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Local Author Visits

Both visits by local author -Vicky Cowie- on Monday and Wednesday were an amazing success as she shared her unique rhyming children's stories with the whole school! The children were transported to a world of imagination where bugs, brownies, boggarts and fairy folk exist!

All children took part in book readings, interactive workshops, presentations, strategies for using rhyming for revision and information/ tips about the writing process. Please see our school Twitter page for examples of this in action:

@melbourne_cps

Vicky's long-awaited first five books are still available to purchase from the school office, £11 for hardbacks and £7 for paperbacks. Having already generously donated a collection of these stunning books to our school library, Mrs Cowie will also give a percentage of the profits of the books sold to our school charity (£2 for all hardback books and £1 for all paperback books). We will keep these books until Parents Evening where we will have them on display for purchases. Many thanks to all the children who took part and behaved impeccably and also huge thanks to Vicky herself for her time, generosity, friendliness and imagination! Please explore this magical world further on

www.vickycowie.com

Kingswood

If your child is in the current Year 5 and is due to go to Kingswood in the Peaks in September 2020, please be aware that the second payment instalment of £82 is now due. Please ensure you have paid this in cash, cheque or via Agora, by 17th March in order to secure your child's place on this residential visit. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

KS1 SATs Information Session – 18th March

Deadline for Photo orders – 23rd March

Parents' Evening – 24th March

Class 5 Assembly (pm) – 26th March

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Non-Uniform Day – 27th March

Easter Egg Raffle – 3rd April

End of Spring Term – 3rd April

Start of Summer Term – 21st April

KS2 SATs Week – week commencing 11th May

Headlice

We have had two cases of headlice reported to us this week. So please check your child over the weekend and treat as necessary. Many thanks

Group/Class Photographs

Class and Club photographs were sent home last week. If you wish to purchase a photograph please return your order form to the school office by Monday 23rd March. Many thanks.

30hrs

Please can we remind parents who apply for the extended Nursery hours that they must reapply every term for it to be valid for the next term. If you do not do this you will have to pay for extra sessions. Any questions please ask us at the office.

Winners

Thank you so much to everyone who entered the open 'reading in unusual places' competition. Our judging governors really enjoyed looking through all the entries and found the final decision, a tricky one! The winners were awarded special recognition in Awards Assembly. Well done to George M, Chloe M and Finuala W for your original and amusing entries.

Easter Bunny Competition

Friends of School are running a 'Guess the Easter Bunny's Name' competition – 50p a guess. The grid will be held in the office from Monday, so please feel free to pop in just before or after school to have a guess!

Parents' Evenings

Please don't forget to send in your availability for Parents Evenings on the 24th and 26th March. Confirmation will be sent out next week.

An Evening with Natural England

Friday 20th March 2020 at 7pm. Melbourne Village Hall - Join staff to hear a talk about why the Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve (including Melbourne and Thorton Ings) is internationally important, the range of wildlife it supports throughout the year, how it's managed, the work to safeguard the area and how you can help. There will also be a question and answer session for you to discuss things important to you.

Coronavirus

Following the announcement today by the Government, we would like to reassure our pupils, parents and colleagues, that we continue to monitor the national situation very carefully. We are in daily communication with the Department of Education. We are very aware of the trust that you, as parents, place in those who care for your child and we would like to reassure you that we will always act to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our community. Our school has **no** confirmed cases. We are asking pupils, parents and colleagues to follow national guidance via the website: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/>

School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

School dinner menu - week commencing 16th March

Mon	Meatballs with Tomato Sauce Wrap served with Rice, Garden Peas, & Vegetable Sticks Vegetarian Quorn Meatball Wrap Shortcake & Custard
Tues	Ham & Tomato Pasta Bake served with Crusty Bread, & Summer Salad Vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Mandarin & Chocolate Sponge with Cream
Weds	Roast Chicken & Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, & Cabbage Melting Moment & Milkshake
Thurs	Hot Roast Pork & Stuffing Baguette served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn Vegetarian Cheese Scotch Egg Jelly & Fruit
Fri	Fish Cake served with Chips, Garden Peas & Baked Beans Vegetarian Vegetable Wrap Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard



