

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Newsletter 8**

Dear Parents,



I do hope your explorers have recovered from their Arctic expedition last week! Having built an igloo (please feel free to admire the product of their collaborative and building skills in the EYFS area), performed a traditional Inuit song and dance and prepared and cooked their healthy and warming vegetable soup I can only imagine they were shattered and ready for a quiet relaxing weekend! **'The Big Freeze'** Marvellous Middle was a great success and I would like to thank the teachers, who continue to go above and beyond to make the learning as engaging and creative as possible for the children, the adults who supported us and the children for their boundless energy and enthusiasm.

**Tesco Grant update.**

Having been awarded the maximum amount of £12,000 towards the development of our outdoor area we are now planning exactly how we can improve our outdoor area. Mrs Moon is working with Mrs Martin and the school Council to finalise the details and we are hoping to see the ideas come to fruition in the Easter holidays. This is a prime example of how schools are looking to improve and develop their provision without being reliant on ever dwindling budgets. If there are any parents who know of any similar funding sources or work for a company that will support any of our improvement ideas please let us know.



This week sees the start of British Science Week which focuses on the theme of **'Change'** this year. Mrs Denyssen, our Science Leader, has worked with the staff to organise a range of inspiring science activities for our children through the week and we will be welcoming **Surrey Active Science** into school on Thursday to work with our infant children; another shining example of hands-on creative learning.

<http://www.surreyactivescience.co.uk/>



**Easter Celebrations.**

This year we will be holding our Easter Service in our school hall as the Church is undergoing building works for a few weeks. Please feel free to join us 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Children will return to their classrooms after the service but will then be free to be collected immediately afterwards from 2.45 p.m.

We will finish our term with an **Easter Bonnet parade** in the school on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15a.m.** followed by a procession into the village at 10.00 a.m. with as many parents as possible accompanying us along the way. Please can you let us know if you are able to help with this?

**Start and end of Day.**

For some time now I have highlighted the importance of a prompt and calm start to the school day, explaining that children who arrive at school on time and line up calmly are settled and will learn more and have a more successful and positive day. We have also asked for your support making sure that children do not climb onto the raised grass areas surrounding the school at the end of the day.

**Unfortunately, we still have more work to do! The start and end of our school day are as important as the rest of the day, and we expect to see children showing control, care and respect for their environment and the people around them. Please can you make sure that you help us by ensuring your children do this and walk with you as they enter and exit the school? We are increasingly concerned about the behaviour and safety of some of our children and need your co-operation to improve these important transition times.**

**Don't make me get the costume out again!**



**Paula Bliss (Mrs Trunchbull!), Headteacher**

**Our school value for this half term is Thanks.**



Dates coming up:

15 <sup>th</sup> March 5.30 - 7.30 p.m.	Parent Consultations (late)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.	Parent Consultations (early)
17 <sup>th</sup> March 3.10-4.10 p.m.	FONS Magic Show
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00 p.m.	Easter Service (School)
31 <sup>st</sup> March 09.15 a.m.	Easter Parade (school hall)
10.00 a.m.	Easter Parade (village)
31 <sup>st</sup> March Last day of term (2 p.m. finish)	