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Primary School

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Diary Dates

March	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> – National Careers Week w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> – Science Week 4 <sup>th</sup> – Pancake Day 6 <sup>th</sup> – World Book Day 14 <sup>th</sup> – Reception Vision Screening
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#### Parent/Teacher consultations

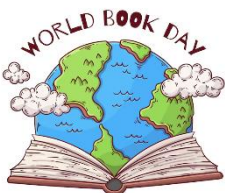
Thank you for attending this week's Parent/Teacher consultations. It was lovely to see the school full of parents and children visiting their classes to look at books and then meet with teachers. 85% of parents across school came to meet with their children's class teachers which reflects the importance you place on your child's learning and progress. Teachers commented that conversations were worthwhile and positive. We saw many of you leaving with big smiles on your faces which was very reassuring.

Parents who attended the consultations were asked to scan a QR code to complete an online parent survey. Please note that these codes have a limited life, so if you have not yet had time to complete the survey, can you please click on the link below:

<https://edurio.com/poll/UxTqG3>

Please do not try to use the QR codes that you were given as these have a short life and will have expired.

#### World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025



World Book Day is one of the highlights of the school calendar! This is a celebration of reading and books. All children and staff are invited to come into school wearing a fancy-dress book character costume. Last year we saw Mr Bump, Where's Wally and a Wonka Golden ticket in school so get your thinking caps on and see what you can create. Please don't feel you need to go out and purchase an expensive costume – perhaps let your creativity go wild!!

Following the success of our book swap last year, we will be organising another for this year. If your child has a book that they are happy to swap with another child, they can bring this in on Thursday and see what other books are available.

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## Careers Week/Science week

We have a wide variety of visitors coming in to school next week to meet children for national Careers Week. We have a GP, an osteopath, a beekeeper, a truck driver and a vet to name but a few. We hope that the children enjoy these visits and will share more with you in next week's newsletter.

We are also looking forward to National Science week during the following week and have a number of visitors coming in to school again to share their scientific expertise.

We are very grateful to these visitors for giving up their time and energy to support us.



## Volunteer Work

We are delighted to have forged a good relationship with Unity Campus, the new science park in Pampisford. Not only are they able to offer support to us during both Careers and Science weeks but they are also able to provide much needed practical support around school site.

During the first week of the Easter holidays, week commencing 7th April, they will be providing volunteers and contractors to work across the school site in a number of much needed areas. They are going to work in both the EYFS outdoor area as well as in the pond area. They are able to provide machinery that will make the huge task much more manageable, and this will have a huge impact on both learning areas. We are hoping that this relationship with Unity and their contractors Countrywide will continue to grow and that they can support us with work in other areas of site at a later date.

On 9th and 10th April, they are also sending in a team of staff volunteers who are going to paint outdoor areas and do some gardening. We are hoping to be able to provide a team of parent volunteers to come in and work with the Unity volunteers, working outside of school, rubbing down benches/woodwork and repainting as well as some gardening and tidying.

It would be from 9:30am – 4:00pm on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April. **We would not be able to accommodate children.**

If you are able to come in and help out with this wonderful opportunity, please email Mrs Jelliman in the school office. Thank you in advance for any support you can give.

## PE kits

Could we please remind you to provide your child/ren with the full PE kit on the days that they are scheduled to have a PE lesson. The Icknield PE kit consists of;

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts or joggers
- Black jumper or tracksuit top
- Trainers

Trainers are an essential part of the PE kit, so please ensure that these are included. Thank you.

### Year 3 staffing

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Clarke back to school this week for a couple of settling in days, following the end of her maternity leave. From next week onwards, Mrs Zarate will continue to teach Year 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Clarke will take over the reins from Miss Flight.

We are pleased to report that Miss Flight will remain a member of staff here at Icknield as she takes over the role of teaching assistant in Year 3. Mrs Lomax has been working in Year 3 for a few months and we will be saying farewell to her this week. I am sure you will join me in wishing both Miss Flight and Mrs Lomax the best of luck in their new roles.

### Pancake Day/Ramadan

Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday falls on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and marks the final day before Lent starts. Many people give up things such as chocolate or sweets for Lent which starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and ends on the day after Good Friday, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



Similarly, Ramadan starts at sundown today and lasts until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Ramadan is a month of fasting, prayer, giving and self-evaluation. During Ramadan, Muslim's will not eat between dawn and sunset.

It is unusual for these times of fasting and self-reflection to coincide as the dates of Ramadan change each year. This is a great opportunity for us to share our thoughts and feelings, and to show empathy to others who may be hungry or tired during this time.

### Updated Parent and Carer Code of Conduct – link to website

We have recently reviewed our parent/carers' code of conduct. Please click on the link below to read our expectations.

<https://icknieldprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AL-Parent-Carer-and-Visitor-Code-of-Conduct-v2.0-3-February-2025.pdf>