



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

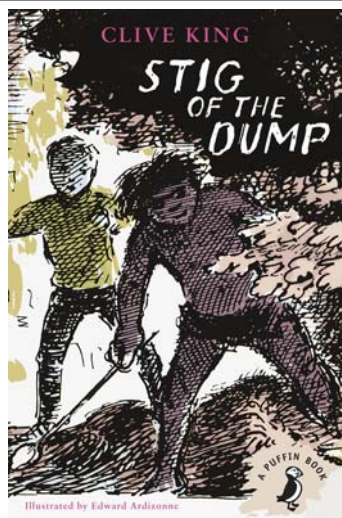
Next week marks the start of National Storytelling Week across the country. As parents and teachers we know how much pleasure and enjoyment there is in reading a book to children- it is a chance to share some relaxing time, looking at the pictures, developing our listening skills and use our imaginations.

Reading for pleasure and enjoying books is just as important as the skills of learning to read in the first place! In school would like to celebrate National Story telling week by having a story time in every class each day. We would also like to invite any parents who are able to come in and share a book with your child on **Friday the 2nd of February** from **2.30pm**. You are welcome to bring in a book to share with your child.

The children from our Nursery and going to visit the residents at Fremington Manor to share some stories- inspired by the program 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Old's' we are hoping to develop some closer links with the elderly residents in our community!

On a reading theme, please note that World Book Day is on the 1st of March this year- look out for more information coming soon!

Mrs Kimberley, Head Teacher



Lower Key Stage 2 have been studying the book "Stig Of The Dump" by Clive King – please see what exciting projects they have been doing on this



LOWER KEY STAGE 2 – STONE AGE TOPIC

Last week, Year 3 and 4 had their 'wow' start to kick off their Stone Age topic. Over the two days, they had the opportunity to discover prehistoric fossils from Barnstaple Museum, 'Be Stig' by making dens and campfires, learn about cave paintings and stone-age tools, and complete trails around school. They certainly showed an explorer's spirit and expanded their knowledge of early man! What a great start to the term!



Diary Dates:

JANUARY

Fri 26th January – Holocaust Memorial Day 10.45am in the Hall – Mr Blair's Class (Yr 5&6)
Mon 29th January - Start of National Storytelling Week

FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd February – Parents/Carers invited to story-telling at 2.45pm
Fri 9th February – Break up after School for Half-Term
Mon 19th February – Back for second part of Spring Term

MARCH

1st March- World Book Day- Dig out the dressing up!
5th-9th March Parent Consultation Evenings
Tue 27th March – Yr 5 & 6 Bristol Trip
Thu 29th March – Last Day of Spring Term – Back for Summer Term on Monday 16th April



Lunch Time Assistant Vacancy

Salary details: Grade A
Job term: Permanent
Hours: 1 hr 35 minutes per day, part-time, term-time only
Salary: £7.78 per hour

We are looking to employ a Play Leader for 1 hour 35 minutes each day, Monday to Friday, to support learning through play, organising games and supervising activities from 12.00-1.35pm daily. You will need to be able to organise rotas, check equipment, work with young play leaders as well as engaging children in active, healthy playtimes. You will need to be self-motivated, positive and physically fit and work well with an experienced team.

Please collect an application form from the School Office if you are interested in applying or go to our website to download the form. Closing Date: Monday 5th February

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and Disqualification by Association Declaration is required for this vacancy.



CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

February 20th

Main

Chinese Crunchy Chicken with Sweet Chilli Sauce Dip

or

Quorn Stir Fry

served with

Noodles & Vegetables

Dessert

Mandarin Jelly



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TWO PLACES ARE CURRENTLY STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRIP WHICH TAKES PLACE ON 11TH JUNE – WED 13TH JUNE INC. PLACES ARE FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 5 OR 6 ONLY. THE COST IS £300 PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE ASAP.



INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS

Safer Internet is the 6th of February this year. Although we are always talking to the children about e safety, we will be making a special effort on this day to look at staying safe online. A new website has recently been launched for parents, that is all about looking at the dangers within sites that children frequently use such as Minecraft and YouTube. You can sign up for regular updates as well as look for useful advice on how to use tablets and other devices safely. Go to: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for more details.