

TERM 3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022



Dear All,  
We find ourselves, somewhat abruptly (thanks to Storm Eunice), at the end of Term 3. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school. We had our second Learning Review Meetings of the year and it was a sheer joy to be able to talk with the children and families about their learning. Our door is always open if you would like to talk to us about your child's progress at school – just ask!

As I reflect on the last three terms, I am very proud of our school and everyone who is involved in making it a successful and positive place to be. We have broad and high expectations for all our children at PPSA. We now look towards the next half of the year with drive and passion to continue to offer engaging and memorable learning experiences for all.

If you would like to be part of our exciting journey (or know someone who might), we still have vacancies on our Academy Council, please contact us to find out more (no obligation).

As always, if there is anything you need us from please call us on 01278 684151 or drop us a line at [info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk](mailto:info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk)

Emma Barker

## WORLD BOOK DAY



Every child has been given a wooden spoon to decorate as their favourite book character during half term. Please can the spoons be brought into school along with the characters book on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We can't wait to see how creative the children can be!

## SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March the children will be doing a sponsored fitness circuit with GB Athlete Inline Skater, Rich Parker. The children had an assembly where they learned some of the exercises that they will be doing with Rich Parker on the day. The sponsorship will go towards vital funds for GB Athletes such as Rich. The children can also grab a prize for themselves with the amount of money that they personally raise. All children have been

given a letter and sponsorship booklet which you should find in their bags for more information. If you have any questions please drop an email to [info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk](mailto:info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk) during the half term, or pop into the office next term.

## LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

Thank you to all families who attended a Learning Review Meeting this week. It has been so rewarding for the children to be able to show you all their learning and how fantastic they are doing! It's also incredibly important for the teachers to be able to sit down with you all and discuss your child's progress. If you didn't manage to make one and would like to arrange meeting with your child's teacher, please let us know so that we can arrange something for after half term.

## READING CAFE

World Book Day (3<sup>rd</sup> March) will also see the relaunch of our Reading Café! For Term 4 we will be holding the Reading Café at the end of the day from 3pm. Come along and enjoy a book with your child to finish the school day off.

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

A gentle reminder that the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school are not to be parked on. Under Rule 243 of the Highway Code, yellow zigzag lines are put in place for safety reasons therefore parking on yellow zigzag lines is actually against the law.

## CELEBRATIONS

#HotChocFriday winners: Baylee, Nala, Louis and Alexa who got to celebrate with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> February as well as Maison, Tristan and Hector on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Due to the finish on a Thursday, we will do an extra Hot Choc Friday at the beginning of term 4.

Learning Champions: Leo, Dylan, Esme, Finnley, Arla, Ava G, Lou, Bradley, and Frankie.

## PEER MENTOR

We are incredibly proud of the year 5 pupils who applied to be Peer Mentors. Their role will include helping and supporting other pupils in the school. After an initial application and rigorous interview process we are delighted that five children have been selected to start their training in Term 4. Watch this space for more details.

## SMALL WORLD TOYS

We are on the look out for some small world toys that can be played with by children. If you are planning a big spring clean soon, please

keep us in mind. They can be dropped off into the office or handed to Mrs Jeffries.

## 2021- 22 TERM DATES

Term 3: Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4: Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022  
(Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July are INSET days)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

World Book Day

Reading Café 3pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Sponsored fitness circuit with Rich Parker

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Science Week



## RHS CERTIFICATE

Great news! Our Gardening Club has received their first RHS Gardening certificate. To achieve the certificate, the gardening club had to write up to 80 words about their future

gardening plans. As a reward alongside their certificate, they received a “The growing year calendar” so now they can track what they should be planting and harvesting throughout the year.



The Gardening club are on the look out for some compost and seeds for the school garden, can you help? If so, please let us know!

## SAFEGUARDING

Do you know what safeguarding is? It is protecting the health, well-being and human rights of individuals – children and adults, within our school. If you or your child ever want to talk to us, please speak to Emma Barker or Sally Jeffries who are happy to listen.

## ECO COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

As we head towards Spring we are presented with a great opportunity to teach children about becoming more environmentally friendly by simply getting outside and learning about nature. Teaching children to respect the environment around them plants seeds of interest and a desire to want to protect it.

So what can we do outside to teach children about the environment?

It's simple really - Just go outside. Whether it's the local park, woodlands, beach, farmland or just your garden. Get outside and let children play in the mud, build dens, make sandcastles or do some gardening (set them to work de-weeding!). Encourage them to talk about what they can see, smell and feel. The BEST thing about this time of year is that new buds on the trees and daffodils will be appearing. Being outside in the fresh air will also help to improve moods and relief stress.



## GARDEN CRAFTS

Why not build a bug house and talk about how important it is that every living thing (no matter how big or small!) has somewhere to live and feel safe. You can do some recycling at the same time by using a plastic bottle. Simple cut both ends off of the bottle (adult hands only!) and put lots of twigs, pine cones and tree bark in.



For more great garden crafting ideas, take a look at this website.

[www.redtedart.com/garden-crafts-challenge-get-crafty/](http://www.redtedart.com/garden-crafts-challenge-get-crafty/)

## TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Our eco-committee have conducted a survey in the school regarding how people travel to school, and will be conducting the survey again at the end of the school year to see if we, as a school community, can become more eco friendly in the way we travel. If you live in the village, how often do you walk to school? For

people that live outside of the village, would you consider parking at the other end of the village and walking to school? Or do you live near another family that you could car share with? Please let us know if you can think of any great ideas for becoming more eco-friendly in the way that we travel to school.

## PLANT BASED EATING

As Pancake day is on the horizon, we thought we would share a Vegan pancake recipe with you. Nutritious and tasty, it's a win!

### Ingredients

1 large ripe banana (around 150g)  
2 tbsp golden caster sugar  
¼ tsp fine salt  
2 tbsp vegetable oil, extra for cooking  
120g self-raising flour  
½ tsp baking powder  
150ml oat, almond or soya milk  
Syrup, sliced banana and berries, to serve (optional)

### Step 1

Mash the banana in a mixing bowl and stir in the sugar, salt and oil. Add the flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Make a well in the centre and gradually whisk in the milk. The batter should be a thick, droppable consistency.

### Step 2

Heat a little oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add 2 tbsp of the batter to make American-style pancakes. Fry on each side for 2-3 minutes