



# Dear Families

Dear Families,

Two important emails have been sent today, one regarding how we send emails (ironically!) and the other asking for feedback on how we report to parents since we have made changes this year.

Today has felt like a big move day as our two Y4 classes have been very busy moving all of their resources over. We are all very excited to have such beautiful spaces to move into. Following the half term, the main offices will also be open, Miss Hudson and Miss Nash will move into their new offices and I will be based in our new training/office space. They all look like very professional spaces. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm, GCC will inform you of the next phases of building works.

Next term the main office will back to its normal position in the school – please only use the central door for breakfast and after school club – thank you.

Next term the children will continue with their piece of learning, “Our Wonderful World, Our Wonderful Town” for four weeks. The last week will be RE week where the children will focus on leading questions from the Gloucestershire prescribed syllabus. We are really looking forward to delivering it this way, normally the children would have a weekly RE lesson. In blocking the subject out, it allows better for depth of learning and in some classes the opportunity to study two religions side by side where they more easily note similarities and differences. During this week the timetable is quite different:

KS1

Maths, phonics and 1 PE lesson – everything else is RE/Reading/Writing

KS2

Maths and 1 PE lesson – everything else is RE/Reading/Writing

Reception remains the same.

PE

**On the subject of PE** – Statutory PE lessons are one a week but the recommendation is for two lessons a week and this is what we endeavour to do for the vast majority of our yearly time-table. Some changes may be made during specific curriculum weeks and in the summer term there maybe more than two sessions – so over the course of a year it averages to 2 sessions a week. In reviewing our PE curriculum, we are planning for more inter-class competitions which again, will happen in the summer term. Swimming is a PE session.

This term has flown by with our children continuing to produce great work. I want to say a huge thank you for our teacher’s efforts in delivering our new CHALLENGE Curriculum. We have implemented nothing new

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in terms of the School improvement plan whilst the new curriculum is being initially implemented, although training in Behaviour and RE has happened. In terms 5/6 our focus will be on:

- Relationships and Behaviour – looking at routines and recognition boards
- Development and implementation of a new “Marking, Feedback and Feedforward Policy”
- Adaptive teaching - scaffolding and challenge in learning
- Training and upskilling in Autism, ADHD and Dyslexia
- Strengthening subject leaders

There is a scheduled strike for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, however talks are being held to strike a deal this week. I will keep you informed but it is going to be very last minute.

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful half term break, I hope the sun shines wherever you are. It is lovely seeing the first glimpses of spring.

Mrs Fletcher

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# School News

Winners indeed!

## Year Six Netball Club

This week, we played two more matches against Lakeside Primary and Rowanfield Junior School. The children who played in either match represented the school beautifully by not only playing so well as a team, but also in the respect they had on court for each other and their opposition. They won both games with the score against Lakeside being 14-1 and then against Rowanfield 27-0. Well done and thank you to: George Bamber, Louis Shotton, Arin Bansal, Reuben Nield, Will Hale, Isaac Jabbar, Isla Usher, Mabel Collard, Daisy Mason, Sofia Jallow-Rossiter, Emily Moriarty and Lilly-May Beer. We are looking forward to more matches next term.

- Naunton Park Preschool Playgroup is looking for **an experienced Play Leader or a Deputy Manager** to take that next step within their career to join us on a full-time basis: [PATA \(UK\) - Naunton Park Preschool Playgroup, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, GL53 7BT \(pataglos.org.uk\)](https://www.pataglos.org.uk/) If you are interested, please send your CV to [chair@nauntonpark.co.uk](mailto:chair@nauntonpark.co.uk)
- Naunton Park Preschool Playgroup is looking for an **additional member of staff to join on a full-time basis. We would be open to two part time members of staff joining us, so do get in touch if you are interested in part time work.** Ideally, we are looking for someone who has a recognised Level 2 or above Early Years Childcare Qualification, has high levels of energy and positivity to contribute to high quality childcare within the playgroup setting. For full details and job description, please [click here](#). If you are interested, please send your CV to [chair@nauntonpark.co.uk](mailto:chair@nauntonpark.co.uk)

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## **Y4 Big Move!**

The Team have been super busy getting the classrooms ready and they are almost there – they look beautiful and we couldn't be happier with them.



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## Year 4 Equipment

Children can bring a pencil case and water bottle at the start of term and leave them in class until Easter. We will wash the water bottles each week – if you wish them to home that is fine too!

As building works continue we are really short on space for hanging coats and bags and as I have previously said the corridors and halls look disorganised and overcrowded. To alleviate this we have invested in baskets, in the classroom, for each child's belongings. Can you please ensure your child has a soft tote bag or one of the soft-back packs as below, compromise always works! All they need to bring in them is their reading book and homework so they should be light to carry. Baskets are 35cms in length, 25 cm depth.

Thank you for your continued support this is all for the children and making their environment a beautiful and safe one.



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# Class News

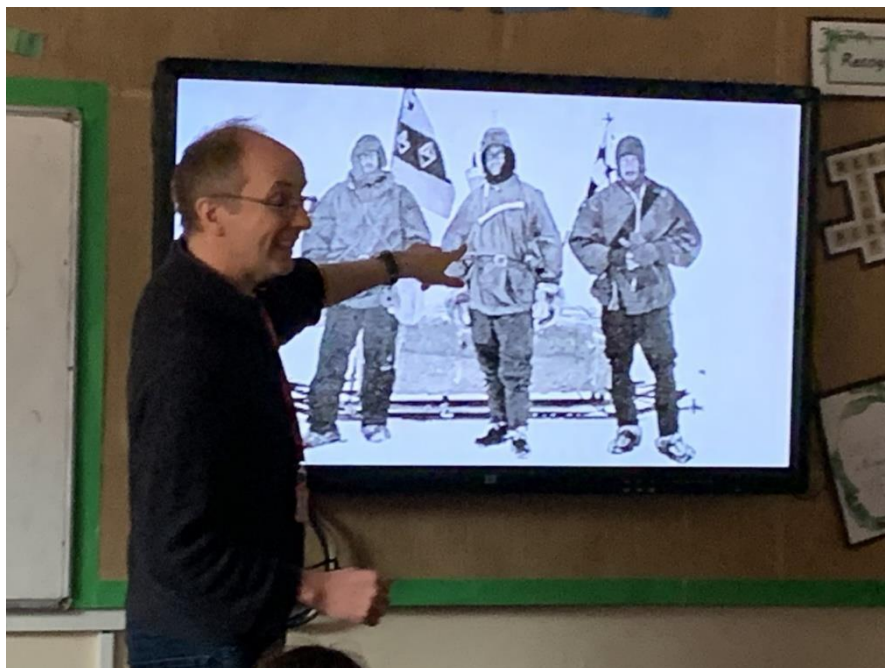
This is just awesome!

Year 6 have spent this term learning about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his Endurance expedition to the Antarctic.

Last week we were lucky enough to have a talk from Mr Blackler who also left us this amazing Victorian camera which he has cleverly turned into an immersive audio-visual presentation. The children took turns to have a go and were fascinated by the original footage.



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In Red Class, we have loved learning all about Australia....finding out about the animals that are native to there, about it's climate and how it is similar and different to the UK. One of our class members has recently been there too so that has really helped with our learning. We created our own Aboriginal pictures using cotton buds to very carefully create the dots and were very proud of our pictures.



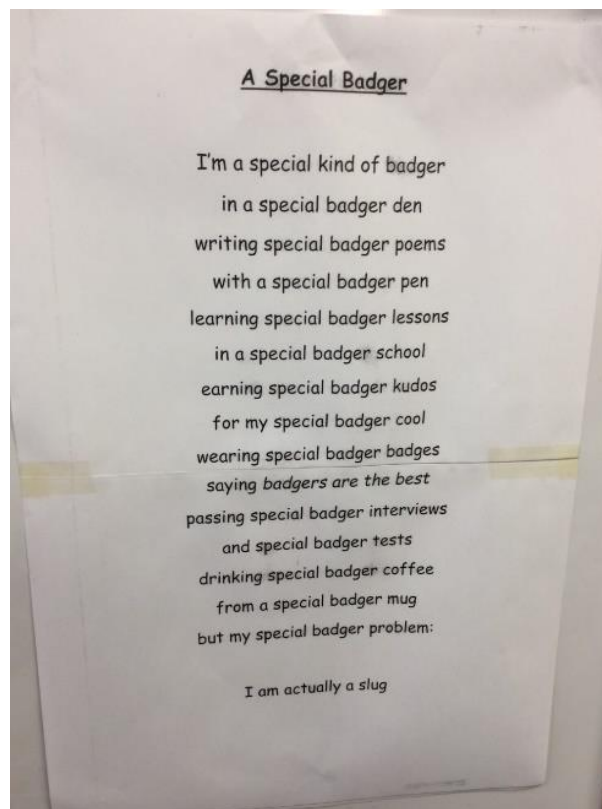
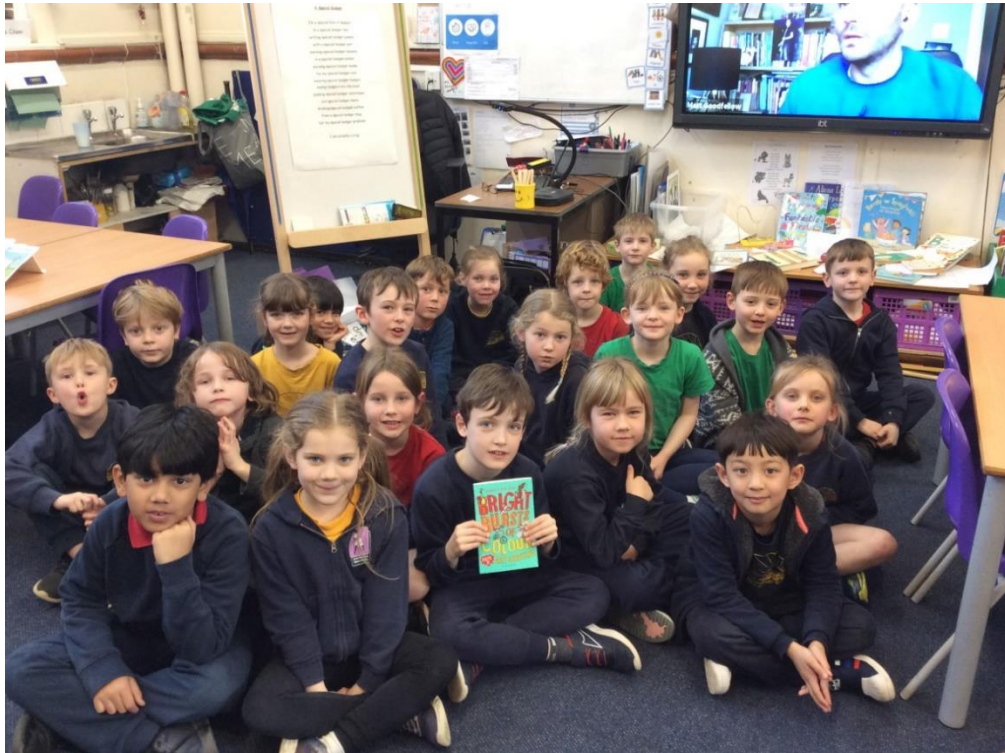
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In our most recent unit of English, Year 2 have been learning performance poetry. They have had great fun listening to a variety of poets such as Matt Goodfellow and Michael Rosen and discussing the different ways these poets perform their poems. Year 2 have especially enjoyed performing two of Matt Goodfellow's poems - "Dogs with human names" and "A Special Badger".

The highlight of this unit for Year 2, was performing their own poems from home ranging from Roald Dahl to our favourite Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen.

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This week, Orange Class have been looking at 3D shapes. We know a 3D shape is a solid shape. By making and building with these shapes, we have been finding out how they are similar and different.



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This week in Year 5 we made comic strips in the style of Marcia Williams, complete with poetic dialogue, to reflect the life cycle of a dragonfly.



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In Cherwell we are learning about seed dispersal. We made a model of a seed head using a balloon. We filled it with seeds and popped it with a pencil. It was like an exploding seed head. The seeds were dispersed much further than we imagined!

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We have learnt about coral bleaching in the reefs around Trinidad. William drew this sketch of staghorn coral which is under threat and dying because of pollution and global warming.

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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

## Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Resilience Persistence
R	Benjamin Chambers Georgie Roylance	Harry Ditchfield Jack Million
Y1	Arthur Galvin Olivia Thompson	Hebe de Keyser Hallie Pudrycki
Y2	Alice Graham Rupert Capener	David Fullerton Pujol Leo Amara
Y3	Stephanie Thompson Emmanuel River-Pates	Harrison Jones Vihaan Kalra
Y4	Jacob Pettit Jack Opperman	Ben Forey Zander Zasikawski
Y5	Florence South Lottie Fletcher	Will Hucker Sadie Butler
Y6	Harry Blackler Adam Rowe	Lexis Lewis Esther Maclannan

## Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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# Dates

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Potential strike action
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Naunton Park's World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Forest School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Living Rainforest trip
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' meeting about the school site with GCC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Forest School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wildlife Quiz
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Forest School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 trip to Wild Place Project
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y1 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Forest School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Celebration
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 swimming
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Forest School
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term (3:15pm finish as usual)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April-Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

**Term dates and events in the diary can be found here:** [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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