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Dates for your diary:

Half Term
15-19 February

Parents' Evening
8-9 March

End of Term
Thursday 1 April

Due to the current lockdown, there are no stars of the week or golden leaves as all the children are being amazing!



Message from Sarah Price

The children have shown great resilience during this lockdown but I am sure you, like me, are hoping for a return on the 8 March so that we can begin to get back to some sort of normality. The Government will make an announcement on 22 Feb so we will communicate after half term, once we know more.

On Tuesday, it was safer internet day and whilst we recognise the great benefits of being online, there are also risks and the Government have published some guidance which outlines resources to help keep children safe and where to go to receive support and advice. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Sadly, during the pandemic there has been an increase in scams and we have been asked to share some information which you will find on pg2.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

First Steps (Pre-school)

Hello everybody, we hope you are well. It's been a busy half term with lots of lovely things happening across First Steps. This week we have been looking at Chinese New Year which starts on the 12th Feb. We have also been talking about and exploring Lent and Ash Wednesday. Have a peaceful half term break and we will see you soon.



Darwin Class (Reception)

What a way to end our half-term and our Freezing topic! A load of snow and ice was just what we needed and everyone got to enjoy it, whether they were at home or at school! Apart from slightly chilly hands, we have gained so much from learning about the changes we have watched happening in the natural world over the last few weeks. Everyone in Darwin Class is looking forward to what will happen next in the new half-term. To each and every child, well done for your fantastic learning over the last 6 weeks - it has been a very different half-term to what we might have expected but you all deserve a pat on the back because you have managed amazing things!



Seacole (Years 1 and 2)

Over this half term, we have been focusing on geography in Theme lessons. We have learnt about the five oceans, seven continents, the country we live in, capital cities of the UK and landmarks. In the picture Elsa is having to guess where she is visiting and we had to describe the landmarks we could see in the picture. We have also discussed what a human and physical feature are and looked at maps to find them. Everyone in Seacole class, at home and in school, has worked extremely hard this term in these difficult circumstances. I hope that everyone has a restful and relaxing break over the half term.



Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

What a chilly week! We took advantage of the snow on Wednesday and had great fun making snow angels and throwing powdery snow at each other. This week, we have been finding equivalent fractions using bar models as well as planning and writing our own descriptive stories set in an abandoned place. We've also been continuing our experiment on the factors affecting growth in plants (head to the posts section in Teams for photos).



Drake Class (Years 5 and 6)

In Drake Class this week we have been capping off our topic on the Ancient Egyptians by writing a non-fiction text; creating some Death Masks; designing and making Canopic jars out of clay; presenting our ideas in Sway; and working on an online Collaboration Space project linking the children in school and at home together. The children have also been getting to grips in making their own guided reading Form – an online questionnaire form. They have also been tackling some really tricky maths problems linked to measurements and we have also completed the final yoga sessions which we have decided to continue daily next term as well!



STAY SCAM AWARE

Trading Standards is warning us all to beware of scams following reports that fraudsters are sending fake texts offering a Covid-19 vaccine.

Among the difficulties Covid-19 has brought into our lives, it has given rise to an increase in scams as fraudsters try to exploit our uncertainty.

In one Covid-related scam, fraudsters are sending text messages containing a link to what police call an “extremely convincing” fake NHS website.

The scam message reads ‘we have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine’ and prompts you to click on a link for further information or to ‘apply’ for the vaccine.

Once on the website you are asked to input your bank details to register for a vaccine. Remember, the NHS will never ask for payment details.

There are lots of other Covid-related scams too, such as:



Test and Trace scams – criminals contact potential victims claiming to be from the Test and Trace service but are really trying to get their personal information or trick them into handing over money.



Doorstep crime – there are many genuine groups assisting the most vulnerable, however, be alert for individuals who may take your money under the false pretence of helping.

Tips to help you stay safe

- If you get a text or email that asks you to click on a link or provide information such as your name or payment details, delete it.
- Never give out your bank/card details, PIN or passwords over the phone, online or on your doorstep.
- Don't ring the number a caller has given you to check it's genuine. Always look the number up for yourself.

What to do if you've been scammed

Report scams and get advice through Citizens Advice. Call **0808 223 1133** or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/what-to-do-if-youve-been-scammed/

Report the scam to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or at www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime

For more information visit www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/scams-rogue-traders-and-doorstep-crime/

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