

NEWSLETTER

17th May 2019



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This week saw our Year 6 children take their SATs. The children were an absolute credit to themselves. They were calm, focused and most importantly, resilient. Almost all children came to the breakfast club before school, which they absolutely loved! Toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt and so much more was on offer – I must say the toast was extremely delicious! Thank you so much to all of our parent and staff volunteers for making the breakfast club happen and give our children the best start to the day for their tests. Year 6 now will focus on writing as we have until mid-June to make our final teacher assessments on their writing levels before we (reluctantly) prepare to say goodbye to them in July. It's all going too quickly! Mrs Cottrell

Magnificent mums to be!

The staff held a surprise baby shower after school on Friday for Mrs Bates and Mrs Agate as they are both heading off on maternity leave soon. Mrs Middleditch and Mrs Baldwin did an excellent job of planning and setting up the staff room with delicious cakes and beautiful decorations.

Mrs Bates will go on maternity leave after our inset day on Friday. We are very lucky that after half term we will have Miss Pullen teaching Van Gogh Class for the rest of the academic year.

Mrs Agate will go on maternity leave midway through Term 6. Miss Higdon, who has been covering Miss MacKenzie's absence, will be teaching Kandinsky Class to the end of the summer term.



Metrobank visit

Year 4 had an amazing time visiting Metrobank in Crawley town centre today. Find out what they got up to in next week's newsletter.

Wraparound Care update

This term, we have been meeting providers to discuss pricing and options for wraparound care going forward at Desmond Anderson. Whilst we haven't ruled out that there is an appetite for it, it is clear that parents have a very fixed budget for this provision which makes it more challenging to go ahead.

Our next step is to look closely at the feedback from the most recent survey and work with more potential providers to drive pricing down if we can. We are also looking at national schemes for support with breakfast clubs to see if we can get any sponsorship to help financially. We are planning to launch a new clubs programme in the Autumn Term also as the SLT recognise this is an area for improvement.

Whilst this may be disappointing for some that we have not come to a positive conclusion just yet, we feel it is important to explore every possible option to make the right decision for our families. This all takes a considerable amount of time and resource. We will update you again in Term 6 with our actions and next steps from there.

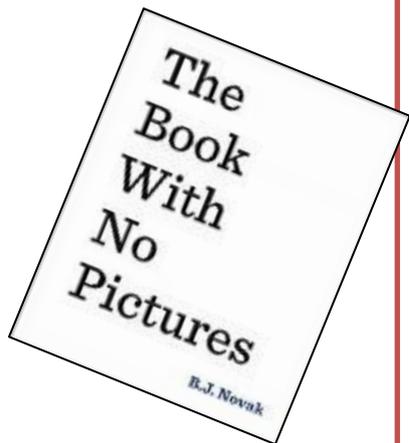
Safeguarding Leads

To help the Desmond Anderson community spot our Designated Safeguarding Leads, we now have bright yellow lanyards so we are easily spotted.



Mr Stepney's Book Corner

Issue 2



Welcome back to the book corner. I saw a slogan online the other day about reading vs being on your phone/tablet – “There’s no app to replace your lap” – and I couldn’t agree more!

It is really important for children to read books by themselves at home, but being read to can be just as beneficial – maybe even more so. The children love hearing books being read to them at school, even those who do not enjoy reading by themselves.

There is a book called *The Book with No Pictures* which I love reading out loud to pupils in both KS1 and in KS2. Give it a go! Whilst my book corner features KS1 type books this week, please don’t think that your older children wouldn’t enjoy being read to!

Which book do you love reading out loud? Let me know on Twitter - @Mr_Stepney or use the #proudtobeDAPA

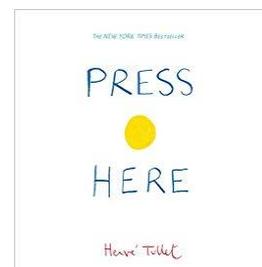
Book of the week

Recommended Age: KS1 (Best when shared with an adult) Can be enjoyed by all!

Press Here by Herve Tullet

This is another great one to share with children of all ages. When you press the yellow button on the page, amazing things happen!

Press Here has also been made into an app and into a card game!



ONE TO WATCH OUT FOR

The Pigeon HAS To Go To School! July 2nd

Mo Willems books are hilarious. Rough age guide: 5-6 years

Our Superstars of the week are...

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Klimt	Toby	Turner	Ada
Kandinsky	James	O'Keeffe	Lola-Rose
Van Gogh	Whole Class	Monet	Jacob
Cezanne	Samuel & Millie	Miro	Oliver
Matisse	Isabel	Dali	Evie-Summer
Mackintosh	Kashaf	Hockney	Alyssa
SSC1	Sayhaan	Escher	Ben
		SSC2	Sam

Dates for your Diary

May

Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 5 Camp meeting for parents – 6pm in the Small Hall
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day
Week beginning 27 th May	Half Term

June

Monday 3 rd June	Back to School
Week beginning 3 rd	Year 5 Lodge Hill Camp
Thursday 20 th	The Railway Children Theatre production
Thursday 13 th	KS2 Movie night - Rescheduled
Friday 14 th June	Nursery Photos
Tuesday 18 th June	MUFTI day – donations for the summer fair
Friday 21 st June	Summer Fair

July

Week beginning 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3 rd	Transition Day/Moving Up Day
Monday 8 th	Sports Day
Monday 8 th	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 9 th	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 11 th	Parents Evening
Friday 12 th	School Discos and Year 6 Barbeque
Tuesday 16	Year 1 Trip to Wilderness Wood
Friday 19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 th	Bartram's Picnic 12.15 – School closes at 1.30 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Inset Day

Key Stage Two Movie Night

This has been re-scheduled for Thursday 13th June, 3:30 – 5:30pm.
Please read the letter about this for more information.
It was sent out on ParentMail on the 15th May.