



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term, the children seem refreshed and ready to learn and have completed some great work already this week. The Key Stage 2 trip to the Natural History Museum in London was a wonderful experience for the children, and although I don't think anyone enjoyed the road delays there or back, the children were very excited about relaying their knowledge and understanding—the earthquake simulator was a highlight for a lot of children! Squirrels are also out and about next week, this time visiting Wimpole Hall farm to continue their learning about farms and animals and their habitats. I hope they have a great time, thank you to all the parents who are helping out on any of these excursions.

Next week is a busy week and there are a few activities to mention below:

**Monday and Tuesday:** parent consultations. Please make sure you have booked a session to see your child's teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to the teacher and to look through their books.

**Tuesday:** Squirrel class to Wimpole Hall

**Wednesday:** Rev. Alice will deliver an Ash Wednesday assembly to Fieldmice and Squirrel classes and Hedgehog and Badger classes will attend the Ash Wednesday service at 9.30 at St Nicholas' Church—more information will be circulated about this on Monday.

**Thursday:** World Book Day. We are all dressing up to celebrate World Book Day and there will be a Book savings Club book sale that same afternoon. It will take the usual format of savers buying books from 2.30pm then an open sale to all after school. Feel free to come and browse. We also have Angela O'Donnell, who is a local author, coming in on that day to share her books with Squirrel and Hedgehog classes.

**Friday:** PTFA film night—Secret Life of Pets. A great film and a great activity, make sure you book your children in!

Last half term I delivered a phonics and reading session for parents and this half term would like to deliver another one for parents about calculation and maths. This will include ways to help at home, the progression of calculation from Early Years to Year Six and ideas for future provision and projects we are aiming to be involved in.

Lastly, we would like to ask for your help. We have been looking at our outdoor area and have some great ideas and plans to develop it but we would appreciate some help and support. On the morning of Saturday 25th March from 10-12, staff are going to be onsite to develop the environment and we would like any volunteers to help us. Jobs such as constructing two new playhouses, painting fences, tidying up the school and creating mud kitchens and musical areas are planned—your help would be appreciated and I am sure we could put on some coffee and biscuits!

Thank you for your continued support,

Richard Brown





## Topic Overview 2016 – 2018

	Homes and habitats <i>Spring 2017</i>		Back in the day <i>Summer 2017</i>			
<b>Badger Class</b>	Habitats		Ancient Egypt		Natural resources – food, water	
<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	Living things and their habitats		Stone Age to Iron Age		Local history study Settlements	
<b>Squirrel Class</b>	Living things and habitats		Seaside holidays, changes in living memory		Victorians in the local area School geography	
	Time Detectives <i>Autumn 2017</i>		Materials that matter <i>Spring 2018</i>		Where in the world? <i>Summer 2018</i>	
<b>Badger Class</b>	World War II	Post WW2 Economic activity – trade links	Space – light, forces, Earth and Space	Properties and changes of materials	South America Rivers and Mountains	Mayans
<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	Anglo Saxons	Vikings	Space – light, forces and magnets	States of matter	European study Water cycle	Ancient Greece
<b>Squirrel Class</b>	Tudors and Stuarts	Great Fire of London	Space – seasonal changes	Materials and changes	Caribbean study Continents and oceans	Pirates of the Caribbean

### Coming up next half term:

#### **Class Trips**

**Tuesday 28th February**—Squirrel Class going to Wimpole Home Farm

#### **Class sharing assemblies**

Come and see what your children have been learning about this term in an assembly.

Have a cup of tea beforehand at 8.50 in the group room.

After the assembly you will have the opportunity to have a **Book Look**.

You will be able to go into your child's class and look through your child's book to see their progress.

**Squirrel class—14th March**

**Fieldmice class—21st March**

#### **World Book day and Book Savings Club Book Sale**

**Thursday 2nd March**—could children come dressed as a book character of their choice please.

Author Angela O'Donnell will be visiting Squirrel and Hedgehog classes with her sausage dog Fred, the star of her books. Signed books are available to buy—please see Parentmail sent out on 7th February for details.

**Spring production of Mystery at Magpie Manor**—led by Hedgehog class but supported by Squirrel and Badger classes **15th March 6pm**

**Easter Service**—Tuesday 28th March 2.15pm Little Wilbraham

**Spring Concert**—Wednesday 29th March 9.15am

**Close of term**—31st March



## Dates 2016 - 2017

### Spring Term 2017

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30 start

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February—Squirrel Class to Wimpole Farm**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March—Ash Wednesday Service in Great Wilbraham Church for KS2**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day—please dress as your favourite book character**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March—Author Angela O'Donnell visiting Squirrel & Hedgehog Classes

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March—Book Sale**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March—PTFA Film Night**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March—CUFC Healthy Eating Assembly**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March—Road Safety Assembly by PCSO Julie Hajredini**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 2 teams of Yr 5/6 to Quicksticks Hockey tournament

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March—Hedgehog Class Play—Mystery at Magpie Manor—6pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March—GenR8 Easter Assembly**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Governors Meeting

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March—School Tidy Up Day—volunteers needed for a variety of tasks around school**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March—CUFC 'Kick it out' Assembly**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service—2.15pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Concert—9.15 am

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Lunch

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March—School closes

### Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April—School opens

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April—National Offer Date for Primary places**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Balanceability sessions for Reception & Year 1

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Class & Group photos

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – team of Yr 5/6 to High Fives Netball tournament

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April—Locality Drop In**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day holiday

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Governors Meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 6 & Reception height & weight checks

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May—4 Year 5 pupils to Maths Challenge at Bot-tisham 4.30—6.00pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May—Dementia Friendly Week—whole school**

### assembly plus awareness session for Badger Class

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Census Day – all KS1 pupils offered a school meal

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May—School Tidy Up Day 2—volunteers needed for a variety of tasks around school**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sports Morning

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May—pm—Badger Class to Bill Tutte Maths event in Newmarket

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Badger Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

29<sup>th</sup> May—2<sup>nd</sup> June—Half Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Training day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School opens

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June—2 teams of Yr 5/6 to Quadkids athletics

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Week

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June—Badger Class to Dalham Hall Stud**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA Summer Fete (TBC)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June—Yr 3/4 to Youth Games

26<sup>th</sup> June – International Week

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Open Morning and Picnic Lunch

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Governors Meeting

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July—School closes

## Dates 2017 - 2018

### Autumn Term 2017

4<sup>th</sup> September—Staff Training Day—School Closed

5<sup>th</sup> September—School Opens

23<sup>rd</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> October—Half Term

30<sup>th</sup> October—Staff Training Day—School Closed

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December—School Closes

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December—Staff Training Day—School Closed

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December—Staff Training Day—School Closed

### Spring Term 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> January—School Opens

12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> February—Half Term

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March—School Closes

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April—School Opens

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May—May Day Holiday

28<sup>th</sup> May—1<sup>st</sup> June—Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June—Staff Training Day—School Closed (tbc)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July—School Closes