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Purple Post

Friday 12th February 2021

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

We have now come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term and I'd like to say a huge thank you and well done to all of you who have been working so hard to support your child's learning at home. Hopefully you have felt well supported by the range of measures we have put in place via the online platforms and weekly phone calls.

Thanks also to those of you who filled in our questionnaire - we have already acted on some of your suggestions - much appreciated. Please see below for the prize awarded for completing this.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Essential Information – Covid:

Important guidance that you must follow if your child tests positive for Covid over the holiday. You **must** contact the office by phone/email immediately if your child shows symptoms on these dates which then result in a positive test:

Friday 12th February

Saturday 13th February

Sunday 14th February

This is to ensure we can use our contact tracing procedures in order to notify staff and other pupils to self-isolate where necessary. Thank you.

Honours Awards Spring 1

For children learning at home

Rod Campbell - Nina
Sue Hendra - Elsie-Rae
Julia Donaldson - Zain
Mini Grey - Lottie
Eric Carle - Isabela
Oliver Jeffers- Hekima
Valerie Thomas - Lily-Mae
Roald Dahl - Kendell-Remi
Roger Hargreaves - Lottie
Shaun Tan - Alana
Ross Montgomery - Ashley
Charlie Mackesy - Shane
JK Rowling - Olivia
Gill Lewis - Olawale
Anthony Browne - Skye

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Honours Awards Spring 1

For children in the academy

Rod Campbell - Matilda
Sue Hendra - Harrison
Julia Donaldson - Livia
Mini Grey - Alexander
Eric Carle - Leyan
Oliver Jeffers- Avnee
Valerie Thomas - Rhea
Roald Dahl - Jagoda
Roger Hargreaves- Preston
Shaun Tan - Summer-Blossom
Ross Montgomery - Chanel
Charlie Mackesy - Nour
JK Rowling - Daniel
Gill Lewis - Aleksandra
Anthony Browne - Adam

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Forest Foxes Logo

Competition

Before Christmas a group of children entered a competition to design a logo for the Forest Foxes. We are pleased to let you know that one of our pupil's designs has been chosen as the winning entry. See the picture above for the computerised version of the entry. We hope to celebrate this with the child when they return after lockdown.



Party time!

What could be better than putting on your sparkles and glamping up for a fantastic local celebration with a magician, singers and all sorts of party fun? Please see the Spark Art flyer below for what promises to be a fantastic event for free! Extra, additional sessions have been added so book now to reserve your place!

TTRS Battle of the Bands

The results are in from the latest Battle of the Bands.

Congratulations to the winning class from each year group that are marked with a trophy. The overall winner is Roger Hargreaves class – Well Done!

18TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY	Roger Hargreaves	1599	Roald Dahl	1213
18TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY	Oliver Jeffers	209	Valerie Thomas	74
18TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY	Charlie Mackesy	461	JK Rowling	386
18TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY	Gill Lewis	268	Anthony Browne	147
18TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY	Shaun Tan	1300	Ross Montgomery	1243

Rhythm Circle Digital Games Project

Would you like to take part in a musical games trial? The Rhythm Circle Digital Games project is a collaboration between musicians, digital consultants, SEN specialists and arts organisations. It aims to create online musical games with a focus on making them friendly for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

To take part in the trials:

- 1) go to <https://www.rhythmcircle.co.uk/Games>
 - 2) watch the video explainers to learn about the musical elements in these games via the 'Resource' buttons
 - 3) play the games
 - 4) send feedback via an online form <https://forms.gle/G78zYBJrhfPx1odWA> or send an email to rhythmcircle@yahoo.com
- Games include Musical Sudoku, Dynamic Dots, Run Faster and more.
- All games are currently being trialled until 7 May 2021.

Half Term Family Festival Fun!



Saturday 13 to Saturday 20 February

The Spark Festival is coming to bring a splash of cultural sunshine over half term, with a blend of LIVE and on demand performances and events for children and their families to enjoy.

Check out the full programme of interactive digital adventures, sofa acrobatics, gripping audio dramas and shows on demand to watch at whatever time suits you!

Find out more and book your tickets at

sparkfestival.co.uk

All events are free or pay what you can

Half term is about to get a whole lot more FUN

Congratulations and Good Luck!

We would like to wish Mrs Wyglendacz the best of luck as she starts her maternity leave after half term- we'll keep you updated on a new arrival soon! Try to have a good rest Mrs Wyglendacz with love and best wishes from us all.

Super Prize!

This lovely box of goodies was the prize awarded following the Parental Questionnaire filled in online 2 weeks ago. Congratulations again to the Moreton-Toop family who will really enjoy getting creative with this range of activity packs and stationery.



Tiny Forest Reminder

If your child is currently attending school, please be reminded to return the photography consent form for Earthwatch and the City Council.

Gates Reminder

Please be reminded that due to the restrictions around Covid and our Operations Procedure/Risk Assessments, we are unable to allow late arrivals in school. The gates are open from 8.45am until 9.05am for entrance to the Academy.



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

Dust off your favourite outfit, put on the sparkles, find the bow tie, iron the tuxedo (or your pyjamas) and definitely get out the glitter... you **SHALL** go to the ball!

In the spirit of the film **The Greatest Showman** and created with Braunstone Sparkle Families, The Spark festival brings you an hour of **magic, singing, quizzes, tricks** and **prizes**.

It wouldn't be a party without a **party bag**... so look out for your surprise in the post but you **must book by Monday 15th February to receive it!**

let's face it, we could
all do with a party

Book online now at thesparkarts.co.uk/festivalparty

Hosted by:
SINGER
Natalie
Nightingale

and
international
MAGICIAN
David Deanie

Booking is
essential and is
for the Braunstone
Community only

Make sure
you tell your
neighbour!
(at a safe distance
of course)

the **spark**
festival

There's lots more fantastic Festival fun happening online over half term. And with all events being free or pay-what-you-can, the only problem is fitting everything in!

Check out the full programme
and book your tickets at sparkfestival.co.uk



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