

# Parents Newsletter

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Welcome to the February newsletter. It is a short month in school and pretty cold but as usual the school is a hive of activity which keeps us all warm.

## India Week



The first word that comes to mind when describing the first theme week of 2018 is colourful. The whole staff worked together to provide a really broad range of experiences throughout the week. Beginning with a day of Indian dancing and storytelling on Monday, the children worked each day to craft a retelling of the story behind the Hindu festival of Holi, this year 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The outcomes were seen on display in the library by parents who visited our exhibition before half-term. There were 2 opportunities for food preparation and tasting, the children prepared



a range of dips for chapattis and also had a tea party.

Dolls, children and adults were dressed in

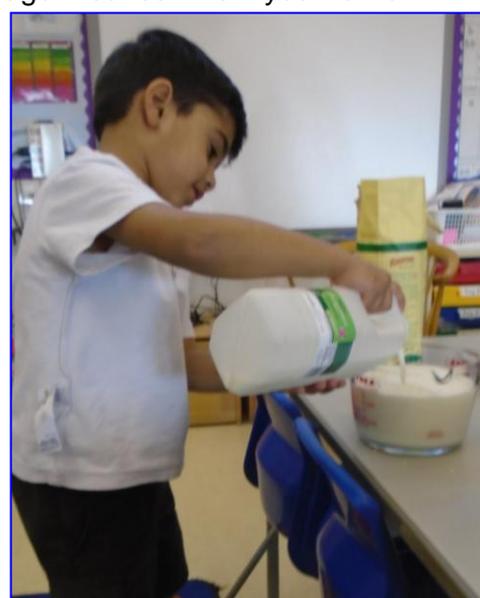
traditional costumes and the children acted out a Hindu wedding. The teaching of the geography of India was enhanced by the recall of teacher's personal experiences. Other activities addressed Art, design and technology, music and maths. Many parents have told the staff how much their children have enjoyed learning about the topic.

Our next theme week is 'Materials' w/b 19<sup>th</sup> March. The week begins with workshops from Science Oxford for which we are grateful for PTA funding.



Mrs Hayman's class celebrated Chinese New year with a dragon dance. Ask your child

where the dragon got his horns from! They also did some more cooking. This term they have been reading traditional tales. First they made bread in response to The Little Red Hen. Last week read the Magic



Porridge Pot and they made and ate porridge. Lots of it!

## Outdoor Learning

Mrs Hayman and Mrs Zychowicz lead every child in the school in a forest school session each week. Check out the updates on the school website.

The hot (warm) chocolate went down well on a freezing day at the end of February.



## Music

Year Two have moved from learning the recorder to the violin this term. Mrs Laughton will send the violins home to practice when the children have been taught how to take care of the instrument. They are also practising for their star performance at Wycombe Swan Energize in March.



**Speen CE School World book day** was 27<sup>th</sup> February. This year's competition for KS1 was reading aloud clearly from a favourite book. YR talked about theirs from memory. Winners were awarded a book which teachers selected from the Usborne book fair.

## PE and School sport

This half term we are continuing with Gymnastics and Karate. Games on Friday has moved on from basketball to running, fitness and tennis. Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the final Karate session for the year and Mr Wilson and the children will give a demonstration to parents at 9:15am.

**Sport relief** week is 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March. Further information coming later.

The PTA will be providing refreshments at the KS1 Cross country festival on Speen Playing field on **Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**. Come along to support our Year One and Year Two teams.

## Dates for the diary

March 7<sup>th</sup> Speen Pre-school visit Mrs Hayman's class.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Mothers special assembly dads and grandparents also welcome.

March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Energize for Y2 at Wycombe Swan

March 29<sup>th</sup> Easter Service in St. John's Church, Lacey Green. 9:15am Friends and families welcome. Please take the children directly to church and return them to school after the service.

Last day of term. School closes at 2:00pm.

April 16<sup>th</sup> 8:40am School opens for the Summer term.

## Governors

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Helen Davies has been appointed as a parent governor. The Governing Board are very grateful to her for volunteering and would be very pleased to receive expressions of interest for the remaining vacancy.

## After school clubs this half term

Monday	Relax kids 2:15pm and 3:00 - 4:15pm
Tuesday	French
Wednesday	Club Sport - Dance
Thursday	Premier Sport – Tennis
Friday	Eco Club

I teach every morning except Tuesdays. Should parents wish to speak to me then Tuesdays are usually a good day to pop in or parents can make an appointment for another time.

*Regards*  
*Denise Nayna*

