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Keeping Our Children Safe

On Thursday I attended the Safeguarding Conference organised by the Cambridgeshire Education Safeguarding Team. This is always a very interesting event as experts in their field bring us up to date with all the latest research and developments. However, it can also be worrying as it really highlights how, in our fast changing world, we seem to be constantly battling to keep our children safe. The presentation from The Internet Watch Foundation focused on the dangers we face from Artificial Intelligence. This was very concerning as criminals are already using readily available technology to digitally alter images of children which they harvest from social media. One's initial reaction is to ban all devices and access to the internet to ensure our children are safe. Of course, this is not practicable as we have to accept that technology is already an integral part of all our lives and will be increasingly so for our children. Our job, as educators and parents, is to ensure that children's use of social media is monitored closely and limited with strict boundaries. It has never been more important to talk to your child about how they can keep themselves safe online and to ensure that you are fully up to date. I will be sending out an attachment in a separate parent mail on the meaning of emojis. These seemingly innocent pictures have many double meanings which can be used in messages to bully and intimidate others and are used extensively by County Lines for the distribution and sale of drugs. I hope you will find this useful when monitoring your children's social media accounts.

Best wishes

Mrs Howell



Big Walk and Wheel Challenge—Week 2

Just a quick reminder that we will still be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge next week. We hope you have been taking advantage of the beautiful Spring weather to leave the car at home and enjoy an active journey to school. Even if you have to dash off to work you can take part by parking a short distance away from the school and completing the last part on foot. Every walk, skip, scooter or bicycle journey we make not only helps to keep us physically healthy but also improves our mental health and wellbeing and gets us ready for the day ahead.

Celebrating Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

This week Year 2 were transported back in time to 1854 where they found themselves in the middle of the Crimean War. Visiting Scutari Hospital they joined 'the Lady with the lamp', Florence Nightingale, in her mission to treat many of the injured and sick casualties. Having made their own authentic lamps, the children set to making medicines and caring for the wounded soldiers, providing clean and hygienic wards, learning basic First Aid and bandaging techniques. The children also learnt about Mary Seacole, another inspirational woman pioneer in the field of medicine and health care. She was a contemporary of Florence Nightingale who did amazing work caring for the injured soldiers on the front line in the Crimean War. Everyone had a great time in their role-play, learning many new facts and developing a better understanding of the important role Florence Nightingale played in developing the country's health service and the modern standards of nursing we have come to expect today.

Tag Rugby

A huge well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 children who played in the Tag Rugby tournament this week. The team had a fantastic time at the competition which was organised by South Cambs School Sports Partnership at Shelford Rugby Club. The children were very competitive winning three of their matches. Across the morning, Mr Yates reports that the children displayed excellent teamwork and played with great enthusiasm and energy. We are very proud of the children and they should be very proud of their achievements.



Ask your Reception child to describe their favourite dinosaur.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the animals that live in Kenya.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they discovered about Florence Nightingale during their WOW Day.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how humans pollute the planet.

Ask your Year 4 child to name the four highest mountains in Great Britain.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the connection between air resistance and parachutes.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to estimate and calculate the area of a triangle.

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Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day, it was a huge success and a very enjoyable day. Thanks to your generosity, I am delighted to announce that we raised an enormous

£770.88

This money will go help the Red Nose charity to carry on helping so many people who are finding life very difficult at the moment. As ever, a huge thank you to Amy and Chloe from FOMP who organised the red noses and the bucket collection for us and once again a big thank you to you all for taking part.

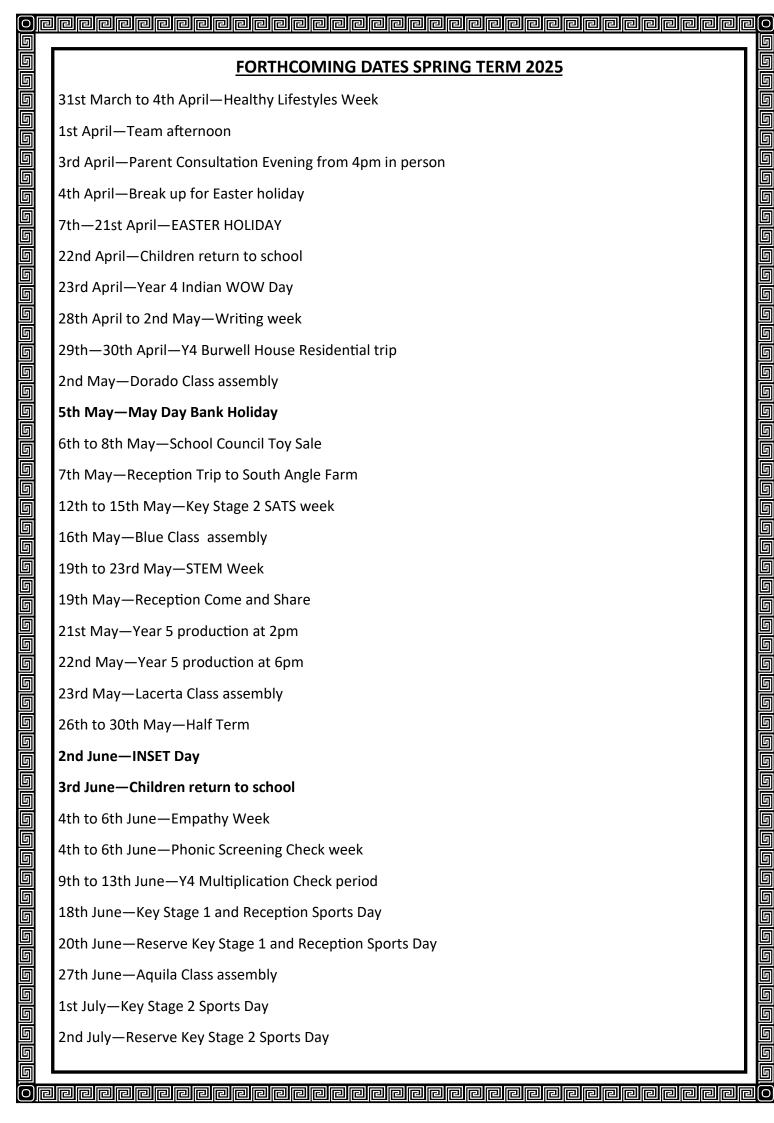
Mothers & Others Crafternoon Tea MARCH 29 1-3 PM Cambourne Church

If you are wondering how to celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, why not drop into the Mothers and Others Crafternoon Tea which FOMP are holding at Cambourne Church on Saturday? There will be a delicious cream tea and lots of exciting craft activities on offer. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £2.50 for children.



DON'T FORGET BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Make sure you have an early night on Saturday as British Summer Time begins at 1am on Sunday 30th March. This means the clocks will move forward by one hour to allow us to make the most of the longer daylight hours. Don't forget to change your clocks and watches as I would hate you all to be late for school on Monday!





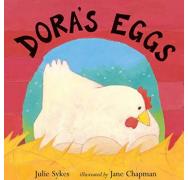


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To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Baby Animals

This week, we have been reading the story of 'Dora's Eggs' and talking about some of the baby animals that are born in Spring. I wonder if any of the children can remember the new words we have been learning (chick, duckling, lamb, piglet, puppy, calf, tadpole)?



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After the story, we made some nest cakes using a recipe card to see how much of each ingredient we needed. We then watched the chocolate melting in the microwave and stirred in rice crispies. We used mini eggs and a chick to decorate the top of our cakes. They were delicious! We have also enjoyed singing 'Old Mac-Donald Had a Farm' but using baby animal names instead of the usual words!

Song Time

During this term the children have been busy learning new songs related to our learning themes. We would love to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Friday 3rd April at 2.30 pm. If your child does not normally attend Pre-School at this time, you are very welcome to bring them along for this event.

Eid Al-Fitr

We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating over the next few days! Please send in photos of your celebrations to help support our learning about Eid next week.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

(Pre-School Manager)