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20th March 2009

Dear Parents

<u>Mrs Gleaves</u>

We are very sorry to tell you that Mrs Gleaves will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up a more full time position at Cradley Primary School. She has been an excellent reception teacher and has brought smiles to the staffroom with her excellent sense of humour! We wish her luck in her new role. We are currently in the process of advertising for a new part-time reception teacher to work in partnership with Mrs Harrison. We will let you know who we appoint in due course.

Pyramid Prom

On Monday 9th March I had the pleasure of attending the Pyramid Prom Music Concert at John Masefield High School. All the schools performed brilliantly and our choir and Rory Bateson (violin) rose superbly to the challenge of performing in front of a large audience. A special thank you to Miss Guest for organising our participation.

Stained Glass Window Week

It was a real pleasure to walk around school last week, the excitement, knowledge and enthusiasm of the children towards this activity was contagious. All the children were able to decorate pieces of hand made stained glass and some will be selected by Nicola Hopwood to be part of the finished design. Those not used will be returned to the children. We wait eagerly to see the finished result. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this wonderful experience.



Artists concentrate on their work!

<u>Willow Tunnel</u>

On Tuesday Rob Tily worked with the children to create our wonderful new willow tunnel on The Bartons. Children had the chance to help Rob build the structure and he patiently took time out from his work to talk to all the children in the school and nursery. The Year 5/6 children enjoyed an hour's worth of watering in the afternoon!



Willow Tunnel under construction

Year 6 Malvern St James Morning

The Year 6 children had a wonderful time at Malvern St James studying Galileo and Darwin as part of a science and maths morning. The children proved very knowledgeable winning 8 out of the 12 prizes on offer. Congratulations to them all.

<u>Red Nose Day</u>

Thank you to the School Council for organising such an exciting and surreal 'Pyjama Day'. It is a day that will live long in the memory. The children managed to raise £270 for Comic Relief and its many worthy causes.

Sports Taster Afternoon

9 children from KS2 went to John Masefield High School on Monday to take part in a Sports Taster Afternoon. They were able to sample lots of sports including Boccia, Tennis and Athletics.

Young Shakespeare

As part of our work with the Ledbury Poetry Festival, the Year 5/6 children went to Hellens on Tuesday morning to see a performance of Henry V. Their enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject was commented upon by the performers. When they came back they were quoting Henry "and quite prepared to storm the battlements of Agincourt".

Easter Service

As the repairs to the church are hopefully going to be finished shortly, we have booked our Easter Service for Thursday 2nd April at 2.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you there and we would like to invite you into school afterwards to see your child's work and to meet with the teachers on an informal basis.

Easter Egg Exhibition

Letters have been sent home detailing our Decorate an Egg Exhibition on Wednesday 1st April.

<u>Key Stage 2 SATS</u>

A quick date for your diary. SATS Week will be week commencing 11th May. The SATS for Years 3, 4 and 5 will also take place during this week.

Important Dates

March

25 th	Class 3 Swimming
26 th	Football/Netball v Bosbury (away)

April

- 1st Easter Egg Competition
- 2nd Easter Service 2.00pm
- 3rd Break up today

EASTER HOLIDAY

- 20th Back to School
- 21st ACTS II
- 23rd Bags 2 School Collection
- 24th Tag Rugby Tournament all Year 5/6 DO NOT ORDER LUNCH
- 27th Tennis Tournament
- 28th Tennis Tournament
- 28th Year 5/6 Swimming Competition

May

- 1st After School Cricket Club starts for 10 weeks
- 4th Bank Holiday
- 6th Hereford Fire & Rescue Service -Class 2 and 4
- 11th SATS Week
- 12th ACTS II
- 19th Kwik Cricket Tournament Year 5/6
- 21st Rounders Tournament

25th HALF TERM