



**BABY NEWS! BABY NEWS! BABY NEWS!**

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Campbell and family well, following the birth two weeks ago of Harry William Campbell. All are tired but doing well!



**World Book Day**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Children can come dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas (to promote bedtime reading), to bring a book and/ or teddy.

**Come and join us on the day.**

You can drop in from 11.00-12.00pm to hear children read, or to read a story to your own child or a small group of children (or a whole class if you're feeling brave!) let your child's Classteacher or Mrs Hayton know if you can come along.

**Sports Relief**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Children can wear an item of red, something sporty or a sports club outfit, if they choose. Children will vote on three sports and can bring in a suggested £1 donation for the Sports relief charity.

**Class Assemblies:**  
9.00am in school, parents from each class are welcome

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Willow Class

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Oak Class

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Blossom Class

**Parents Evenings:**  
**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> April & Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April** (booking details to follow).

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

A celebration afternoon to finish the week, following the Queen's birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>, including a picnic in the park and some ice cream. Children can dress in red, white and blue for the day.



**Thinking about how children learn**

We recently asked children in Willow and Oak classes about how we help them learn and what they find tricky about learning.

Overwhelmingly, children feel we are helping them to learn. They say they know what to do each lesson and what the focus for each lesson is. Children feel that teachers use a range of questions to make them think hard, give them time to think about their answers and are often asked how they got their answers.

Children work extensively in groups and in pairs, as well as independently. They are also clear on what the marking and comments mean in their books. They also say the comments give them advice on how to improve their work.

92% of children say they know what they need to work on and how to succeed in doing so. 96% of children say teachers talk to them in lessons when they need help. 98% of children said they listen to their teachers and follow their advice

However 56% of children say they are frightened of getting answers wrong in front of other children, 47% in front of teachers. This is something we need to work on.



**READING**

If your child is in Blossom and Willow classes, we ask that you sign their 'planner' to confirm your child has finished each book they read. In this way we can keep track of children's reading habits and ensure they are reading regularly. If your child is a 'free-reader' in Oak class they need to simply keep their reading record up to date themselves, but this should still be brought to school each day.

If you have any questions about your child's books or their reading habits – just ask.

**On your child's class web page is a link to; 'Helping your child to read – a guide'.  
If you *can* hear your child read everyday – it makes a huge difference.**

**Mothers Day Lunch**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

If you have booked a Mother's Day lunch, please come into school for 11.50am and Mrs Hayton will seat you.  
No semolina will be served!

**Parent Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 3.00pm onwards**

(Drop in a little later if you need to)  
You can leave your children in Bobbins (no charge).

Following feedback to our Council Secretary, some parents would prefer this time to *during* the school day. We may in future alternate, day and 'after-school' meetings to try and accommodate all wishes. The meeting should last no more than an hour

**Dates for the school year 2016-17 are now available on our website under the 'Parents' tab.**



**Guidance for parents in the event not arriving to**  
**Collect their child at the end of the school day**

- Every now and again parents are unavoidably late for collecting children at the end of the school day. As we are small school we have some degree of flexibility in helping parents deal with this. However it has been some time since we last shared our school guidelines on our 'end of day child collection' procedures.

**Please ensure that the school has up-to-date telephone numbers to contact you in an emergency.**

- Lessons finish at 3.15pm for Blossom Class, 3.20pm for Willow and Oak Classes. However, children need time following this to collect their belongings and leave the building.
- If you are unexpectedly delayed and are unable to collect or will be late collecting your child from school, please contact the school as soon as you know you will be late, on 01535 632181.
- If you arrange for another adult to collect your child, you must let the school know the details of that person, either in writing or via telephone.
- If you are unable to arrange for another adult to collect your child that day, then the school will look after your child within Bobbins until 5.30pm. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of the after school club.
- Only where written consent has been given, children in Oak and Willow classes may walk home by themselves. No child in Blossom Class are allowed to walk home by themselves.

**If a parent does not arrive to collect their child at the end of the school day and the school has not been made aware of alternative arrangements, school will take the following steps:**

- The teacher will bring the child inside and ensure they are supervised.
- Children who have not been collected by 3.30pm Will be supervised in Bobbins, after school club.
- A member of staff will check with the office whether the parent has telephoned and left instructions or an estimated time of arrival.
- If no contact has been made by the parent, the office staff will attempt to contact the parent and the emergency contact by telephone.
- Where appropriate, a member of staff will sensitively ask the child whether there is a reason that could account for their parent being late.
- Where appropriate, a member of staff will ask the child if they have any additional contact information.
- School will continue to try and contact the parent and the emergency contact/s.
- If contact cannot be made with the parent or the emergency contact/s by 6 pm, school will contact Children's Social Care.
- In an emergency, school will contact the police.

**We will not allow your child to be taken home by another adult unless this has previously been arranged by the parent/carer and s/he has given permission.**