

Sponsored Read in Aid of Village Africa

A reminder that the Sponsored Read ends on Thursday 6 March. Money raised will be split between Pirton School and Village Africa and used to purchase books for our own school library and to help build a library in the village of Yanba, Tanzania. Sponsorship money should be returned to school by Friday 20 March (any cheques made payable to Pirton School). Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative.

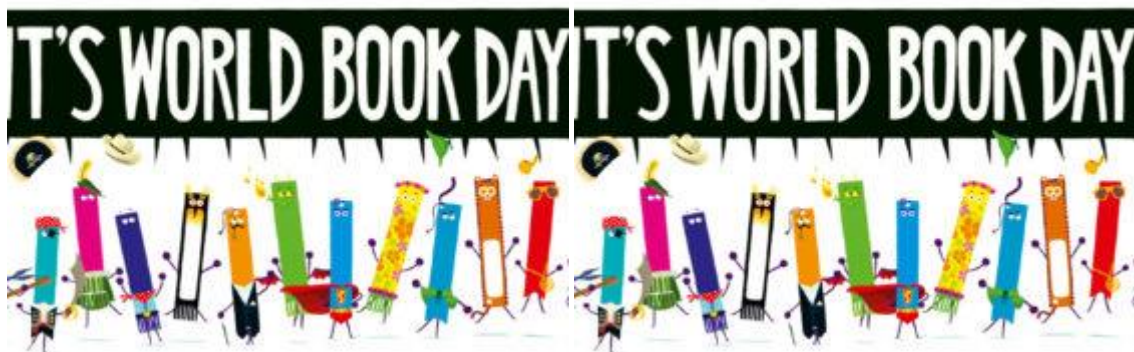


World Book Day 2020

We are hosting a range of fun events to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to dress up as a book character on the day and bring in the book which the character relates to. During the day, classes will host a buddy reading session where children read with a child from another class.

At 5.30pm, children are invited back to school in their pyjamas and a dressing gown to listen to a bedtime story. We will serve hot chocolate, towards the end of the session, before children are collected at 6.15pm. Children can be dropped off and collected from the school hall. They will go into different classrooms to hear a favourite or new story.

Reading for pleasure is an important part of developing good reading habits and we are looking forward to a fun day of events.



Reading Workshop

Thank you to all those of you who were able to attend the parent workshop about reading on 5 February. Feedback from the meeting was overwhelmingly positive and it was lovely to see so many parents make a special effort to be there.

Mrs Edwards sent an email to the school to say: "*Martin Galway was utterly inspirational and has given me so many new ideas to try and inspire my daughter and move her reading forward*".

It is important to us as a school to work with our families so that your children have the best chance of success and enjoyment in their learning.

Sport Relief 2020

Pirton School will be raising money and awareness for Sports Relief Week 2020 which runs between 9th and 13th March 2020.

Throughout the week, Play Leaders from Owls and Kestrels classes will be leading sporting activities and challenges during lunchtimes. All children will be able to take part in a range of sporting activities, such as hula hoop challenges and skip-a-thons for any donation!

On Friday 13th March children are invited into school in their 'sportiest' clothing for a £1 donation and are also welcome to wear Sports Relief merchandise which is available from Sainsbury's supermarkets.

The money we raise will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide. We will also be using Sport Relief as a learning opportunity to help our pupils explore the issues facing young people across the world and how the money we raise can help.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you will have fun helping us raise funds for Sport Relief.

More information about the charity can be found at www.sportrelief.com



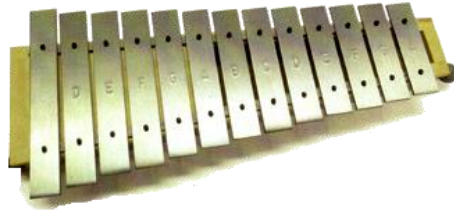
E-Safety Information Meeting for Parents

We have arranged for our Data Protection Officer to give a talk to parents about online safety. In the fast moving world of social media, there is so much to keep aware of. We hope this session will help parents find out more about how to keep your children safe when using technology. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 March at 2.30pm – just before pick up.



A Big Thank You To The PPTA

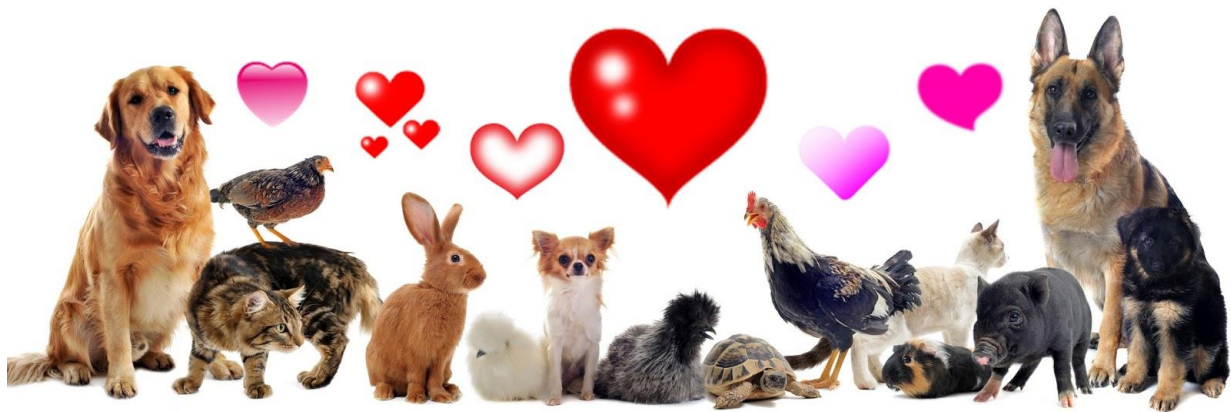
A big thank you to the Pirton Parent Teacher Association for purchasing class packs of glockenspiels for use around the school.



School Council Competition – A Message from Owls’ Representatives

On behalf of the children of Pirton School, our School Council have decided to raise money to help the animals affected by the vicious Australian bushfires. After a series of meetings, incorporating pupil voice, we have decided to hold a competition to guess our teachers’ and other school adults’ pets.

The price for entry will be £1. There is no limit to the number of entries a family can make. Photos of our teachers’ pets will be sent out via ParentMail. Please return your £1 fee with each entry.



Our Values

The DfE (Department for Education) requires schools to promote the fundamental values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Each month we launch a topic linked to one of these values in a school assembly and this feeds into our PHSCE lessons as well as other areas of our curriculum and are embedded in our daily practice.

March’s value is **Kindness**. Each month we will have a different focus so watch out for the notice on the entrance door and please discuss these changing values with your children.



No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop



Class Assemblies

Swifts class kick started our schedule of class assemblies last week. The remaining dates are set out below. Parents are invited to attend the assembly of the class in which their children are taking part. All assemblies will start at 9am in the School Hall.

Kestrels Class 4	Friday 6 March	Owls Class 5	Friday 13 March
Robins Class 2	Friday 20 March	Wrens Class 1	Friday 27 March

Term Dates 2019-2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April – Tuesday 21 July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May 2020

INSET Day: Friday 22 May 2020

INSET Day: Monday 20 July 2020

INSET Day: Tuesday 21 July 2020

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2 September - Friday 18 December 2020

Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020

INSET Day: Wednesday 2 September 2020

INSET Day: Thursday 3 September 2020

INSET Day: Friday 4 September 2020

OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 27 November 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January – Friday 26 March 2021

Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

INSET Day: Monday 4 January 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April – Thursday 22 July 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

INSET Day: Friday 28 May 2021

Spring Term Dates 2020

Thursday 5 March	World Book Day and Bedtime Story session at 5.30pm
Friday 6 March	Kestrels Assembly – 9am
Monday 9 to Friday 13 March	Cycle Training Sport Relief Science Week
Thursday 12 March	Science Week Parent session 2.30 to 3.10pm
Friday 13 March	Owls Assembly – 9am
Tuesday 17 March	Parent E-Safety workshop – 2.30pm
Friday 20 March	Robins Assembly – 9am
Friday 27 March	Wrens Assembly – 9am
Thursday 2 April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 2pm and 6.30pm
Friday 3 April	End of term

Summer Term Dates 2020

Monday 20 April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 22 April	Wrens swimming starts
27 April to 1 May	Arts Week
Thursday 7 May	Knex Challenge – Kestrels and Owls
Friday 8 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 to Friday 14 May	Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 20 May	Doodlebug Workshop Years 1-6
Friday 22 May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term holiday – school closed
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 9 June	Rural Athletics Tournament
Friday 12 June	Class photographs
w/c 15 June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables tests
Thursday 25 June	Year 5 & 6 Performance 2pm and 6.30pm
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July	Transition Week
Tuesday 7 July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 9 July	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 10 July	Reports to Parents
Monday 13 July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Tuesday 14 July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Friday 17 July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term
Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July	Inset Days – school closed