# **CROMWELL ACADEMY NEWS**

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#### Dear Parents/Carers

Blink and February disappears! I hope you all had a fantastic half term, I've certainly enjoyed seeing a few moments of sunshine, not so much of the "Beast from the East"!

Although short we have had a busy February, Reception and Year 1 class assemblies gave the children the opportunity to share their learning, a yummy pancake lunch, open afternoon and our Valentines CAF disco to end a busy month. Our school council have been busy working with their class mates to name the new trim trail, we have settled on 'The Adventure Park'. Up next, the school council are carrying out lunch surveys - watch this space!

We have lots of exciting events taking place in March to look forward to including, World Book Day, our parent/carer consultations and welcoming our ladies in to school on the morning of March 9 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

#### Lauren Blyth Acting Headteacher

#### Term Dates 2018

29 March - Spring Term Closes 16 April - Training Day 17 April - Summer Term Opens 7 May - May Bank Holiday 28 May - 1 June - Half Term 4 June - Summer Term Opens 20 July - Summer Term Closes 23 and 24 July - Training Days 4 September - Training Day 5 September - Autumn Term Opens

Further information will follow in the next newsletter.

#### QR Code

Please don't forget to take the online parent/carer survey by following the QR code.



#### Pancake Flip-a-thon



On Thursday 8 February, Miss Harrison and 12 children went in to Huntingdon to participate in Huntingdon Town Council's Annual Pancake Flip-a-thon. The children had to walk around a track with a pancake in a frying pan and when they reached a 'flipping point' they had to toss their pancake 3 times. At the end of the event all the participating children got a chocolate treat. The children who finished in first and second were awarded with a medal. It was a fantastic event to be a part of and the children were outstanding representatives of our school. A huge thank you to all the parents /carers who came to support us at this event.

#### Absence from school

If your child is gong to be absent from school please ensure you advise the school of this by 9.00am. It is imperative that a reason is given for the absence so that it can be recorded correctly on the register. You can leave a message on the absence option when calling the schools main number 01480 437830 - thank you.

May we remind all parents/carers that attendance at school is a legal requirement and children should only be absent if they are too ill to attend.

#### Financial

Reminder that with effect from Monday 19 February 2018 we became a cashless office. All payments should be made on Parentpay or by cheque payable to ACES Academies Trust. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## History off the Page

Our year 5 and 6 pupils had a wonderful day learning about World War 2 and the 1940's during our History off the Page Day on Monday 26 February.



"I really enjoyed History off the Page. I think it was a great experience of being in World War 2". Joe Y5

"I really enjoyed that we could experience how education was in the 1940's." Nate Y6 "I liked Monday because he was explaining how everything used to be and then he acted it out. He made it like it was a real day of school but in 1940. It was really fun!" Laney-May Y5

> "It was good to see what people did in school in those days". Kate Y6

"I enjoyed being a school child in 1940 and I learnt 1940 punishments were cruel". Kerensa Y5.

"I liked how we got to figure out what it was like to go to school in the 1940's in the UK". Ava Y6 On Wednesday 21 February the Arc Farm visited Reception class



Visitors included a whole family of rabbits, mum, dad and lots of babies. The children met lots of wonderful animals including a guinea pig, an owl, a tortoise and a gorgeous four year old black Labrador who loved carrots! Everyone enjoyed meeting the animals and learning about them and their personalities.



As you can see from the pictures the children were very hands on and happy to feed the animals. As well as learning about what the animals ate for a healthy diet children also learned about their habitats. We hope your children shared all this information with you after this exciting day in Reception.

# Thank you

A huge thank you to all for the kind donations you have made to Kids Club. We still need dressing up items if anyone has items they no longer need. Please pop donations into the school office or to Kids Club if that is easier for you.



### Chairs and Bean Bags

We are looking to revamp our book corners and are looking at purchasing some chairs/beanbags. We are aware these are the types of items families often tire of and may be considering getting rid of. We would love any donations please.

