

*Archdeacon Cambridge's*  
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**D**ear Parents and Friends,

As we await the arrival of spring we are also looking forward to Arts Week next week. We have a variety of activities planned promising an enjoyable week for all.

With World Book Day in mind I monitored Reading Diaries this week and was delighted to see the regular support for reading which is given by nearly all parents. Your time spent reading with your child is a real investment in their future and is a benefit throughout their time at primary school. Your shared reading might also give you ideas for characters for our Mufti Day next Friday.

Janet Foster  
Headteacher

## Beyond the School

### Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Cameroon west Africa. All Saints Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham is holding a service on Friday 5th March at 10.30pm to mark this event. Refreshments will be available after the service.

### Fun Numeracy Course

Family Learning is running a 5 week 'Fun Numeracy Course!'. Find out how your child is taught Numeracy in school and improve your own skills. Dates: 1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March and 29th March Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm at Trafalgar Junior School. FREE – Please call 020 8894 1606 to book your place. Places are limited!

### The Orange Tree Theatre Youth Theatre Groups

The Orange Tree Theatre currently runs four youth theatre groups with weekly theatre workshops in which children from 8 - 18 can learn and develop theatre skills. Classes are on Mondays (16 - 18 yr olds), Wednesdays (14 - 16 yr olds), Thursdays (12 - 14 yr olds) and Saturdays (8 - 11 yr olds). Each term the groups aim to do a presentation in the Theatre itself. Above all, the classes are good fun! Youth Theatre sessions take place in the Orange Tree's rehearsal rooms adjacent to the Theatre in what is known as the Bank Building. For more information or to join the waiting list please call Ruth on 020 8940 0141

### National Science and Engineering Week

National Science and Engineering Week runs from 12th – 21st March. This year's theme is 'Earth' in support of the International Year of Biodiversity. There is a range of exciting events on offer in London and the surrounding area. Please see [www.britishecienceassociation.org](http://www.britishecienceassociation.org) for further information.

### Disability Awareness

The London Borough of Richmond is running a one day course on Disability Awareness for Childminders, Play workers Nursery and Preschool Practitioners The course will take place on 8th March, 22nd May and 3rd July. To book contact Claire Grayson 020 8831 6152.

### Richmond Music Trust

Richmond Music Trust is holding a 'Hands On' taster event on Wednesday 10th March. This is an opportunity to for children aged 4 – 16 to try out a range of instruments to discover which instrument they would like to learn to play. You are invited to drop in between 4.00 – 6.00pm at Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham. For more information Richmond Music Trust 020 8538 3866 or [www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk](http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk)

### Nestle Box Tops

Thank you to all those parents who have already brought their Nestle Box tops in to school. The 'Free Books for Schools Campaign' ends in March. Please bring any remaining tokens into school. Thank you for your support.

### Infant Sustainable Project

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £44,000 following our application to Heathrow Community and Environment Large Awards.

The children in both Key Stages have been involved in creating a design for the area which includes raised timber planters with seating, trim trail play equipment, grass and log fencing, timber picket fences and a self contained sensory garden.

Our proposed environment will help children to make sense of the world and to understand the link between feelings and learning which we hope will stay with them into adulthood. They will also be learning about sustainability through food growing and biodiversity conservation. We are very excited about this opportunity to support children developing an early understanding of these issues which will help them to take responsibility for the way they live their lives in the future.

### Reminders

#### 'Skip to be fit for Haiti'

Thank you to all parents for their generous sponsorship of our 'Skip to be Fit' for Haiti. Please could you send in any outstanding sponsor money in as by Wednesday 3rd March. Prize winners will be announced once all the sponsor money has been received.

#### Parents' Writing information Evening

A reminder that this takes place on Thursday 4th March at 8.00pm.

#### Mufti Day

Children are asked to dress as their favourite book character on Friday 5th March in return for a book in good condition which they will donate to the school library.

## Arts Week

Arts Week runs from Monday **1st to Friday 5th March**. The week will include a focus on literature, drama and art. Poet and author of *The Monster That Ate the Universe*, *Why Otters Don't Wear Socks* and *The Secret Life of Pants* - **Roger Stevens** will be visiting Years 3-6 on Wednesday 3rd March. Illustrator Karin Littlewood will be visiting on Friday 5th March. Karin's work includes *Ellie and the Butterfly Kitten*, *The Colour of Home* and *The Dragon's Kite*. Both Karin and Rodger will be available on **after school (3.30pm-4.00pm) on the day of their visit** to talk about their work and sign copies of their books.

On Thursday 4th March children will be bringing home a £1 book token as part of World Book Day.

Artwork created during the week will be professionally mounted and displayed for sale at an Art Exhibition from **on Thursday 18th March from 3.15-4.30pm**.



## Junior Choir

As parents of children in Junior Choir are aware we will be attending our regional rehearsal for the Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival at Trafalgar School on Wednesday 3rd March. Ms Dallosso would like to remind parents of children in Junior choir to send in a 50p child with their child on this day to be donated to the Agape Orphanage in Sough Africa. Money should be handed in at the school office in a sealed marked envelope and will be taken by the choir to their rehearsal at Trafalgar School.

## Holy Trinity - Induction Service New Vicar

The Induction Service of the Rev'd Tim Garrett will take place on Monday 15th March at 7.30pm. The service will be followed by an opportunity to meet our new vicar whilst enjoying some refreshments.

## Eco Warriors Assembly

### Isaac Woodroffe-Seale and Lily Castleton (2GR) report:

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight which runs from 22nd February to 7th March, the Eco Warriors did an assembly on Fairtrade today. They did a play to show Fair Trade is for poor people because people work really hard and they only get 1p a day and we don't think that's fair. Our favourite actor was Tolu as he was funny and we liked the eco song as well. We are going to make sure that our mums will always buy Fairtrade when we go shopping. We can buy Fairtrade bananas, apples and chocolate.



## Enterprise Challenge Day

### Samuel English, Gregory Tucker and Georgia Baily report

'On Thursday 25th February 2010 six children from Year 6 (Gregory Tucker, Samuel English, Georgia Baily, Beth Hollins, Harry Kershaw and Tom Jackson) went to Waldegrave School to take part in an Enterprise Challenge.

We had to come up with an event that we could do at our school to raise money for SPORT RELIEF. Our idea was the Pyjama Olympics, we had to design a poster and do a presentation explaining our idea.

We calculated that overall we could raise over £2562 for Sports Relief. We received a certificate and trophy and were the overall runners up!

Well done to those who took part for their imaginative idea.

## Sports News

### Netball

#### Emma Waplington and Hollie Henderson (6D) report

On Wednesday 10th February the Netball team played a match against Stanley School. It was an exciting match and the final score was 8-6 to us! Everyone had fun and we all played well.



#### Maddy Read and Ella Clapham (6F) report:

On 24th February 'A' and 'B' netball teams from Archdeacon Cambridge's played St. John the Baptist. In the A team match we won 6-2 with both Lily Anderson and Maddy Read scoring two goals each. The B Team also won, scoring an incredible 14 goals to 2!

### Basketball

On 24th February Archdeacon Cambridge's played a round-robin Basketball tournament at Heathfield Primary School. In the first match they played a tight game winning all quarters with a final score of 18-14. They were unlucky in the second game losing 16-4.



Well done to all those taking part in our sports teams for their excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

## Praying Parents

Our regular prayer group for parents and carers will take place on Wednesday 3rd March and Wednesday 24th March, 9.00 - 9.30am in the Small Hall .

Pre-school children are welcome. Please contact Susan Stewart (AM, 2B & 5B) or Sam Millard (2GR & 6F) for further information.



## Governors' Maintenance Fund

Thank you to all those who have already made their contribution to the Maintenance Fund for this academic year. Letters to remind those who have not yet paid were sent out before half term.

This fund provides for essential work to the fabric of the school building. Please make payments as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## PTA News

Big 'Thank You's are due to Tina Hedge and all her volunteers for Rugby Parking this season also to Maria Woodroffe Seale and her helpers for a great effort on the food. Thanks are also due to Maddy Thomas for organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes Sale, to the Nursery and Reception Reps for their Book and Toy Sale, the Year 3 Reps for the Cake Sale and to all who helped out at and supported these events.

Also, don't forget the PTA webshop when you're shopping on the internet (at a whole range of companies such as Amazon, M&S and Play.com). You can find the webshop at [buy.at/ArchdeaconCambridgePTA](http://buy.at/ArchdeaconCambridgePTA) Every time you shop using its links you'll automatically earn money for the PTA! You don't pay anything extra, so please try to use it whenever you can. Funds raised from all of these help to pay for new books and classroom equipment and for many of the fun events our children have been / will be enjoying at school (e.g. circus skills, Arts Week). If you want to offer your services for future events or have ideas for new fund raisers, please talk to your Class Reps or contact Emma Craddock, the PTA Chair ([elcraddock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elcraddock@yahoo.co.uk); 07710 472864).

Tuesday 2 March	PTA Meeting
Friday 26 March	Cake Sale - Year 2