

News on the Nineteenth oops 20th!

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May Fayre 13th May

The May Fayre is fast approaching - have you pledged your support yet? Each class will be running 4 stalls and we need parents/family helpers to make this successful and share the work. This event is a school, church and village event and the school's biggest fund raiser.

Particular help is needed on Saturday 12th in the morning to assemble stalls and after the Fayre on Sunday 13th to take down stalls.

Please contact your child's classteacher to pledge your much needed support.

Raffle prizes / cakes

Any donations of raffle prizes and cakes for the May Fayre will be greatly received. Raffle prizes should go to the FTS who are running the raffle and cakes can go to the village hall on the day.

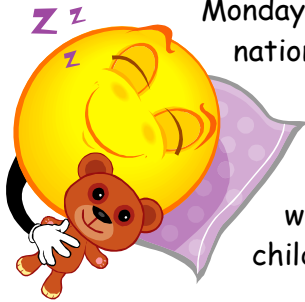


Non uniform Day

Children can wear their own clothes to school on 11th May in exchange for a bottle and /or chocolate for the May Fayre Bottle and Chocolate Tombolas.



SATs and whole school assessment week



Monday 14th - Friday 18th May 2012, the Year 6 children sit their national SATs tests.

Year 3-5 will also be completing assessment tasks during this week.

Please ensure your children attend school during this week and keep up the good practice of making sure your children have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Year 2 children will be assessed during the last two weeks of the first half term.

Music with Chris Rodis

This will be Chris's last half term teaching at Ponsbourne as he has decided to move on for personal reasons.

We would like to thank Chris for his hard work with the children and wish him well for the future.

We are actively trying to recruit a replacement. If you know anyone that could fill this role please get them to contact the school office.

Snack time

Foundation and Key stage 1 children are provided with a healthy snack each day, free of charge.

Key stage 2 children may purchase one healthy snack each day from the snack club, or alternatively bring in a healthy snack from home.

Children must not buy multiple snacks as this ruins their appetite for lunch.

Tolmers Camp



Children from Year 4,5 & 6 will be attending Tolmers Camp on 2nd July 2012. They will arrive on Monday and spend Monday and Tuesday nights at camp returning to their comfortable beds on the Wednesday night.

HRH

Exciting News.

Year 2 to Year 6 have been invited to Hatfield House on 14th

June 2012 to take part in a ceremony where the Queen and Prince Philip will plant a new tree in the Jubilee woods.

The children will spend the day in Hatfield House in the park and see the Queen depart this visit by helicopter back to Windsor Castle.



Knex Challenge

KS2 children took part in the Knex challenge as part of Science week activities.

The winners were: Theo Snee and Aaron White from Discoverers.

The engineer who worked with the children said that they had responded so well to the task because they listened so carefully.

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO LEARN FRENCH?
FUN FRENCH FOR CHILDREN**

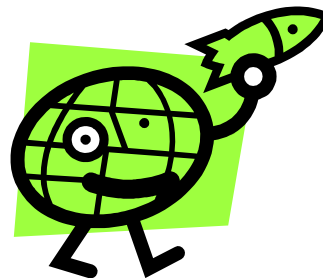
Le Club Francais is a national French Club where children are taught French in groups through games, songs and varied activities.

If you are interested in your child joining one of the after-school French club which run from 3.30 - 4.00 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, please contact Sue Stratford on (01707 251632) for further information.

The cost for next term is £41.25.

Mad Science.

The Mad Scientists will return to run a club which will commence on Monday 23rd April. The response was fantastic.



Cake Sale

Friday 27th April, Explorers will hold a cake sale after school.

After School Club

After school club runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3.20 - 5.30pm.

The cost is £6 for the first child and £4 for siblings.
Snacks and drinks will be available for the children attending.
All welcome.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8 am. Children can arrive on the day without pre-booking and enjoy breakfast of cereal, toast, juices and fruits. Costs presently remain at a very low rate of £2 for the first child and £1 for a sibling

School Council

The School Council has put a lot of effort into planning activities and raising money for charity this term. A big thank you to them for all their efforts - Raising Awareness of Haemophilia. **We raised £100 and Mrs Viall is delighted.**

Friends of School

We would like to thank all members of the FTS for their continued support and fund raising, The staff are very happy with their FTS grants which allowed them to choose items for their class.

Barnardo's

Our school is taking part in a fundraising appeal to support the work of the Children's Charity Barnardo's. A fundraiser from Barnardo's has spoken to the children in an assembly about the work being done to help children, young people and families locally. The theme of this fundraiser is Veggi-mal.

Wisepay

Wisepay has arrived - at last. If any parent is having difficulty using the system and would like some help, call into the school office and we will be happy to assist. Please remember to check the **AMOUNT** you are paying when using this system, we have had a few zero returns! Thank you.

Queen's 50th Jubilee Celebrations

On Friday 1st June, we are hoping to cancel school dinners and arrange a tea party in the playground with sandwiches, jelly and ice cream and cakes - our own version of a street party.

The children will be presented with souvenir gifts and will have an afternoon of party games with Gloop. Parents and families are welcome to join us and help with this event.

More information to follow.

Unwanted Items

If you have any books or teddies to donate, please offer to the Adventurers for the May Fayre.

Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a coffee morning in the conservatory on Tuesday 24th April from 8:45 with our newly appointed Parent/Pupil support Worker, Nicola Warden.

Please join us to make contact with Nicola and have a coffee.
