



HEADTEACHER NEWS

Well, we are in March but there seems to be an awful lot of April showers !

Really looking forward to World Book Week next week. My thanks to the staff who have planned the week, and it's lovely to see the children's enthusiasm grow and grow.

In other news, Rev Peter Shaw has been leading worship at school on a Wednesday and is doing a brilliant job. The children speak very highly of him and are really enjoying the worship. Book Week

Smartphone Free Childhood

Last week two parents who recognised the negative impact smartphones can have on childhood development made the news as their WhatsApp group topped 20,000 parents.

Mobile technology, peer pressure and the burden of social media on children and young people has the potential to hugely impact children in negative ways.

If you would like to find out more about Smartphone Free Childhood, follow this [link](#).

If you are considering a mobile phone to keep in contact with your child, you may like to think about the type of phone that your child has access to, would a 'brick' with emergency contacts and friends and family do??

OFFICE NEWS

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
5VH	Parents Evening	Friday 1st March
Whole School	World Book Week - Costume Day	Thursday 7th March
Foundation	Mothering Monday	Monday 11th March
Foundation	Royal Eye Infirmary Eye Tests	Tuesday 12th March

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15th March, children are invited to wear something red to school for Red Nose Day 2024. This can be just a single red item such as a hat, jumper, scarf, or red nose. Alternatively, they can wear a completely red outfit. Please note that if your child chooses not to wear anything red then they must wear school uniform as normal.

If you would like to donate to this cause, then please click the link below which will take you to the official Red Nose Day website. We are not collecting donations at school on this occasion.

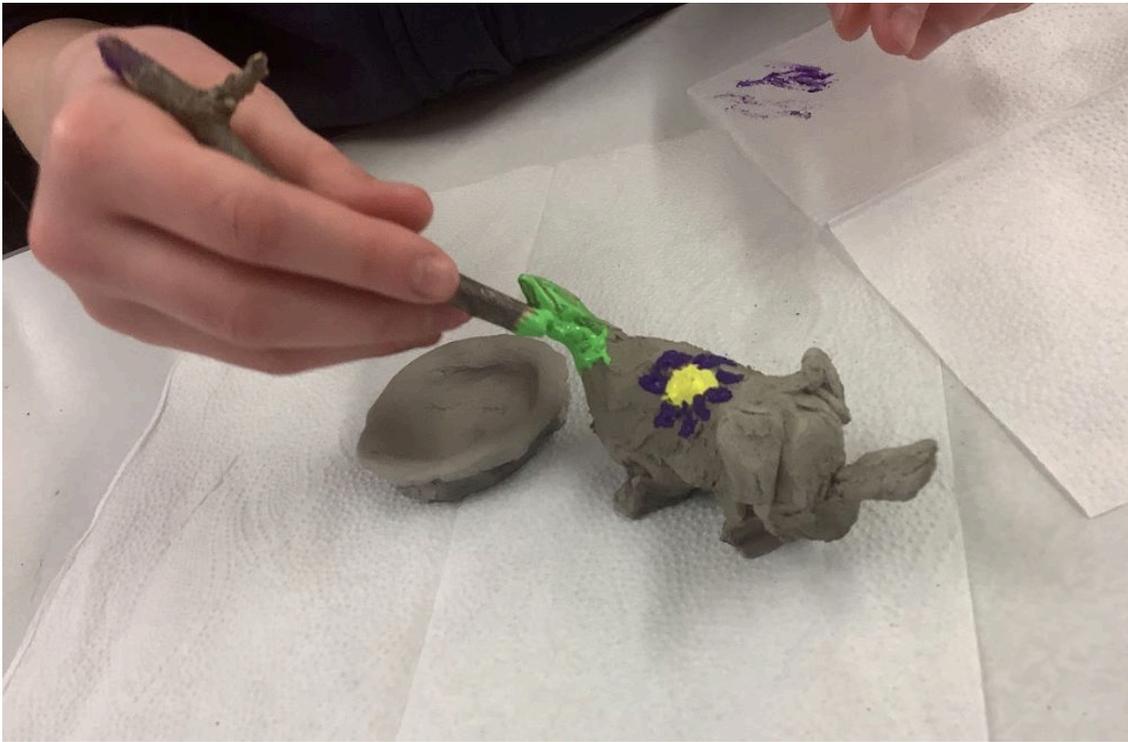
<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

YEAR GROUP NEWS

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy creating and decorating our own elephants, drawing inspiration from the Indian Elephant Festivals. We sketched out our design before creating our elephants from clay. We then drew on our knowledge of Indian art containing bright colours, natural imagery and intricate repeating patterns, to paint our creations. We look forward to our work being displayed in the art exhibition now in the Old Library for all the school to admire.

We've also been enjoying exploring the numicon in maths and this is really helping develop our understanding of fractions. It's been brilliant to use the concrete materials for a hands on maths experience.



PE & SPORTS

Dr Bike

Dr Bike will be visiting Compton on Thursday 9th May, please see the leaflet below for further information on how to have your child's bike safety checked free of charge!



Dr Bike

At Compton CofE
Thursday 9th May

FREE BIKE SAFETY CHECK;

Put your childrens bikes in the bike shelter in the morning and collect at pick up.

Basic repairs will be undertaken.

A note will be left on the bike letting you know if any further work is needed.

We do this so children can safely travel actively to school, for less congested roads, for clean fresh air and healthy body and mind!

Yaz, Bike-it Plus Officer



COMPTON SPRING DISCO

This is a reminder that it is the disco next week and tickets will be on sale until 9am on Monday. Please pay in advance using ParentPay. It is £3 per child. Ordering tickets is cashless: please do not bring cash to the office.

Make sure the date is in your diary:

Thursday 7th March.

Key stage 1 timings: 5:30-6:30pm

Key stage 2 timings: 6:45-8pm

Numbered wristbands will be issued on Tuesday 5th / Wednesday 6th March (please check school/book bags) – children will need to wear their wristband to the disco so we can check them at the door.

We know it's World Book Day on Thursday - so if your child is in costume and wants to stay in costume, they are very welcome to turn up to the disco in their World Book Day attire! (Please just limit props and accessories that might go missing!)

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered. You should now have received an email and the rota - please check your inboxes and reply to confirm you have it and are still OK to help on Thursday. Thanks!

NEXT MEETING - HELP NEEDED

Our next meeting is Tuesday 19th March, 7:45pm at the Rising Sun pub. We'll be planning our big summer family event and would love to welcome new faces along.

Can you get involved? We're a small group, of 3 committee members and around 6 regular members. Our committee is stepping down this summer, after a combined 18 years of helping with the School Association! This is an opportunity for others to get involved in this awesome small charity.

The simple fact is that if the committee roles (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) aren't filled and if new members don't join to support small remaining team, then the School Association will be required by the Charity Commission to close. We don't want that and nor does the school.

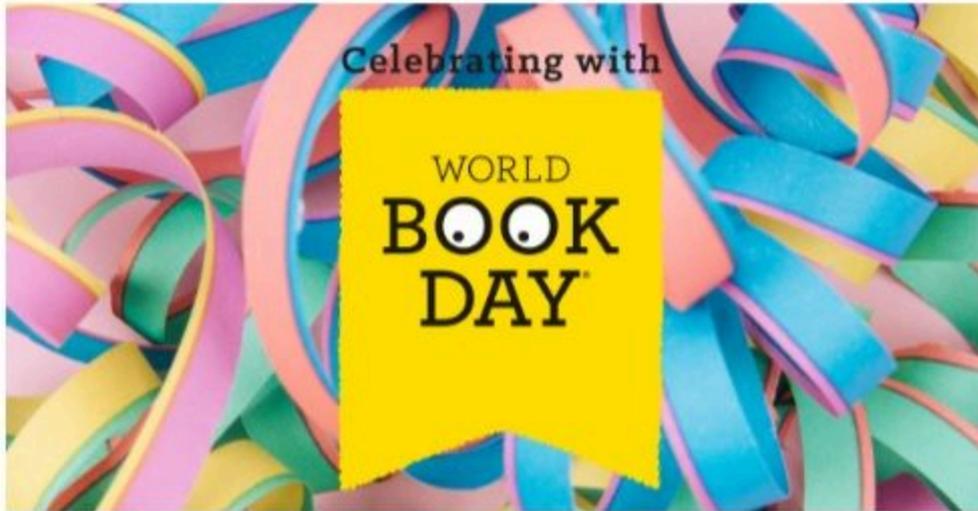
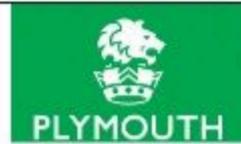
PLEASE don't just leave this to other people to fix or assume others will volunteer. Come to the next meeting, or drop us an email, and see how you can help - you've got the potential to make a massive difference. compton-sa@hotmail.com

OTHER

Please see below, advertisements for some lovely events taking place over the coming weeks.

WORLD BOOK DAY PARTY!

Efford Library



Thursday 7 March, 3pm to 5pm

Join us at Efford library for a World Book Day celebration!

At our party, you can enjoy games, colouring-in, a treasure hunt around the library and selfie props.

Dress up as your favourite character. Every child that takes a library book out on the day will be entered into a free prize draw to win some brilliant books!

Aimed at children and their families. Find out more information by speaking to library staff.



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library@plymouth.gov.uk

www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries

Easter Trail

Come and follow the clues around the garden which will lead you to a yummy home made Easter biscuit and an

Easter Activity Pack

which is full of fun things to do.

Enter our Easter egg colouring competition to win a *chocolate egg*.

Can you work out the clues? Will you spy any other Easter items in the garden?

Running from Saturday 30th March to Sunday 14th April.



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**SATURDAY
16TH MARCH
11AM TO 3PM
MANNAMEAD WELL BEING HUB
CAR PARK**

- **Ice cream van with free ice cream for the first 100 people**
- **Free hot dogs and burgers for the first 60 people**
- **Garden games**
- **Teddy tombola**
- **Craft stalls and more**



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