

## **PA Newsletter**

### **Past Events**

#### **Valentine's Day Dressing Up**

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the children came to school dressed in red, with their faces decorated with hearts!

#### **Bird Feeder Project**

The elementary children made two types of bird feeders; the first ones were made of branches children collected in the St. Helens gardens on a snowy day, with roofs made out of silver birch bark sheets and suet balls made from a seed mix and lard. They made the second feeders out of popcorn and cheerios threaded on to wire in the shape of hearts for Valentines Day, and the birds have really been enjoying them!



#### **World Book Day – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

To celebrate World Book Day children came dressed as their favourite book characters. We had dinosaurs, ballerinas, wizards and princesses, and great fun was had by all.



### Movie Night

Recently the PA organised a film night for the elementary children and the nursery children who will soon be joining them. They enjoyed watching themselves in the DVD of the Christmas plays, and then snuggled down on beanbags with blankets to watch *Storks*. Much pasta and popcorn was devoured and the event raised £115 for the PA





### Mothers Day Cake and Flower Stall

Plants, cakes and flowers were available for the Nursery and Elementary children to purchase for their Mothers, raising £270 for the PA. Thanks to all the parents that contributed baked goods!



### Plants for sale!

The daffodils that the children grew from bulbs and tended so lovingly have been on sale this week



### **Coming Up**

#### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnets/hats – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

Nursery and Elementary children may come to school in Easter Bonnets or hats. There will be an Easter egg hunt in the grounds, where the children will search for Easter tokens that can be exchanged for a chocolate treat at the end of the hunt. The cost is £2 with all proceeds going to the Parents Association. Please put your child's money in a named, securely sealed envelope and give it to the teachers on the day.

### **New PA Purchases**

#### Bin Stores

The PA has purchased bin storage to house the wheelie bins, freeing up the space outside the hall and preventing squirrels rifling through the rubbish! Many thanks to John Smitherman-Cairns and his boys for all their hard work getting this built.

#### TV Microscope

The PA will be purchasing two new TV microscopes so that the children can closely examine the plants and mini-beasts they find and are learning about!

### Bird Cam

The nesting box donated to the school by the 2016 leavers is live! The children in the older elementary classroom will be able to continually monitor activity in the box on the dedicated live screen. Once birds take residence, the nursery children will have regular visits to the classroom to see the nest-building, the eggs, and then hopefully the chicks!

### Mud Kitchen Books

The PA purchased an activity book and some outdoor learning cards for the children to use in the outdoor classroom when 'baking' in their mud kitchen!

### **Other**

#### Facebook

We have decided to take the school's Facebook pages down, as they weren't being used. Going forward, photos from school events will be shared via a Flickr link in an email to parents.

#### Past Pupils

A few snippets about our first Elementary pupils – Caspian is enjoying studying Aeronautical Engineering at Coventry University, Stephanie has been offered a place at Cambridge to read Law, Tobias has a choice of Cambridge or Imperial for Medicine and Frances has just received an academic and music scholarship for Bethany School. She is an accomplished drummer and singer and also plays the violin, recorder and piano.

#### Desi Simeonova

The PA presented Mrs Simeonova with a beautifully wrapped present full of goodies collected by the PA for the impending arrival of her twins! On her last day before her maternity leave, Mrs Simeonova brought in this beautifully decorated cake to share with the teachers and children.





### New Teacher

We welcome the lovely Mrs. Joy Marden as a Nursery Teacher. Joy is a Primary School teacher but is now studying Montessori at the Kent and Sussex Montessori Centre. She is already hugely popular in the Nursery – and also with the Elementary children!