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Spring Term

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Issue 3

Dear parents and carers,

My first half term at Ernesford Grange has been exciting! It has been great getting to know the children and I am getting to know more children's names every day (please see pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 to see some of the highlights of this half term to see what we have been doing).

Just a reminder that parent's evenings are on the **7th and 8th March** and will run from **4pm** until **7pm**. Teachers will display a poster on classroom doors during the first week after half term so you can book your appointment. If you are unable to book your appointment please phone or email the school office.

Thank you for your continued support with attendance, it has been a tricky two weeks with lots of coughs colds and sickness. However our whole school attendance for 2017 – 2018 is still above the national average at 96%.

We believe good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier.
- Improved performance in coursework tasks.
- Enhanced performance in examinations.
- Continuity of relationships and friendships.
- Good references for further education or employment.
- Good habits are formed for later life.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

Focus on Safeguarding

Ensuring the **safety** of the children in and around our school is of the utmost importance.

After writing about this in the previous newsletter, we are still having a number of complaints from local residents and other parents about people parking on the zig-zags and driving dangerously near the school entrance.

The local residents' and school's recycling was unable to be collected last **Thursday** due to illegal and irresponsible parking outside the school gates.



To ensure our children are **safe** and we can continue our positive relationships with the local residents, please do not park on the zig-zags nor the double yellow lines outside school.

Thank you for your support.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring 2018

| Day and Time | Before School 8:00am – 8:45am | Lunch Time 12:05pm – 1:10pm | After school 3:30pm – 4:30pm |
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| Monday | | Key Stage 1 Choir Key Stage 2 Choir | Key Stage 1 Dodgeball Key Stage 2 Dodgeball |
| Tuesday | | | Key Stage 2 Bollywood Dance |
| Wednesday | Key Stage 1 Gymnastics | Y5 and Y6 Girls and Boys Football Key Stage 2 Funky Dance | Key Stage 2 Football Y5 and Y6 Netball Y1, Y2 and Y3 Tennis |
| Thursday | Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Y4, Y5 and Y6 Tennis | Key Stage 1 Funky Dance Y3 and Y4 Girls and Boys Football | Band (5:00pm finish) Key Stage 1 Football |
| Friday | Key Stage 2 Cross Country | Key Stage 1 Callum's Fun Club | Y4, Y5 and Y6 Boot Camp Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Arts Mark |

In other news:

Indoor Athletics

A huge well done to the year 2 children who won the Coventry school's indoor athletics and competition at the Alan Higgs centre last Friday.



Girls football



Well done to the girls football team who are through to the Coventry Schools finals. They played four matches at a regional indoor tournament, winning three games and drawing one.

Boys Football



Well done to the boys football team who beat St John Vianney 4 – 1 last Friday.

World Book Day



Thursday March 1st is world book day. This year we will celebrate world book day by giving the children the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. Throughout the day children will be involved activities and competitions. To find out more visit: <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

School Book Fair

The school book fair was a big success, raising £600 for school. The money raised will be spent on books for the classrooms and the school library thank you for your continued support.

Key dates for the diary 2018 (further information to follow for events):

Spring Term

Friday 16th February School closes for half term
Friday 16th February Lost property in both halls 3:30pm

Wednesday 28th February *School nurse drop in sessions

Monday 26th February Fund Raising – Pirates week (EYFS)

Thursday 1st March World Book Day

Wednesday 7th March Parents Evening

Thursday 8th March Parents Evening

Thursday 8th March School debating team competition

Friday 16th March Comic Relief Day

Thursday 29th March School Easter Holidays Begin

Summer Term

Monday 16th April School closed to pupils Staff INSET day

Tuesday 17th April Children return to school

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday

Monday 14th - 18th May 2018 KS2 SATs week

28th May – 1st June Half Term

Monday 4th June School closed to pupils Staff INSET day

Wednesday 4th July Moving on Day

Wednesday 25th July School closes for summer holidays

***Please contact Miss Skelton for more information about school nurse sessions.**

*Dates for sports days and the Y6 ball will be in the next newsletter.

Next half term the children will be learning about:

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| Pre-school | Growing |
| Nursery | Life cycles |
| Reception | People who help us |
| Year 1 | Growing food |
| Year 2 | Fruit |
| Year 3 | Forces, magnets and Antarctica |
| Year 4 | Angry Earth |
| Year 5 | South America |
| Year 6 | Rivers and Mountains |

Please help us support your children by trying to find the time to read every day over half term. There are some great ideas on how to make reading fun on:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths/>



Focus on Learning at Ernesford Grange – Spring 1

The Nursery family sessions were a great success. I think the parents had fun. Thank you for attending.



As well as visiting the think tank museum, year 4 have had fun learning about volcanoes.



Year 2 have had fun learning about creatures that live in under the sea.





Focus on Learning at Ernesford Grange – Spring Term 1

The Reception family sessions were also a great success. Thank you for your support.



The little owls have been having fun... as always.



Year 1 invaded assembly as aliens on Wednesday!





Focus on Learning at Ernesford Grange – Spring Term 1

Year 3 have been learning about the human body...



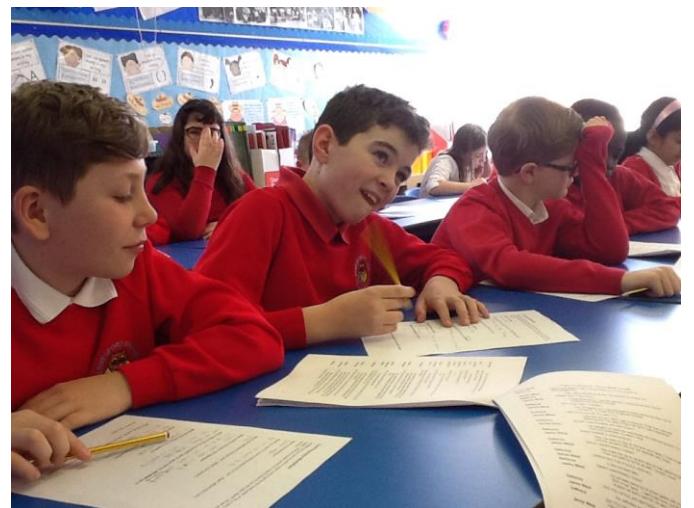
And have been making healthy sandwiches.



Year 5 have enjoyed making moving toys linked to their Tudors topic.



Year 6 had a visit from the magistrates...



The defendant was found... guilty!



Focus on Learning at Ernesford Grange – Spring Term 1

School Trips

Year 4 had brilliant time at the think tank museum on Monday 12th February. They were visited the lab where they got to make slime and had a fun exploring the museum and visiting the planetarium.



Let's not forget the year 6 residential visit to Dol-y-Moch!

