



23rd February 2024

### A Message from Miss Olver

I hope you all had a lovely half term—it has been really nice talking to the children this week about all the fun things they did.

As always, it has been a busy first week back at school with lots of fantastic learning going on.

It has been particularly exciting to start our new phonics programme in Years R-2, the children seem to be really enjoying reading the new books and using the new resources. I hope they are keen to share these with you at home over the weekend.

### Dates for your diary:

Tues 27th Feb and Wed 28th Feb—Parents Evening

Thurs 29th Feb—9am Phonics Meeting, Swimming for Y3/4 and FEMS Leap Day Event

Thurs 7th March—World Book Day

Fri 8th March 2.30pm—Mother's Day Service in Church

Sat 16th March 10am-4pm— 'Grounds Day'

Wed 20th March 3pm—Y5/6 Listen2Me Concert

Wed 27th March 9.30am—Easter Service in Church

Wed 27th March 3pm—Y3/4 Listen2Me Concert

Wed 27th March 3.45pm—FEMS Duck Race

### INSET Days:

Monday 15th April, Monday 22nd July, Tuesday 23rd July

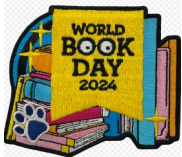
### Thank You!

Over half term, Mr Grier was incredibly busy pressure washing our outdoor areas. Everywhere is looking so much brighter and cleaner and it has been lovely to hear parents and children commenting on this—some even asked me about the "new" paths!

Beaver Tool Hire were very kind and lent us the pressure washer over the holidays free of charge, so a big thank you to them for this kind donation and to Mr Grier for his hard work on this.



### World Book Day—Thursday 7th March



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating this in school. If your child would like to, they can come in dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book in with them to share.

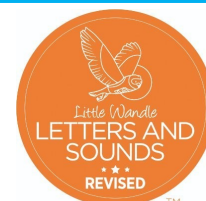
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## A Message from Mrs Perkins—Development of our Forest School

Mrs Perkins is currently working hard on her qualification to become our Forest School Leader and developing our Forest School area within the school grounds. To that end, she is trying to source the following things:

- mulch - to help bed in our new saplings which are arriving to be planted on the Grounds Day in March
- wood - long offcuts for den building or craftwork/ logs that we can dry out for firewood
- unwanted trowels/ rope/ string/gardening gloves/buckets etc
- old waterproof trousers (childrens)



If you can help or know of anyone who might be tidying their gardens as we move through the spring or any tree surgeons or people who might be able to help us out, please pass on their details or give them her contact email [stephaniep@eastmeonprimary.co.uk](mailto:stephaniep@eastmeonprimary.co.uk)

Later on in the summer term, she will be running a pilot program for 6 weeks consisting of an afternoon session each week. If you would be interested in supporting her as an additional adult, she would also love to hear from you.

## FEMS Leap Day Event—29th February



On Thursday 29th February, FEMS will be running a 'Leap Day' Event.

Children can wear their own clothes for the day and FEMS are asking for a £1 donation for this. During the day, the children will be doing a 'Leap' competition to see who can leap the furthest (a long jump style activity). At 3.30pm, there will be prize giving and a cake sale on the playground.

If you are able to donate any cakes for the cake sale, that would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped into the school office throughout the day.

If your child is doing an after-school club that day and they still want to purchase a cake, they can bring some money in with them and a member of staff will take them to the cake sale to choose an item. We hope to see lots of you there.

The FEMS duck race is also rapidly approaching—ducks are available for £2 per duck at the office for you to take home and decorate.



## Phonics Parent Meetings

Thank you to all of those parents who came to the phonics parents meetings on Tuesday. It was great to be able to share with so many of you information about our new phonics programme. The children have started working on the new scheme this week and there have been lots of positive comments about this already.

On Thursday 29th February, I will run one more phonics parent meeting from 9-9.45am for those of you who weren't able to attend this week. I hope to see more of you then.

## Attendance Policy—Parent/Carer Consultation

On Monday 26th February from 9-9.30am Anna Tebbutt (one of our parent governors) and myself will be holding a parent/carers consultation to discuss our new attendance policy. We want to find out parent/carers views about attendance and our new policy before it is taken to the full governing body for review. If you would like to be involved in this consultation, please can you send myself or the office an email to let us know.