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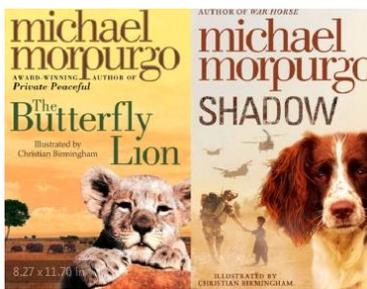
School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

We didn't send a newsletter last Friday as there wasn't enough information to share but we hope that the last 2 weeks since the previous newsletter have been positive and safe for all. I hope that some families were able to enjoy the wonderful snow that we had too – I don't think we've seen snow that has settled for quite so long in a number of years.

Families will, I'm sure, have heard the news this week that schools won't be re-opening until the 8th of March at the earliest. We feel a great sense of sadness about this but do understand why there is a need given the immense pressure on the NHS and the need to reduce contacts. With this in mind we have made some adjustments to the remote learning where needed and the Zoom contact with children will be much more focussed on their learning. Please do continue to communicate with class teachers, or for the older children, encourage them to communicate, if there are any concerns or support that is needed.

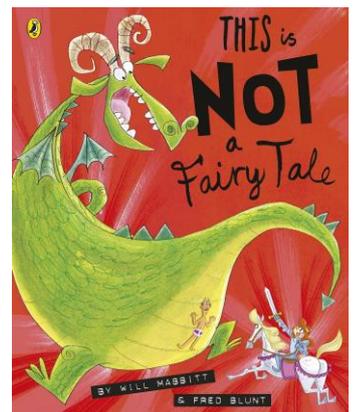
Live author events



We are delighted that our children will have the opportunity to take part in some exciting live author events next week. Picasso and Kandinsky class have an exciting opportunity to meet Michael Morpurgo who will talk with them about his best-loved books including War Horse, The Butterfly Lion, Shadow and Private Peaceful, as well as reading from his latest book, Boy Giant.

A flyer with further information including the link for how to join has been sent to parents. This is

an amazing opportunity and we're sure the children will love this event. Monet class will be meeting Will Mabbitt who will lead a workshop designed for KS1 pupils based on his brilliant book 'This is Not a Fairy Tale!'. The workshops comprise reading activities and character design and by the end of the workshop, the children will be left feeling inspired to read something just for the fun of it! Further joining details will be sent when we receive them but again this is a fantastic opportunity for our children.



Change4Life

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. It can be accessed [here](#) and we hope it might be of interest to some families.

Information from the Child and Family Centre in Huntingdon

We have been sent lots of information about events and support for parents at the Child and Family centre in Huntingdon. We have uploaded them to the school website for you to read. Please click [here](#) to access the page directly.

Children's Mental Health Week

As you are aware, this week is Children's Mental Health Week which has the theme, 'Express Yourself'. On Monday we shared some resources with parents and the children have spent some time as part of their learning, reflecting on ways to express their thoughts, feeling and ideas in creative ways. We hope that you found some of these resources useful and thank you to all parents who have shared pictures of their children expressing themselves creatively! The Happiness boxes created by Monet class were particularly impressive and it was delightful to hear them sharing what they have put in their boxes to make them happy.



Safer Internet Day



Next Tuesday (9th February) is Safer Internet Day and your children will have some activities to do to support them to learn and reflect on internet safety in an age appropriate way. There is a resource linked to Safer Internet Day aimed at parents and carers which can be accessed [here](#) if you would like to find out more.

There are several Live Lessons aimed at primary aged children next Tuesday (9th February) too. The first is being delivered via YouTube by Barefoot Computing who are well established and well known. However, because it is live (at 1:30pm) we wanted to share the link with parents rather than with children so that you can make a decision about whether this is appropriate for your child and supervise appropriately. It can be accessed [here](#) or you can use the same link after the live event to watch in your own time.

The BBC will also broadcast a 30-minute Live Lesson in partnership with the UK Safer Internet Centre, aimed at primary-aged children which is linked to the primary computing curriculum. In the session, children will learn about how we can stay safe, responsible and wise in an increasingly digital world, with tips and advice from some of the biggest personalities on the web. The lesson can be accessed [here](#) and will also be on the CBBC channel on the morning of 9th February 2021 at 11am. There is a worksheet which goes alongside the live lesson which we have attached with this newsletter. If your child/ren have a go at this please upload to STARZ for teachers to see.



Contact from school staff

As you aware, some school staff are currently working from home but there may be a need for them to contact you. They will call from a 'no caller ID' number to protect their personal details. If we need to close a bubble in school following staff lateral flow testing, this call will be in the evening as testing is taking place in the evenings. I know that many people don't answer calls from a no caller id number but please do consider that this may well be a member of school staff. Many thanks.

Local Authority letter

With this newsletter we have attached a letter to parents and carers from Jonathan Lewis, the Director of Education for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Our lunchtime grace

This week we thought we would share our lunch time grace with you. All children in school take part in our grace, either by saying the words aloud or listening to others, before they eat their lunch. They may want to continue to do this at home when eating their lunch.

Bless,
The food before us,
The people beside us
And the love between us
Amen