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**Upwood School Newsletter
March 2014**

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2014

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 7th March - PTA Disco

Thursday 13th March - Bags to School Collection

Thursday 13th March - Parents' Evening 6-8pm

Friday 14th March – Non-Uniform Day

Week Beginning 17th March - Bikeability Training for Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 18th March - Parents' Evening 4-6pm

Friday 28th March - Pop and Popcorn Night

Thursday 3rd April - Easter Lunch: Parents/Carers welcome

Friday 4th April - Egg Day

Friday 4th April - PTA Tuck Shop

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term

Monday 7th April - 21st April Half-Term

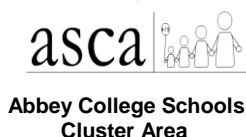
Tuesday 22nd April - INSET day

Wednesday 23rd April - Summer Term Opens

Important Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 8th July - Sports Day: KS2 am and KS1 pm

Thursday 10th July - Sports Day Back-Up



Notices and Reminders

World Book Day

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 6th March. This is a national event celebrating reading and books. As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be joined by Jakki Racey, a representative from Ramsey Library, who will introduce the children to an initiative called 'Read it Again.' The children will have the chance to read selected books and vote for their favourites. Many fun events have been organised, including pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite characters, from books such as 'Where's Wally?' and 'Harry Potter'. Staff have selected their favourite stories and pupils are invited to choose which story they will listen to in a 'Story Roundabout'. Staff and children would like to thank Mr Vincent who has organised all our special 'World Book Day' events...roll on 6th March!

Ancient Greek History Day

Year 5 have been very busy fundraising to pay for a special History Day. As you may be aware the children organised both a cake stall and have sold their handmade Christmas cards to raise funds. Year 5 pupils decided to invite Nick King, formerly of the Cambridgeshire Recycling Bus, to come into school and help them make all sorts of wonderful Greek related crafts, including making chariots and horses from tubes and cereal packets! The children really enjoyed their Greek day, particularly as they had worked so hard to fundraise for it. Well done, Year 5, and thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising.

May Day Celebration

The annual May Day Celebration will take place on Thursday 1st May. This year, we will be including various world dances, including Year 3's interpretation of the 'River Dance' and Year 5's version of the New Zealand Hakka! I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing for this event.

Charities Update

Sport Relief will be taking place on Friday 21st March and, as a school, we would like to participate in some fundraising. We invite your child/children to take part in a mile long obstacle course! On 21st March, the whole school will be taking part in this event. Children are invited to wear something sporty and/or red for the entire day so that they are appropriately dressed for the obstacle course. There is no charge to participate in this event but children can contribute an optional donation of £1 which will be donated to the Sports Relief Charity.

Easter Lunch

Easter Lunch will be taking place on Thursday 3rd April. The deadline to order a meal is Monday 10th March; please return your order form with advance payment, (£2.10 per child and £3.00 per adult) to the School Office. Please note that we are approaching the end of the School financial year and therefore request the immediate payment of any outstanding dinner money balances, and advance payment for meals required until the end of term.

PTA Fundraising Pop and Popcorn Event

On 28th March children will be invited to come into school for an evening of film entertainment and snacks run by the PTA and school staff. This new PTA event will run from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. There will be a charge for drinks and snacks. Further details to follow.

Parent Volunteers

We greatly value parental support in the classroom. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please contact a member of the Office Staff who will begin the DBS process. If you would like to discuss the role of the parent volunteer, please contact Miss Clarke or your child's class teacher.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 11th – 24th March. The Book Fair will be supervised during some lunchtimes and after school, on particular days. It will also be available during Parents' Evening. Please come and have a look at what the Book Fair has to offer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Whitelaw
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