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What a change to the weather! Year 3 wrapped up very warmly on Tuesday and spent a couple of hours in the village of Leigh learning all about village life. Despite the freezing conditions a good time was had by all and the children are really looking forward to their next trip to Canterbury when they will be able to compare and contrast the two places.

Safer Internet Day 7th February

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. As a school we teach internet safety throughout the year but it would be a good opportunity to discuss with your children how to keep safe on-line. www.thinkuknow.uk is an excellent website which you and your child may like to explore.

Visit by Roy Apps, Children's Author

On Tuesday 7th February, Roy Apps will be visiting the school to work with some of the children. All the children will have the opportunity to meet him during assembly when he will be sharing some of his books. After school there will be an exciting opportunity for children to buy signed copies of his books. We have attached the booklist and prices with this newsletter.

Any spare Lego?

Our Midday Meals ladies would be very grateful if you could donate any spare unwanted Lego to us for the children to play with at lunchtime. Thank you.

Cookery Club

This week in Cookery Club, we made Lamb Kofta. The ingredients are: 150g breadcrumbs; 800g minced lamb; 2 eggs; 2 onions; 1tsp allspice; ½tsp cayenne pepper; 2tsp cumin; 2tsp paprika; 2tbsp olive oil; some chopped parsley and salt and pepper. Combine all the ingredients and mould them onto skewers. Brush with oil and cook them at Gas Mark 6 or 200°C for approximately 10 minutes. Serve with couscous salad.

(Thank you to Mrs Baldwin who suggested we include more detail so you can all join in the fun and make these dishes at home)

Charity Stall

Well done to Izzy, Molly, Riley and Rebecca from 4K who this week raised an amazing £25.42 for Comic Relief.

Wrap Up Warm Please!

There have been significant numbers of children who have not had appropriate clothing this week and as a result have been horribly cold, particularly after lunch. Please, please ensure that your child has a warm coat to wear. If we do have snow we like the children to play outside so please ensure that they come to school with a change of waterproof footwear if snow looks likely. Thank you.

The Southbank Children's Literary Festival – a message from Mrs Usher

From Friday 10th February the Southbank Children's Literature Festival is being held at the Festival Hall. There are some great authors to go and hear, including Francesca Simon, Jeremy Strong and Cressida Cowell. Please follow the link below for more detailed information - <http://ticketing.southbankcentre.co.uk/imagine-childrens-festival>

KCC Music Bursary Scheme

KCC offers financial support to pupils interested in music tuition from families who claim either Income Support; Working Tax Credit; Incapacity Benefit or Free School Meals. Applications are invited for the summer term (April-July 2012) and must be received by Friday 16th March. You can get more information by contacting Julie Baker at KCC Education Learning and Skills on 01732 876626 or by e-mailing her at Julie.Baker@kent.gov.uk. Alternatively if you have any queries, Mrs Usher (5U) will be happy to help.

Joshua's Toy Sale

A big thank you to everyone who supported Joshua's Toy Sale. So far he has raised £315 but there are some e-bay auctions on-going.



Superstar Corner

We have two Superstars to celebrate this week: Daisy Jarvis from 4K achieved 3rd place in a local dressage competition, riding a pony called Tiny. Chelsea Williams from 4BF achieved her Bronze and Silver British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards. Well done to you both!!

Inset Days

The Inset Days for 2012/13 have now been agreed and are listed in the Diary Dates section below.

Msporti Half Term Holiday Courses

The following courses will be running in the February half term: A Playscheme and Football Club at St. James' Junior School all week from 9am to 3pm; a Playscheme and Football Club at Putlands Leisure Centre all week from 9am to 3pm and Msporti Mania at Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre all week from 8am to 6pm. Please visit the website to book a place on any of these courses or for further details, call Dan on 07921 924936 or Carol on 07920 0780983.

Super Camps Multi-Activity Day Camps

These day camps will be running during the Easter and Summer holidays at Combe Bank School in Sevenoaks. For further information, please visit their website at www.supercamps.co.uk or call them on 01235 832222

And Finally.....

Enjoy the snow – if it arrives - although I gather it is not the snowball-making variety.....I wonder why? Answers on a postcard!

Mary Priestley Headteacher

Diary Dates

7 th February	4BF Class Assembly
10 th February	End of Term
20 th February	Inset Day
21 st February	Term Starts
16 th March	Spring Disco
20 th March	3N Class Assembly
30 th March	End of Term
16 th April	Inset Day
17 th April	Term Starts
1 st May	5T Class Assembly
29 th May	4K Class Assembly
1 st June	End of Term
11 th June	Term Starts
25 th – 29 th June	Y6 Trip to Isle of Wight
26 th June	3RW Class Assembly
6 th July	Sports Day
7 th July	Summer Fair

10 th July	Open Evening
13 th July	Summer Disco
19 th July	Leavers' BBQ (Y6)
20 th July	End of Term
4 th September 2012	Inset Day
5 th September	Inset Day
6 th September	Term Starts
26 th October	End of Term
5 th November	Term Starts
21 st December	End of Term
7 th January 2013	Inset Day
8 th January	Term Starts
15 th February	Term Ends
25 th February	Inset Day
26 th February	Term Starts
28 th March	Term Ends
15 th April	Term Starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday
24 th May	Term Ends
3 rd June	Inset Day
4 th June	Term Starts
24 th July	Term Ends
3 rd September 2013	Term Starts

******* Headteacher's Question of the Term - January 2012 *******

The theme for the second question this year is 'Transport'.

If you are unsure where to start, the following themes may help to focus your ideas:

- What types of horse-drawn vehicles can you find out about?
- Trains - the first train, steam locomotives, high speed trains;
- Aeroplanes - the first flight, spy planes, sea planes;
- Hot-air Balloons - find out about the longest balloon journey or the first balloon flight;
- The first car - who invented it, what did it look like?
- What do you think future travel machines may look like - design your own model;
- Submarines - what does the inside of a submarine look like, how do they work?

Present your findings in an exciting and eye-catching way. Surprise me...

- Make a model
- Write a leaflet
- Design a poster
- Use lego, papier mache, or clay

Hand to me by Wednesday 21st March (so certificates can be written before the end of Term 4). Thank you!