks' time we will be publishing the first edition of a writing magazine, which will include highlights of children's writing – I hope you will enjoy reading their stories then.



On Monday 20th, Kate Cunningham came into Penguin Class for a workshop around the children's key book this term – Vlad and the Great Fire of London.



Reception children in Forest School today, loved wading in the brook and investigating what was in the stream.



For the first time ever, we have had a ‘famous-person-of-the-term-assembly’ (it is so new, we still are working on a catchy name for this. Owl Class presented Christopher Columbus to the rest of the school (see picture), Kiwi’s - Galileo, Penguins – Samuel Pepys, Robins – David Attenborough. All children really enjoyed researching and presenting the stories of these famous people.



Kiwi Class have started their Samba Percussion group every Tuesday. At the end of the 11 weeks they will be putting on a concert for parents.



Children have enjoyed artwork linked to their main topics and themes this half term. Nursery made animals in cages linked to their book Dear Zoo, Kiwi class have created hieroglyphics and Penguins have created watercolours of the Great Fire of London – they cannot wait for next week when they will be building their own house ready to create a mini-version of Pudding Lane (which will be burnt down in the last week!)



Finally – Young Voice children had the most incredible experience on Monday, performing with 6,000 other children and Tony Hadley at the NEC. Everyone who attended can confirm what a truly amazing show it was – it was fantastic to see the children’s pride in taking part in such an event.

PTA

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or items, which would be good for our raffles and tombolas, please bring them in to the office so we can start preparing for events this year.

- Last day of term non-uniform day
- Mother's Day Pop-up Shop – Friday 20th March
- Easter Bingo – Friday 3rd April

- **Summer**
- Father's Day Pop-up Shop – Friday 19th June
- Summer Fete – Saturday 27th June
- End of Term Party - Friday 17th July

DCF

We raised a fantastic £163.50 at the Nativity play in December selling teas, coffees and donated cakes. Every penny will be going to our link school in Uganda, providing an education to desperately poor children. Big thank you to everyone who helped (and bought!).

Headlice

There are a couple of reported cases of headlice in Nursery. Please could all children be checked this weekend. There is more information about treatment and tips at:-

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits

After School Clubs (3.15pm – 5.30pm latest)

Monday	Construction and Board Game club (3:15-4:30)	First Hour - £3 Then £3.80 per hour after that up to 5.30pm
Tuesday	Netball (3:15-4:15) Please note pick up time for end of netball is 4.15pm	
Wednesday	Computer Club (3:15-4:30)	
Thursday	Craft Club/Junk Modelling (3:15-4:30)	
Friday	Film Night (3:15-5:30)	£4 including snack and popcorn

Nursery Parents

You should all have received a "Parentpay Activation Letter". Parentpay is the system we use to log charges for trips, music lessons etc and your Nursery Fees will be added to this next week. Please could you look at activating your account. If you have any queries, please come and see Heather Rawden in the office who will be able to help you.

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday

Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday

Keyboard/flute lessons – every Tuesday.

Byfield School Dance Club – Wednesday after school

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day.

PE Days are:

Penguins – Tuesday

Owls – Monday

Kiwi – Monday and Thursday

Robins and Nursery – Wednesday

Celebration Assemblies – Friday

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – First Access Music Project starts for Kiwi Class – Samba/African Drums (week 4)

Friday 14th February – non uniform day for PTA

Friday 14th February – break up for half term 3.15pm (Film Night on as usual until 5.30pm)

Monday 24th February – school opens 8.45am (8am for Breakfast Club)

Friday 28th February – Class Photos/Group Photos

Wednesday 11th March – Cross Country Woodford Halse Primary Academy

Thursday 19th March – Health Checks School Nurse Years Reception and Year 6

Friday 20th March – Mothers Day Pop Up Shop

Friday 27th March – non uniform day for PTA (bring in an Easter Egg)

Friday 3rd April – Easter Bingo – after school