



Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 5 – Wednesday 7th February 2024

Year 3 and 4 are currently completing their Spirals weeks conversations with their teachers. They will have all enjoyed a sports morning with Premier Sports by the end of the week focusing on specific areas of the PE curriculum. I have also enjoyed singing assemblies with Year 3 and 4 for the last two mornings. Their singing received lots of positive comments from adults as they passed by. Next week will be the turn of Year 2 and 5 to complete Spiral conversations.

Thank you to everyone for getting to school before the gate closes at 8.55. We appreciate that there will be occasions when this isn't possible, but being in school promptly ensures that the children have a calm and purposeful start to each day.

Sarah Stepney

Greenway Path Opening Times Survey

The Greenway is a pathway that connects Darwin Green Plaza to Histon Rd shops, via Windsor Rd. The Greenway path crosses a live demolition/building site and is currently only open outside working hours (all weekend and from 5pm in the evenings).

Feedback from local residents suggests that the ability to use the Greenway for the **school run & commute** would be a game changer that would dramatically improve the wellbeing of local residents both in DG and its surrounding areas.

Follow link below to complete the survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevQGt7sya_3U63fOjcXlvSqXj8i4t6DwiGDpnUv5Hj8O5ugA/viewform

Royal Mint Short Story Competition

The Royal Mint (the people who make coins) competition topic this year is coins and the sea. They are exploring the role coins have played in Britain's history of seafaring. How they have been used by sailors and traded by merchants, how they have been tokens of good luck or the captured wealth of a rival, and how their role at sea has inspired imaginations from pirates to sunken treasure.

If you are aged 8 to 13 years old they want you to write a story of **no more than 500 words** about a ship carrying a cargo including gold coins. The ship sails into a storm and gets into trouble, what happens next?

Closing date Friday 29 March, so you could write it in half term. The judge is Greg Jenner, who has written for the Horrible Histories TV show. The librarian will be REALLY HAPPY if anyone wants to try! Thank you!

Follow the link below for more information

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

News from the PTA

Year 2 Bake Sale

Join us **this Friday (9th February)** for our next Bake Sale, with Year 2 supplying the bakes. We'll be on the infant playground from 3.15pm until the bakes run out. Bakes cost just 50p - £1 and the sale will be cash only so please bring your small change.

Year 2 families - please bring your goodies to the school office on Friday morning. And if you're able to help out at the sale please let us know at contact@fundmayfield.com

School Disco – volunteers needed please

We're really excited about our school disco **next Friday (16th February)** – alongside the dancing there will be a tuck shop for the kids, a bar for the grown-ups, as well as a craft corner where children or their siblings can do some colouring, get a temporary tattoo or make a bunting triangle for the school bunting project.

We really **need more volunteers** to make the event run smoothly - why not volunteer while you supervise your child? Volunteers and their families also get priority entry 😊. [Sign up here](#)

You can find out more about the disco at fundmayfield.com/events and can book your ticket now on [ParentPay](#)

Next PTA meeting

Join us in the Carpenters Arms on **Thursday 8th Feb** for the next PTA get-together. Come and have your say on what we do! We'll be there from 7.30pm.

Running for Mayfield

Just 3½ weeks to go until a group of PTA, staff and parents run the Cambridge Half Marathon - eek!

Want to support us? You can [sponsor us](#), join our running team or make us a sign and come cheer us on, we'd love to see you there!

Find out how you can support us and why we're running at fundmayfield.com/runningformayfield

Dates for the Diary	
Thursday 8 th February	PTA Meeting Carpenters Arms
Friday 9 th February	Year 2 Bake Sale
Friday 16 th February	School Disco
Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February	Half Term