

## Ubley C of E Primary School

### Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

#### **Diary Dates**

- 13<sup>th</sup> March – PTA AGM (all welcome)
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – Otter Class to Bath Abbey (packed lunch needed)
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service at Church 9.15am
- 29<sup>th</sup> April – Hedgehog & Squirrel class trip to the Community Farm, Chew Magna
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Years 3 & 4 Athletics at CVS (packed lunch needed)
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 strike & field at CVS (packed lunch needed)
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 sports at CVS (packed lunch needed)
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Bath Abbey (packed lunch needed)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day, morning time TBC
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Years 5 & 6 Quad kids at CVS (packed lunch needed)
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Years 5 & 6 to residential camp
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers' service 1.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July -End of term

#### **Library visit**

- 13<sup>th</sup> March
- 27<sup>th</sup> March
- 24<sup>th</sup> April

#### **A few reminders**

Please can parents not park in the bus bay outside of school at morning drop off before 8.45am, as on several occasions the busses have not been able to park in the bay. Thank you.

Please can you ensure your child has a coat each day and a water bottle.

#### **Breakfast and after school club**

It is essential that if you wish your child to go to breakfast and after school club you book via PH Sports booking system. PH sports have had several occasions where children have arrived but have not been booked.

<http://phsports.co.uk/online-bookings>

## PTA Events

### World Book Day - Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, on Thursday 7th March the children can come to school dressed up as a character from a book or as a word.

On Friday 8th March, in the afternoon the children will be having an active storytelling session with local author Nicola Skinner, followed by a nice cup of hot chocolate!!! There will be the opportunity to buy a signed copy of one of Nicola Skinner's books and further information about this will be sent out shortly.

After the storytelling session, there will be a second-hand book sale where the children can buy a good quality second-hand book of their choice (or several books) if they wish. The books are £1 each and payment can either be made in cash on the day, or please make payment in advance to: Ubley PTA Sort code: 60-05-22 Account number: 20082304 (please include your child's name as a reference). Any children getting the bus will have time to choose a book before home time.

### Message from PTA for Book Day event on the 8<sup>th</sup> March

Hi all, thanks so much for all of the book donations which we've had, this is really appreciated!!!

Just a little reminder that the author Nicola Skinner will be coming in to school on Friday 8th March to do a book workshop for the children for World Book Day.)

The workshop is going to be focussed on her book 'Bloom'. Nicola Skinner's books can be bought here: <https://harpercollins.co.uk/search?q=nicola+skinner> (as well as from other online bookshops).

If you wish to purchase one of her books online, your child can bring it to school on Friday 8th March and Nicola can sign it for them. Alternatively, on Friday 8th March Nicola will have a few copies of 'Bloom' for sale for £8 and 'Storm' for £7. If you wish to purchase these, please send your child in with the correct amount of cash.

Thank you

### PTA Movie Night

Wednesday 6th March 2024 Straight after school - pick up at 5.30pm £5 per child

We will be showing The Bad Guys and Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon

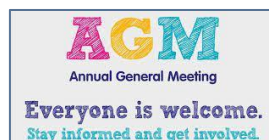
Please transfer money to PTA account S/c 60 05 22 Account 20082304 or cash to the school office in an envelope clearly named by Friday 1st March

Any children coming can bring onesies or PJs to school on the day to change after school. And don't forget a teddy! Any queries, please contact Robyn on 07736 464417 or Sara on 07977 253990 Popcorn & Drinks

Venue: Ubley school

### PTA AGM

The PTA will be holding their AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. The meeting will be on zoom, the link will be sent out nearer the time.



## Squirrel Class

Squirrel class have been learning about materials and their properties in science.



They have been doing some scientific enquiry about which materials are absorbent and which materials are non-absorbent.

They have also been testing how waterproof different materials are.



Squirrels have also been very busy in maths this week learning about the value of pounds and pence.

## Celebration Assemblies

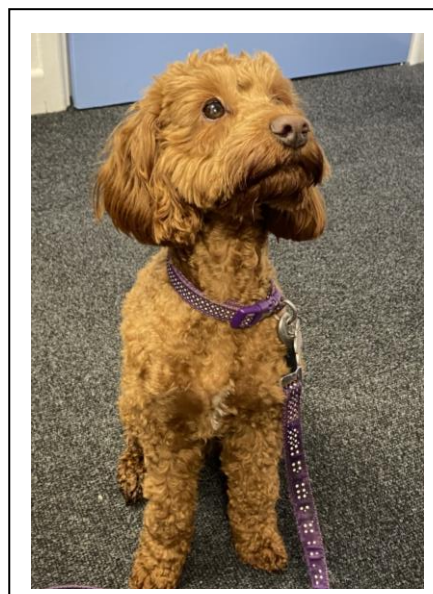
Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and awards this week.  
Congratulations to Mendip House for winning the most house points this week



## Meet Indie

We have been receiving visits from Indie, the cockerpoo, over the past few months. She is now officially a Pets As Therapy dog, please see the information attached. Indie will be in school all day on Wednesdays. The children and staff are already enjoying her visits.

If you have any questions you would like to ask, please contact the office.



## Valley Arts

**Easter Holiday Drama Club**

**Tue 9th & Wed 10th April 2024**

**Chew Magna Baptist Church, BS40 8SP**

**£48 (plus booking fee)**

Join us for a fun-filled Slapstick and Clowning Workshop, led by Stevie Thompson, Artistic Director of Flibbertigibbet Theatre.

This 2-day workshop is designed to help children aged 7-13 develop their physical storytelling skills and create their own comic characters. Over the course of the workshop, we will explore the art of clowning and slapstick comedy, and introduce the groups to the silent movie greats, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, exploring their inspirations taken from pantomime and Commedia Dell'Arte. Why are some things still funny? The group will learn how to use props and costumes to create hilarious routines as well as delving into the world of masks to discover how they can be used to tell stories and express emotions. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.

**Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business! Sign up today and let your child's creativity shine**

**[BOOK HERE](https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/holiday-youth-drama)**

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## World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. All children are invited to come in dressed as their **favourite character** or their **favourite word**. Please do not spend a lot of money buying a costume – we encourage homemade and pre-loved costumes.

We would kindly ask that all costumes are age appropriate and not scary. If your child comes dressed as a “word” please display the word as part of their costume. There are some examples above to give you some ideas.

Some pupils in Fox class are taking part in a football tournament at Chew Valley School in the morning and should come to school in PE kit. They can bring a change of clothes as we will be celebrating World Book Day in the afternoon, or stay in their PE kit and be the word “sporty” or “athletic”.

We are sending home the World Book Day vouchers this week so please look out for them in your child’s book bag. They are valid from 15<sup>th</sup> February (during half term) for children to choose a book from Waterstones, Tesco, WH Smiths etc. They can select a book for free from a range or £1 off any book.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together and seeing all the wonderful costumes.

Mrs Banks

English Lead

## Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice.

Please follow this link for the attendance policy

<https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf>

## Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 4	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>
Term 6	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024