



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Desire to Learn

Message from Mrs Minter

As this half term comes to an end, I would just like to express my sincere thanks to the staff for all their hard work. Thank you too, to the children and to you for all your on-going support. I hope you all have a relaxing half-term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 26 February.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those that joined us for Parent Consultations. If you were unable to make your appointment, please do speak with your child's Class Teacher so a meeting can be set up - these consultations are a vital link between school and home ensuring we are working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children.

Policy Updates

Please note that the following two policies were ratified by Governors at our recent Standards Committee Meeting:

- Curriculum Policy for Science
- Curriculum Policy for PE & Physical Activity

You are now able to view these from the policies page of our website.



There are still spaces available at the Gymnastics and Dance Clubs on Thursdays and Fridays.

[Book Your Place](#)

Diary Dates

HALF TERM – 19-23 FEBRUARY

- Monday 26th - Children return to school
- Tuesday 27th - AM Fire Engine Visit for Nursery
- 7.00pm – PTA Meeting – all welcome
- Wednesday 28th - 12.00 - School Council Meeting
- 3.30-5.00pm – PTA EYFS Event (sold out)
- Thurs 1st March - BOOK DAY
Pyjama theme - **Dress Up Day**



PARENT PARTNERSHIP TEAM

The Parent Partnership Team met on Friday 9th February, where a full agenda was discussed. We are thrilled to have such a diverse group of parents on the team, and value all the opinions and suggestions of our members. To see the minutes from the last meeting, please do click on the website link.

<http://www.streetsbrook.co.uk/parents/partnership1.html>



We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the response we have had over the past few weeks

from parents who have said that they are willing to talk to the children about their careers and even provide them with workplace encounters.

Mrs Smith will be in touch with each parent during the first week back after half-term to arrange a convenient time and date for these encounters to take place, during the Spring and Summer terms.

We are extremely grateful for your support with this new initiative and look forward to embedding the Life Ready initiative into the curriculum. If you would still like to support us, and have not yet contacted Mrs Smith, please do! **THANK YOU**



UPDATE - ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

I am writing to remind you of the school procedures for children who have unexplained absences from school.

There have been public cases in the past where schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are off of school. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, e.g. illness of a parent and a child unable to seek help. We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as I am sure you would agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 0121 744 5245, you are able to report an absence by pressing option 1. Please do this before 9.15am on the first day of the absence. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit. However if still haven't been able to get a response then we will report it to the police as your child will then be classed a 'missing child'.

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school. If you would like to talk to me about this please make an appointment to see me.

YEAR 2

To conclude our topic of Making A Difference, we really did make a difference to our school by going on a Litter Pick. We went all around the school grounds, from the playground and front nature reserve to the back field and were amazed (and saddened) at the amount of litter we found. The children loved being part of a team that truly played a part in making our school grounds a cleaner and more environmentally friendly place.



We wish you all a peaceful, relaxing and fun half term. When we get back, both classes from the first Monday will be learning the recorder in Music, so please ensure your children come to school with them on the first day.



NURSERY UPDATE



We have had a very busy end to the half term in Nursery. This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year by recreating the story of the advent animals, matching money quantities and trying some delicious Chinese food. We have also learned all about 'Pancake Day' and got to make our own batter.

The children LOVED Valentines day and making cards for their favourite people. Best of all, to conclude our topic 'Heroes', we met real-life Firefighter Mr Giffin! He is one of our fantastic parents from morning Nursery, who volunteered to pay us a visit and tell the children all about his amazing job. We would like to thank him for his time - the children thoroughly enjoyed it!



After half-term, we will revisit this topic thanks to the local fire service team who are paying us a visit on the morning of 27 February! We wish all our families a happy, healthy and safe half term break, and we look forward to seeing your snapshots!



Streetsbrook Childcare

What a wonderful week Rockets have had! We have enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday by having yummy pancakes at snack and on Friday we had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year where we performed some brilliant dancing like the Chinese Dragon and we even found out what animal we are on the Chinese calendar. Little Stars helped to make play dough for our pancake kitchen where the children added the ingredients and mixed it up. We also celebrated Chinese New Year by making Chinese Lanterns.



RECEPTION

As our topic 'Out of this world' comes to a close we can truly say we have taken our learning and imaginations to infinity and beyond! This week we have been using the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' to support our learning. This book tells the story of a gang of mischievous aliens on a visit to earth, travelling not to visit the 'earthlings', but simply to steal their underpants! The children have enjoyed using describing words to write about the underpants that featured in the book. We also continued the theme of aliens within our Art lesson and had a go at sketching our very own alien! Within Maths the children have been telling the time to 'O'clock'. We would be grateful if the children had regular opportunities to tell the time in their home environment to O'clock using an analogue clock.



Sadly, due to technical difficulties we were unable to connect with the Royal Greenwich Observatory for our Skype session but our thanks go to Dr Dhara Patel who has taken the time to email her response to the children's questions. We hope you have a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support. Our next topic is called 'Stones and Bones' and will have a strong history focus including dinosaurs and early humans. As always we would be happy for your child to share any linked books, experiences or artefacts. Please remember to name these.

YEAR 1

This week, the children have had a fun packed week of D&T. They have designed and made their very own fabric face using a range of materials and joining techniques. The children then discussed the strengths and areas for developments with their fabric face. All of the children have tried particularly hard with learning how to do a running stitch!



Within Maths, the children have continued to learn about time. They have focused on sequencing the days of the week correctly. We used the following days of the week song to support the teaching of this;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtQcnZ2JWsY>

We have also discussed the sequencing of the months of the year, where we have encouraged the children to think about seasons or events that they associate with each month. With our Mother's Day Assembly fast approaching, please could we ask that you help your child to learn the lines that we have sent home during the holiday. In preparation for a circle-time activity, after half-term, please could we ask that you send into school a **family photograph** that your child will be able to talk about. We will return the photographs at the very latest by Friday 9th March. Please could you ensure that the photograph has your child's name written on the back to support us. We hope you have a wonderful holiday!